


# protect verb

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pro·tect | \ prə-ˈtekt  \**protected; protecting; protects**

## Definition of *protect*

*transitive verb*

- 1 a** : to cover or shield from exposure, injury, damage, or destruction : GUARD
- b** : DEFEND sense 1c  
*// protect the goal*
- 2** : to maintain the status or integrity of especially through financial or legal guarantees: such as
  - a** : to save from contingent financial loss
  - b** : to foster or shield from infringement or restriction  
*//* salesmen with *protected* territories  
*//* *protect* one's rights  
*specifically* : to restrict competition for (something, such as a domestic industry) by means of tariffs or trade controls



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**3** : DEFEND sense 5

*// protect a lead*

*intransitive verb*

: to provide a guard or shield

*// protects against tooth decay*

# protection

**noun**

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pro·tec·tion | \ prə-'tek-shən  \

## Definition of *protection*

- 1 : the act of protecting : the state of being protected
- 2 **a** : one that protects
  - b** : supervision or support of one that is smaller and weaker
  - c** : a contraceptive device (such as a condom)
- 3 : the freeing of the producers of a country from foreign competition in their home market by restrictions (such as high duties) on foreign competitive goods
- 4 **a** : immunity from prosecution purchased by criminals through bribery
  - b** : money extorted by racketeers posing as a protective association
- 5 : COVERAGE sense 1a