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## latch

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### Definition of LATCH

*intransitive verb*

- 1 : to lay hold with or as if with the hands or arms —used with *on* or *onto*
- 2 : to associate oneself intimately and often artfully —used with *on* or *onto*  
 <latched onto a rich widow>



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### Origin of LATCH

Middle English *lachen*, from Old English *læccan*; perhaps akin to Greek *lambanein* to take, seize

First Known Use: 13th century

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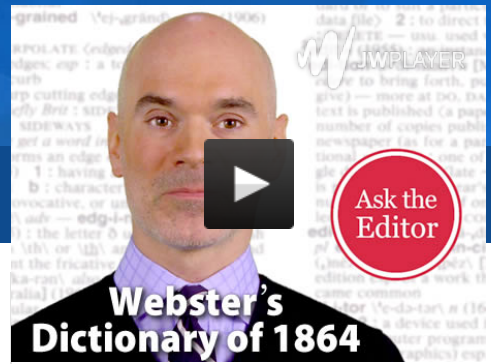
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## latch

noun

: a device that holds a door, gate, or window closed and that consists of a bar that falls into a holder when it is closed and that is lifted when it is



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open

: a type of door lock that can be opened from the inside by turning a lever or knob but can only be opened from the outside with a key

### Full Definition of LATCH

: any of various devices in which mating mechanical parts engage to fasten but usually not to lock something:

**a** : a fastener (as for a door) consisting essentially of a pivoted bar that falls into a notch

**b** : a fastener (as for a door) in which a spring slides a bolt into a hole; *also* : night latch

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He lifted the *latch* and opened the gate.

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### First Known Use of LATCH

13th century

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## latch

verb

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### Definition of LATCH

*transitive verb*

: to make fast with or as if with a latch

### First Known Use of LATCH

15th century

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