

**behave**

[bi'heiv] v

1. 1) вести себя, поступать  
 to behave well [badly, courageously, abominably] - вести себя хорошо [плохо, мужественно, отвратительно]  
 to behave oneself with gallantry - держаться благородно  
 to behave with insolence - поступать нагло; держаться вызывающе  
 to behave like a man of sense - поступать благоразумно  
 to behave like a pig - вести себя по-свински  
 to behave to /toward/ - относиться к (кому-л.); поступать с (кем-л.)
- 2) *разг.* вести себя хорошо, прилично (*особ. о детях*)  
 will you make your boy behave? - заставьте вашего мальчика вести себя прилично!  
 behave yourself! - веди себя хорошо!
2. работать чётко, бесперебойно (*о машине*)  
 how is your new car behaving? - как ездит /работает твоя новая машина?
3. реагировать (на)  
 water behaves in different ways when it is heated and when it is frozen - свойства воды различны при нагревании и охлаждении

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**be-have** [behave behaves behaved behaving] *BrE* [bi'heiv] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [br'heiv]

<sup>u</sup> verb

**1. intransitive + adv./prep.** to do things in a particular way

**Syn:** ↑act

- The doctor behaved very unprofessionally.
- They behaved very badly towards their guests.
- He behaved like a true gentleman.
- She behaved with great dignity.
- He **behaved as if/though** nothing had happened.
- They behave differently when you're not around. In spoken English people often use **like** instead of **as if** or **as though**, especially in *NAmE*.
- He behaved like nothing had happened. This is not considered correct in written *BrE*.

**2. intransitive, transitive** to do things in a way that people think is correct or polite

- Will you kids just behave!
- She doesn't know how to behave in public.
- The children always behave for their father.
- ~ **yourself** I want you to behave yourselves while I'm away.

**Opp:** ↑misbehave

**3. -behaved** (in adjectives) behaving in the way mentioned

- **well** /**badly-behaved** children

**4. intransitive + adv./prep. (technical)** to naturally react, move, etc. in a particular way

- a study of how metals behave under pressure

**see** behave/act as if you own the place **at** ↑own <sub>v.</sub>

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	behave
	<i>BrE</i> /bi'heiv/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bt'heiv/
he / she / it	behaves
	<i>BrE</i> /bi'heivz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bt'heivz/
past simple, past participle	behaved
	<i>BrE</i> /bi'heivd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bt'heivd/
-ing form	behaving
	<i>BrE</i> /bi'heivɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bt'heivɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from ↑**be-** 'thoroughly' + ↑**have** in the sense 'have or bear (oneself) in a particular way' (corresponding to modern German **sich behaben**).

Thesaurus:

**behave** *verb* I

- They behaved very badly towards their guests.

**act** • • **treat** • |*formal* **conduct yourself** •

behave/act/treat sb/conduct yourself **as if/as though/like...**

behave/treat sb/conduct yourself **well**

behave/treat sb **badly**

**Behave or act? Behave** is used to talk about how well, sensibly or normally sb has behaved but not how fairly or legally. **Act** is used to talk about how sensibly, normally, fairly or legally sb has behaved but not how well.

### Example Bank:

- Children, if they are used to being treated with respect, will behave accordingly.
- He behaved as if nothing out of the ordinary had happened.
- He had always behaved in a friendly manner towards us.
- Humans and machines sometimes behave similarly.
- I know I should have behaved differently.
- People behave according to their own understanding of situations.
- Stop behaving like a three-year-old!
- The enquiry investigated whether officers had behaved correctly.
- the freedom to behave naturally
- He behaved as if nothing had happened.
- The doctor behaved most unprofessionally.
- They behave differently when you're not around.

## behave

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**be** **have** **S3 W3** /bɪ'heɪv/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* [intransitive]

[**Word Family**: **noun**: BEHAVIOUR/BEHAVIOR, MISBEHAVIOUR/MISBEHAVIOR, BEHAVIOURISM/BEHAVIORISM, BEHAVIOURIST/BEHAVIORIST; **verb**: ↑behave, ↑misbehave; **adverb**: BEHAVIOURALLY/BEHAVIORALLY; **adjective**: BEHAVIOURAL/BEHAVIORAL]

[**Date**: 1400-1500; **Origin**: have 'to hold or bear (yourself), behave' (14-16 centuries)]

1. [**always** + **adverb/preposition**] to do things that are good, bad, sensible etc **SYN** act:

" She behaved in a very responsible way.

### behave towards

" I think he behaved disgracefully towards you.

### behave like

" grown men behaving like schoolboys

### behave as if/though

" He was a little boy, but he behaved as if he was an adult.

2. (also **behave yourself**) to not do things that annoy or offend people **OPP** misbehave :

" Will you children please behave!

" I hope Nicholas behaved himself at the party.

### well-behaved/badly-behaved

" a badly-behaved class

3. [**always** + **adverb/preposition**] if something behaves in a particular way, it does those things:

" Quantum mechanics is the study of the way atoms behave.

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## THESAURUS

- **behave** to do and say things that are good, bad, normal, strange etc: His teacher said he'd been behaving badly at school. | I'm not going to talk to her until she starts behaving reasonably. | Oh, be quiet! You're behaving like a two-year-old.
- **act** to behave in a particular way, especially in a way that seems unusual, surprising, or annoying to other people: Tina's been acting very strangely lately. | What makes grown people act like that?
- **treat** to behave towards someone or deal with someone in a particular way: She said that he'd treated her really badly throughout their two-year marriage. | I'm sick of my parents treating me like a child.
- **conform** to behave in the way that most other people in your group or society behave: Young people sometimes want to rebel and therefore they refuse to conform. | Society typically brings pressure on individuals and groups to conform to civilised norms.
- **conduct yourself formal** to behave in a particular way, especially in a situation where people will notice and judge the way you behave: Public figures have a duty to conduct themselves responsibly, even in their private lives. | By the end of the course, you should be able to conduct yourself with confidence in any meeting.

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