

pursue

[pə'sju:] v

1. 1) преследовать (кого-л.); гнаться, бежать (за кем-л.)
to pursue a runaway - преследовать беглеца
- 2) преследовать, неотступно следовать
ill luck pursued him till his death - неудачи преследовали его до самой смерти
he is pursued by remorse - его мучат угрызения совести
the boy pursued his father with questions - мальчик допрашивал отца /докачал отцу/ своими вопросами
2. искать, добиваться
to pursue pleasure - искать удовольствий
to pursue fame - искать славы, гнаться за славой
3. следовать какому-л. курсу; придерживаться намеченного плана
to pursue the policy of peace - вести /проводить/ политику мира
to pursue an inquiry - вести /проводить/ расследование
4. 1) продолжать (занятие, обсуждение, путешествие и т. п.)
to pursue one's studies - продолжать занятия
to pursue a subject - продолжать разговор на какую-л. тему; продолжать обсуждение какого-л. вопроса
- 2) редк. продолжать (говорить)
and so, he pursued, **we must act** - «итак, - продолжал он, - мы должны действовать»
- 3) следовать
to pursue a northern course - следовать курсом на север
5. заниматься (чем-л.), избрать (что-л.) своей профессией
to pursue science [art] - заниматься наукой [искусством]
6. преим. шотл. юр.

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pur-sue AW [pursue pursues pursued pursuing] **BrE** [pə'sju:] **NAmE** [pər'su:]

verb (formal)

1. ~ sth to do sth or try to achieve sth over a period of time
 - to pursue a goal/an aim/an objective
 - We intend to pursue this policy with determination.
 - She wishes to pursue a medical career.
2. ~ sth | + speech to continue to discuss, find out about or be involved in sth
 - to pursue legal action
 - We have decided not to pursue the matter.
3. ~ sb/sth to follow or chase sb/sth, especially in order to catch them
 - She left the theatre, hotly pursued by the press.
 - Police pursued the car at high speed.
 - Jake has been pursuing her (= trying to have a relationship with her) for months.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	pursue
	BrE /pə'sju:/
	NAmE /pər'su:/
he / she / it	pursues
	BrE /pə'sju:z/
	NAmE /pər'su:z/
past simple, past participle	pursued
	BrE /pə'sju:d/
	NAmE /pər'su:d/
-ing form	pursuing
	BrE /pə'sju:ɪŋ/
	NAmE /pər'su:ɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (originally in the sense 'follow with hatred'): from Anglo-Norman French **pursuer**, from an alteration of Latin **prosequi** 'prosecute'.

Example Bank:

- He ran past, hotly pursued by two policemen.
- He was still doggedly pursuing his studies.
- How can we most effectively pursue these aims?
- How do you decide which career you wish to pursue?
- I decided the matter was not worth pursuing further.
- We have decided not to pursue the matter further.
- the freedom to pursue her own interests
- She drove away, hotly pursued by the photographers.
- We have no option but to pursue legal action.

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pur **sue** **S3** **W2** **AC** /pə'sjuː/\$ pər'suː/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [transitive]

[Word Family: noun: ↑pursuer, ↑pursuit; verb: ↑pursue]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Anglo-French; Origin: pursuer, from Old French poursuivre, from Latin prosequi; ⇒ ↑prosecute]

1. to continue doing an activity or trying to achieve something over a long period of time ⇒ **pursuit**:

• She plans to pursue a career in politics.

• Students should pursue their own interests, as well as do their school work.

pursue a goal/aim/objective etc

• companies that pursue the traditional goal of profits

• a campaign promise to pursue policies that will help the poor

2. **pursue the matter/argument/question etc** to continue trying to find out about or persuade someone about a particular subject:

• Janet did not dare pursue the matter further.

• The defence pursued the question of Dr Carrington's state of mind.

3. to chase or follow someone or something, in order to catch them, attack them etc ⇒ **pursuit**:

• Briggs ran across the field with one officer pursuing him.

4. to keep trying to persuade someone to have a relationship with you:

• I was pleased, but somewhat embarrassed, when she pursued me.

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COLLOCATIONS**nouns**

- **pursue a career** You have to be dedicated to pursue a career in medicine.
- **pursue an interest** Always encourage children to pursue their interests.
- **pursue a goal/aim/objective** She was known to be ruthless in pursuing her goals.
- **pursue your ambitions** David left the company to pursue his political ambitions.
- **pursue a policy/strategy** The organization is pursuing a policy of cost cutting.

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- **follow** to walk, drive etc behind or after someone, for example in order to see where they are going: The man had followed her home to find out where she lived. | Follow that car! | He hired a detective to follow her.
- **chase** to quickly run or drive after someone or something in order to catch them when they are trying to escape: Police chased the car along the motorway at speeds of up to 90 mph.
- **run after somebody/go after somebody** to quickly follow someone or something in order to stop them or talk to them: I ran after him to say sorry, but he'd already got on the bus.
- **stalk** /stɔːk/\$ stɔːk to secretly follow an animal in order to kill it, or to secretly follow a person in order to attack them: a tiger stalking its prey | He had a long history of stalking women in his neighbourhood.
- **pursue** /pə'sjuː/\$ pər'suː *written* to chase someone in a very determined way: The ship was being pursued by enemy submarines.
- **give chase** *written* to chase someone or something who is trying to escape from you: One of the officers gave chase and arrested the man. | The calf ran away and the lion gave chase.
- **tail** to secretly follow someone in order to watch what they do and where they go: Apparently, the police had been tailing the terrorists for months.
- **track** to follow and find a person or animal by looking at the marks they leave on the ground: The bushmen were tracking antelope in the Kalahari desert.

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