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Noun1.picket line - a line of people acting as pickets line - a formation of people or things one behind another; "the line stretched clear around the corner"; "you must wait in a long line at the checkout counter"Based on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. © 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc. n – Streikpostenkette f; to cross a picket line – eine Streikpostenkette durchbrechenCollins German Dictionary - Complete and Unabridged 7th Edition 2005. © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1980 © HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2007 n – cordone m degli scioperantiCollins Italian Dictionary 1st Edition © HarperCollins Publishers 1995 Want to thank TFD for its existence? Tell a friend about us, add a link to this page, or visit the webmaster's page for free fun content. Link to this page: betrayalcordoncrosslinepicketpicketing Besides the soldiers who formed the picket line on either side, there were many curious onlookers who, jesting and laughing, stared at their strange foreign enemies.The soldiers forming the picket line, like showmen exhibiting a curiosity, no longer looked at the French but paid attention to the sight-seers and grew weary waiting to be relieved.Look there!" one soldier was saying to another, pointing to a Russian musketeer who had gone up to the picket line with an officer and was rapidly and excitedly talking to a French grenadier.Men leaped from their blankets and with guns ready ran toward the picket line, and then from the jungle beyond the boma a dozen lions, emboldened by the example of their fellow charged fearlessly upon the camp.Labour MPs Ian Lavery and Emma Lowell-Buck joined a picket line in Newcastle. From picket ("stake driven into the ground; soldier or small unit of soldiers assigned to perform a duty; protester positioned outside a workplace, etc., during a strike; the protest itself") + line[1] picket line (plural picket lines) (rare) A line or rope held by one or many pickets, chiefly one used for tethering horses. (military, rare) A barrier or fortification formed by pickets; a stockade. (military) A boundary guarded by a picket (unit of soldiers). A boundary created by workers participating in a strike, generally at the workplace entrance, which other workers are asked not to pass. 2022 August 10, "Network News: RMT's Lynch raises the prospect of a General Strike", in RAIL, number 963, page 7, photo caption:RMT union members form a picket line outside Birmingham New Street on July 27, as part of a national dispute over jobs, pay and conditions. picket line on Wikipedia.Wikipedia picketing on Wikipedia.Wikipedia noun jump to other results See picket line in the Oxford Advanced American Dictionary Nearby words picketer noun picketing noun picket line noun Wilson Pickett Mary Pickford yellow noun From the Word list Oxford 3000 A1 Oxford Learner's Dictionaries Word of the Day [count] : a line or group of people who are refusing to go to work until their employer agrees to certain demands She joined her coworkers on the picket line. The other employees refused to cross the picket line. [=to work while other workers were picketing] From picket ("stake driven into the ground; soldier or small unit of soldiers assigned to perform a duty; protester positioned outside a workplace, etc., during a strike; the protest itself") + line.[1] picket line (plural picket lines) (rare) A line or rope held by one or many pickets, chiefly one used for tethering horses. (military, rare) A barrier or fortification formed by pickets; a stockade. (military) A boundary guarded by a picket (unit of soldiers). 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Very few workers were willing to cross the picket line.Examples from the Corpuspicket line• They shouted the news that the Confederates were making an attack on the picket line with a heavy force. • Things are quiet on the picket line on this Sunday afternoon. • Hundreds of trade unionists came day after day to support the Grunwick strikers on the picket line. • Now get this: the other workers respected the picket line. • The picket line was supplemented by daily long-range air patrols by naval aircraft.on a picket line • Paisley stood on a picket line outside the Ballylumford power station in Larne and tried to persuade workers not to go in.