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en·gaged  (ĕn-gājd')

- adj.*
1. Employed, occupied, or busy.
 2. Committed, as to a cause.
 3. Pledged to marry; betrothed: *an engaged couple.*
 4. Involved in conflict or battle.
 5. Being in gear; meshed.
 6. Partly embedded in, built into, or attached to another part, as columns on a wall.

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engaged (ɪn'geɪdʒd)

- adj*
1. pledged to be married; betrothed
 2. employed, occupied, or busy
 3. (Architecture) *architect* built against or attached to a wall or similar structure: *an engaged column.*
 4. (Telecommunications) (of a telephone line) already in use

engagedly *adv*

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en·gaged (ɛn'geɪdʒd)

- adj.*
1. busy or occupied.
 2. pledged to be married; betrothed: *an engaged couple.*
 3. committed or involved.
 4. involved in conflict with.
 5.
 - a. (of gears) interlocked.
 - b. (of wheels) in gear with each other.
 6. built so as to be or appear to be attached to or partly embedded in a wall: *an engaged column.*

[1605–15]

en·gag'ed·ly, *adv.*

en·gag'ed·ness, *n.*

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When two people have agreed to marry each other, or have announced formally that they are going to be married, you can say that they are **engaged**.

They were not officially engaged.

...an engaged couple.

You can also say that each person is **engaged**.

He's just got engaged.

As an engaged girl, she would be unable to accept invitations from other men.

You say that someone is **engaged to** the person they are going to marry.

Sonny was formally engaged to Sandra.

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(phone line) busy

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Adj. 1. engaged - having ones attention or mind or energy engaged; "she keeps herself fully occupied with volunteer activities"; "deeply engaged in conversation"

≡ **occupied**

↔ **busy** - actively or fully engaged or occupied; "busy with her work"; "a busy man"; "too busy to eat lunch"

2. engaged - involved in military hostilities; "the desperately engaged ships continued the fight"

↔ **involved** - connected by participation or association or use; "we accomplished nothing, simply because of the large number of people involved"; "the problems involved"; "the involved muscles"; "I don't want to get involved"; "everyone involved in the bribery case has been identified"

3. engaged - reserved in advance

≡ **booked, set-aside**

↔ **reserved** - set aside for the use of a particular person or party

4. engaged - (of facilities such as telephones or lavatories) unavailable for use by anyone else or indicating unavailability; ("engaged" is a British term for a busy telephone line); "her line is busy"; "receptionists' telephones are always engaged"; "the lavatory is in use"; "kept getting a busy signal"

≡ **in use, busy**

↔ **occupied** - held or filled or in use; "she keeps her time well occupied"; "the wc is occupied"

5. engaged - (used of toothed parts or gears) interlocked and interacting; "the gears are engaged"; "meshed gears"; "intermeshed twin rotors"

≡ **intermeshed, meshed**

↔ **geared** - equipped with or connected by gears or having gears engaged

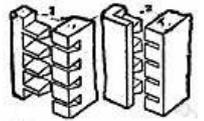
6. engaged - having services contracted for; "the carpenter engaged (or employed) for the job is sick"

↔ **employed** - having your services engaged for; or having a job especially one that pays wages or a salary; "most of our graduates are employed"

7. engaged - built against or attached to a wall; "engaged columns"

↔ **architecture** - the discipline dealing with the principles of design and construction and ornamentation of fine buildings; "architecture and eloquence are mixed arts whose end is sometimes beauty and sometimes use"

↔ **connected** - joined or linked together



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engaged

adjective

1. ≡ **occupied, working, involved, committed, employed, busy, absorbed, tied up, preoccupied, engrossed** *the various projects he was engaged on*

2. ≡ **betrothed, promised, pledged, affianced**, promised in marriage *He was engaged to Miss Julia Boardman.*

betrothed ≠ **free, available, unattached, uncommitted, fancy-free**

3. ≡ **in use, busy, tied up, unavailable** *We tried to phone you back but the line was engaged.*

in use ≠ **free, available**

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engaged *adjective*

1. Involved in activity or work:

≡ **busy, employed, occupied.**

2. Pledged to marry:

≡ **affianced, betrothed, intended, plighted.**

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engaged [ɪnˈɡeɪdʒd]

A. ADJ

1. *to be engaged* (= busy) [seat, person] → estar **ocupado** (Brit) [toilet] → estar **ocupado**
to be engaged in → estar **ocupado** en, **dedicarse a**
what are you engaged in? → ¿a qué se **dedica** Vd?
2. (Brit) (Telec) *to be engaged* → estar **comunicando** or (LAm) ocupado
3. *to be engaged (to be married)* → estar **prometido**; [2 persons] → estar **prometidos**, ser **novios**
they've been engaged for two years → **llevan** dos **años** de **relaciones** formales
to get engaged → **prometerse** (to con) *the engaged couple* → los **novios**

B. CPD **engaged signal, engaged tone** *N* → **señal** *f* de **comunicando** or (LAm) ocupado

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engaged →

comprometido, ocupado

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a. encajado-a, ajustado-a, conectado-a; [undertaken] comprometido-a.

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- *I'm engaged*
→ **Estoy prometido**
- *It's busy* (US)
It's engaged (UK)
→ **Está comunicando**

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There they would remain hour after hour, chatting, smoking, eating poee-poe, or busily **engaged** in sleeping for the good of their constitutions.

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About noon I passed low over a great dead city of ancient Mars, and as I skimmed out across the plain beyond I came full upon several thousand green warriors **engaged** in a terrific battle.

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