

1. ['les(ə)n] *n*

## 1. 1) урок, занятие

lesson book - учебник

English [singing] lesson - урок английского языка [пения]

revision lesson - повторительный урок

lesson in mathematics [in drawing] - урок математики [рисования]

to give lessons - давать уроки [*ср. тж.* 2, 2)]

to take lessons - брать уроки

## 2) урок, задание

to learn one's lesson - учить урок [*см. тж.* 2,1)]

to do /to make, to prepare/ one's lessons - готовить уроки

to say /to recite/ one's lesson - отвечать урок

3) *pl* занятия

Tom is very fond of his lessons - занятия в школе очень нравятся Тому

4) *муз.* (инструментальный) этюд

## 2. 1) урок, предостережение

to learn one's lesson - получить хороший урок [*см. тж.* 1, 2)]

to teach smb. a lesson - проучить кого-л.

let his fate be a lesson to you - пусть его судьба будет вам /послужит для вас/ уроком

## 2) нотация, наставление, нагоняй

to give /to read/ smb. a lesson - прочесть кому-л. нотацию, отчитать кого-л. [*ср. тж.* 1, 1)]

3. *церк.* поучение, отрывок из Библии (*читается во время службы*)2. ['les(ə)n] *v*

## 1. учить, обучать

to lesson smb. into obedience - научить кого-л. повиновению

## 2. читать нотацию; поучать; отчитывать

## lesson

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**les-son** [lesson lessons] *BrE* ['lesn] \* *NAmE* ['lesn] \* **noun**

## 1. a period of time in which sb is taught sth

- She gives piano lessons.
- All new students are given **lessons in/on** how to use the library.
- I'm **having/taking** driving lessons.
- (*especially BrE*) Our first lesson on Tuesdays is French.
- (*especially BrE*) What did we do last lesson?

**compare** ↑class

## 2. something that is intended to be learned

- The course book is divided into 30 lessons.
- Other countries can **teach us a lesson** or two on industrial policy.

## 3. an experience, especially an unpleasant one, that sb can learn from so that it does not happen again in the future

- a salutary lesson
- The accident **taught me a lesson** I'll never forget
- We are still absorbing the harsh lessons of this disaster.
- It was a lesson not lost on (= learned well by) the team manager.
- ~ **to sb Let that be a lesson to you** (= so that you do not make the same mistake again) .
- Their openness was a terrific lesson to me.

**see also** ↑object lesson

## 4. a passage from the Bible that is read to people during a church service

- The first lesson is taken from St John's Gospel.

**see** learn your lesson **at** ↑learn

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *leçon*, from Latin *lectio* 'choosing, reading', from the verb *legere*.

Thesaurus:

**lesson** **noun** C

- a history lesson on the Civil War

**class** • • **seminar** • • **session** • • **workshop** • • **tutorial** • • **period** •

a lesson/class/seminar/session/workshop/tutorial **on** sth

**in/during** a lesson/class/seminar/session/workshop/tutorial/period

**at** a lesson/class/seminar/session/workshop/tutorial

**go to/attend/give/conduct** a lesson/class/seminar/session/workshop/tutorial

**Lesson or class?** A **class** is always for a group of people; a **lesson** can be for a group or for just one person.

Collocations:**Education***Learning*

**acquire/get/lack** (an) education/training/(*BrE*) (some) qualifications

receive/provide sb with training/tuition  
develop/design/plan a curriculum/(*especially BrE*) course/(*NAmE*) program/syllabus  
give/go to/attend a class/lesson/lecture/seminar  
hold/run/conduct a class/seminar/workshop  
sign up for/take a course/classes/lessons

#### School

go to/start preschool/kindergarten/nursery school  
be in the first, second, etc. (*NAmE*) grade/(*especially BrE*) year (at school)  
study/take/drop history/chemistry/German, etc.  
(*BrE*) leave /finish/drop out of/ (*NAmE*) quit school  
(*NAmE*) graduate high school/college

#### Problems at school

be the victim/target of bullying  
(*BrE*) play truant from/ (*both BrE, informal*) bunk off/skive off school (= not go to school when you should)  
(*both especially NAmE*) skip/cut class/school  
(*BrE*) cheat in/(*NAmE*) cheat on an exam/a test  
get/be given a detention (for doing sth)  
be expelled from/be suspended from school

#### Work and exams

do your homework/(*BrE*) revision/a project on sth  
work on/write/do/submit an essay/a dissertation/a thesis/an assignment/(*NAmE*) a paper  
finish/complete your dissertation/thesis/studies/coursework  
hand in/ (*NAmE*) turn in your homework/essay/assignment/paper  
study/prepare / (*BrE*) revise/ (*NAmE*) review / (*NAmE, informal*) cram for a test/an exam  
take/ (*both BrE*) do/sit a test/an exam  
(*especially BrE*) mark/ (*especially NAmE*) grade homework/a test  
(*BrE*) do well in/ (*NAmE*) do well on/ (*informal, especially NAmE*) ace a test/an exam  
pass/fail/ (*informal, especially NAmE*) flunk a test/an exam/a class/a course/a subject

#### University

apply to/get into/go to/start college/(*BrE*) university  
leave /graduate from law school/college/(*BrE*) university (with a degree in computer science)  
study for/take/ (*BrE*) do/complete a law degree/a degree in physics  
(*both NAmE*) major/minor in biology/philosophy  
earn/receive /be awarded /get/have/hold a master's degree/a bachelor's degree/a PhD in economics

#### Example Bank:

- He got into trouble for skipping lessons.
- He took lessons in Thai cookery.
- I go to Italian lessons at the local college.
- I had learned a lesson in respecting the privacy of others.
- I had to take a biology lesson this afternoon because the biology teacher was away.
- I learned a lesson in harsh economics when I was made redundant.
- I'm taking driving lessons at the moment.
- It is dangerous to ignore the lessons of the past.
- It taught me some valuable lessons about working with other people.
- It's a hard lesson to learn.
- No talking was allowed during the lesson.
- Pupils get lessons on how to organize their study time.
- She gives singing lessons.
- She started guitar lessons at the age of 38.
- She was preparing a lesson plan for a class she was teaching.
- The trouble is that teachers don't prepare their lessons carefully enough.
- There are important lessons to be learned from this mistake.
- They have a lesson with Mrs Evans at two o'clock.
- They're offering free lessons in computing.
- We had a history lesson followed by a double maths lesson.
- We need to remember the lessons of history.
- What lessons can we draw from this unfortunate experience?
- You can't expect to learn all there is to know about the subject in a 45-minute lesson.
- a lesson about the Civil War
- a lesson on the Roman Empire
- I have a piano lesson after school today.
- I've decided to take golf lessons.
- New students get lessons in how to use the library.
- She made a living giving private lessons in English.
- We've got a lesson with Mr Jones this afternoon.
- piano/driving lessons

## lesson

**les** **son** **S2 W3** /'lesən/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: leçon, from Latin lectio 'act of reading', from legere; ⇒ <sup>†</sup>legend]

**1. LEARNING A SKILL** a period of time in which someone is taught a particular skill, for example how to play a musical instrument or drive a car:

▪ piano lessons

**have/take lessons**

▪ She's started taking driving lessons.

**lesson in/on**

▪ lessons in First Aid

▪ lessons in road safety

**2. IN SCHOOL** *British English* a period of time in which school students are taught a particular subject **SYN class** *American English*:

▪ Lessons start at 9 o'clock.

**French/physics/art etc lesson**

▪ I've got a double maths lesson next.

**lesson in/on**

▪ Andrew gives private lessons in Spanish.

**3. EXPERIENCE** something that provides experience or information that you can learn from and use

**learn a lesson** (=gain useful experience or information)

▪ There were important lessons to be learned from these discoveries.

▪ The government has failed to learn the lessons of history.

**lesson to**

▪ The men's courage and faith is a lesson to us all.

▪ Now let that be a lesson to you all (=be careful to avoid having the same bad experience again).

▪ Her fate should be a salutary lesson (=one that teaches or warns you about something).

**4. BOOK** a part of a book that is used for learning a particular subject, especially in school:

▪ Turn to lesson 25.

**5. CHURCH** a short piece that is read from the Bible during a religious ceremony

⇒ **somebody has learned their lesson** at <sup>†</sup>learn(5), ⇒ **teach somebody a lesson** at <sup>†</sup>teach(6)

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

#### ■ verbs

▪ **take lessons** He started taking piano lessons at age four.

▪ **have lessons** I have swimming lessons on Friday.

▪ **go to a lesson** (also **attend a lesson formal**) I have to go to my French lesson now.

▪ **give lessons** (=teach lessons) She made a living giving private lessons in English.

▪ **prepare a lesson** The teachers spend a long time preparing their lessons.

#### ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + lesson

▪ **a history/physics/maths etc lesson** I've got a history lesson this afternoon.

▪ **a driving/swimming etc lesson** Dad said he'd pay for driving lessons as my birthday present.

▪ **a piano/guitar etc lesson** I'd just started classical guitar lessons.

▪ **a private lesson** (=a lesson specially for one person rather than for a class) He gave private lessons in mathematics at the weekends.

## lesson

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