

**spare****1. [speə] n**

- 1) запасная часть (*машины и т. п.*)
- запасная шина
- спорт.** запасной игрок
- что-л. имеющееся про запас; дубликат; запасной ключ, запасная смена белья *и т. п.*

**2. [speə] a**

- 1) запасной, запасный, резервный; дополнительный  
spare parts - запасные части  
spare tyre - запасная шина [*см. тж.* ◇ ]  
spare hand - разнорабочий
- 2) лишний  
spare room - а) комната для гостей; б) свободная комната  
spare time - свободное время  
I have some spare copies - у меня есть лишние экземпляры
2. скудный, скромный, умеренный  
the room is spare of furniture - в комнате почти нет мебели  
he is spare of speech - он скуп на слова
3. строгий  
spare diet - строгая диета  
spare prose style - строгий литературный стиль
4. худой, тонкий, тощий; худощавый  
spare frame - сухощавое телосложение  
◇ ever spare (and) ever bare - ≅ гол как сокол  
spare tyre - жировые отложения вокруг талии [*см. тж.* 1, 1])

**3. [speə] v**

- 1) беречь, сберегать, жалеть  
to spare one's strength - беречь силы  
to spare no pains - не жалеть трудов  
to spare neither trouble nor expense - не жалеть ни трудов, ни затрат
- 2) экономить, расходовать экономно  
don't spare the sugar - не жалейте сиропа, щедро полейте сиропом
2. обходиться (*без чего-л.*)  
a man of a kind that can ill be spared - человек, без которого трудно обойтись  
I can spare you for tomorrow - завтра вы мне не нужны /я могу обойтись без вас, вы можете быть свободны/  
spare yourself the trouble - не беспокойтесь, не трудитесь (*делать что-л.*)  
if you can spare this book, lend it to me - если эта книга вам сейчас не нужна, одолжите её мне
3. уделять (*что-л. кому-л.*)  
to spare time away from one's work - урвать время от работы  
can you spare me a few minutes? - неделите ли вы мне несколько минут?
4. иметь в излишке  
I have no cash to spare - у меня нет лишних денег  
have you got a pencil to spare? - у вас нет лишнего карандаша?  
I have no time to spare today - у меня сегодня нет (свободного) времени
5. щадить, избавлять (*от чего-л.*)  
to spare oneself - не утруждать себя  
not to spare oneself - а) быть требовательным к себе; б) не жалеть своих сил  
the fire spared nothing - огонь ничего не пощадил  
spare me the pain of hearing it - не заставляй меня слушать это  
I want to spare you all suffering - я хочу оградить тебя от всех страданий  
if I am spared - если мне суждено ещё прожить  
spare me your complaints! - избавьте меня от ваших жалоб!  
spare her blushes! - не вгоняйте её в краску!, не конфузьте её!  
spare my life! - не убивай меня!
6. **редк.** воздерживаться (*от чего-л.*)  
you need not spare to ask my help - не стесняйтесь просить меня о помощи  
◇ enough and to spare - более чем достаточно, хватит за глаза  
there is room [money] and to spare - места [денег] более чем достаточно  
to spare the rod and spoil the child - пожалеть розгу и испортить ребёнка, проявить неуместную мягкость

**spare**

• **▮ spare** [spare spares spared sparing] adjective, verb, noun *BrE* [speə(r)]<sup>а</sup>  
*NAmE* [speɪ]<sup>а</sup>  
adjective

**NOT USED/NEEDED**

**1. usually before noun** that is not being used or is not needed at the present time

- We've got a spare bedroom, if you'd like to stay.
- I'm afraid I haven't got any **spare cash**.

- Are there any tickets **going spare** (= are there any available, not being used by sb else) ?

## EXTRA

2. **only before noun** kept in case you need to replace the one you usually use; extra

- a spare key/tyre
- Take some spare clothes in case you get wet.

## TIME

3. available to do what you want with rather than work

- He's studying music in his **spare time** .
- I haven't had a spare moment this morning.

## PERSON

4. thin, and usually quite tall

### Word Origin:

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### Thesaurus:

**spare** adj.

1. **usually before noun**

- I haven't got any spare cash.

**surplus** • **excess** • **superfluous** • **leftover** •

spare/surplus/excess **cash/capacity/energy**

**Spare, surplus or excess?** **Spare** is the most informal and common of these words. **Surplus** is often used in business contexts: **surplus stock/products, surplus capital/income** . To talk about an extra amount that is seen as a bad thing, **excess** is often used: **excess fat/baggage**

2.

- He's studying music in his spare time.

**free** • **available** •

spare/free/available **time**

a spare/free **morning/afternoon/weekend/moment**

### Example Bank:

- I haven't had a spare moment this morning.
- I'm afraid I haven't got any spare cash.
- We've got a spare bedroom, if you'd like to stay.

**Idioms:** †go spare ▪ †spare somebody's blushes ▪ †spare somebody's feelings

## verb

## TIME/MONEY/ROOM/THOUGHT, ETC.

1. to make sth such as time or money available to sb or for sth, especially when it requires an effort for you to do this

- ~ **sth/sb** I'd love to have a break, but I can't spare the time just now.
- Could you spare one of your staff to help us out?
- ~ **sth/sb for sb/sth** We can only spare one room for you.
- You should **spare a thought for** (= think about) the person who cleans up after you.
- He was late, but he spared a glance for the pretty girl at the desk.
- ~ **sb sth** Surely you can spare me a few minutes?

## SAVE SB PAIN/TROUBLE

2. to save sb/yourself from having to go through an unpleasant experience

- ~ **sb/yourself sth** He wanted to spare his mother any anxiety.
- Please **spare me** (= do not tell me) **the** gruesome **details** .
- You could have spared yourself an unnecessary trip by phoning in advance.
- ~ **sb/yourself from sth** She was spared from the ordeal of appearing in court.

## NOT HARM/DAMAGE

3. **usually passive** ~ **sb/sth (from sth)** (formal) to allow sb/sth to escape harm, damage or death, especially when others do not escape it

- ~ **sb/sth (from sth)** They killed the men but spared the children.
- During the bombing only one house was spared (= was not hit by a bomb) .
- ~ **sb/sth sth** Hong Kong was spared a direct hit, but the storm still brought heavy rains and powerful winds.

## NO EFFORT/ EXPENSE, ETC.

4. ~ **no effort, expense, etc.** to do everything possible to achieve sth or to do sth well without trying to limit the time or money involved

- He spared no effort to make her happy again.

- **No expense was spared** in furnishing the new office.

## WORK HARD

### 5. not ~ yourself to work as hard as possible

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	spare
	BrE /speə(r)/
	NAme /sper/
he / she / it	spar <u>e</u> s
	BrE /speəz/
	NAme /sperz/
past simple, past participle	spare <u>d</u>
	BrE /speəd/
	NAme /sperd/
-ing form	spar <u>ing</u>
	BrE /speərɪŋ/
	NAme /sperɪŋ/

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- Can you spare a second to give me a hand?
- Can you spare some money for the homeless?
- Have you any money to spare?
- She hardly spared him a second glance.
- The children were spared from the virus.
- The storm largely spared Houston and surrounding districts.
- We should get there with half an hour to spare.
- During the bombing only one house was spared.
- She begged them to spare her life.

## noun

1. an extra thing that you keep in case you need to replace the one you usually use (used especially about a tyre of a car)
  - to get the spare out of the boot/trunk
  - I've lost my key and I haven't got a spare.
2. **spares plural** (especially BrE) = ↑spare parts
  - It can be difficult to get spares for some older makes of car.

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## II. to 'spare' idiom

if you have time, money, etc. to spare, you have more than you need

- I've got absolutely no money to spare this month.
- We arrived at the airport with five minutes to spare.

Main entry: ↑spare<sub>idiom</sub>

## spare

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### I. spare<sup>1</sup> S2 /speə \$ sper/ BrE<sup>2</sup> AmE<sup>2</sup> adjective

[Language: Old English; Origin: spær]

1. **EXTRA spare key/battery/clothes etc** a key etc that you keep in addition to the one you usually use, so that it is available if the one you usually use breaks, gets lost etc:

- a spare key
- Bring a towel and some spare clothes.
- a supply of spare batteries
- a spare tyre

2. **NOT USED/NEEDED** [usually before noun] not being used or not needed at the present time:

- Have you got any spare boxes?
- You could sleep in the spare bedroom.
- Do you have any spare cash?
- I'll go and see if there are any spare seats.
- A decline in beer sales had left the industry with spare capacity (=the ability to produce more than can be sold).

3. **TIME spare time/moment/hour etc** time when you are not working:

- What do you do in your spare time?
- Eric spent every spare moment he had in the library.

4. **MONEY spare change** coins of little value that you do not need and can give to other people:

There are beggars on every corner asking for spare change.

5. **be going spare** *British English spoken* if something is going spare, it is available for you to have or use:

" I'll have some of that cake if it's going spare.

6. **go spare** *British English informal* to become very angry or worried:

" Dad would go spare if he found out.

7. **PLAIN** a spare style of writing, painting etc is plain or basic and uses nothing unnecessary

8. **THIN** *literary* someone who is spare is tall and thin

## II. **spare**<sup>2</sup> *S3 BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* [transitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: sparian]

1. **GIVE** to make something such as time, money, or workers available for someone, especially when this is difficult for you to do:

" Sorry, I can't spare the time.

" I'd like you to come over when you can spare a couple of hours.

" Can you spare £5?

**spare somebody/something to do something**

" We're too busy to spare anyone to help you right now.

**spare somebody ten minutes/an hour etc**

" Could you possibly spare me a few moments in private (=used to ask someone if they have time to quickly talk to you)?

" It's very kind of you to spare me so much of your time.

2. **money/time etc to spare** if you have money, time etc to spare, you have some left in addition to what you have used or need:

" Anyone who has time to spare and would like to help can contact Moira.

**with something to spare**

" They got to the airport with seconds to spare.

" They still have some money to spare.

3. **spare somebody the trouble/difficulty/pain etc (of doing something)** to prevent someone from having to experience something difficult or unpleasant:

" I wanted to spare them the trouble of buying me a present.

" Thankfully, she had been spared the ordeal of surgery.

4. **NOT DAMAGE OR HARM** to not damage or harm someone or something, even though other people or things are being damaged, killed, or destroyed:

" I could not understand why I had been spared and they had not.

" the soldier who had spared his life

**spare somebody/something from something**

" Today we will hear whether the school is to be spared from closure.

5. **spare a thought for somebody** to think about another person who is in a worse situation than you are:

" Spare a thought for Nick, who's doing his exams right now.

6. **spare no expense/effort** to spend as much money or do everything necessary to make something really good or successful

**spare no expense/effort to do something**

" No expense was spared in developing the necessary technology.

" No effort will be spared to bring the people responsible to justice.

7. **spare somebody (the details)** to not tell someone all the details about something, because it is unpleasant or boring:

" He spared us the details, saying only that he had been injured in the war.

" 'They own three houses. One in the country, one in ...' 'Spare me.'

8. **spare sb's feelings** to avoid doing something that would upset someone:

" Just tell me the truth. Don't worry about sparing my feelings.

9. **spare a glance** *British English written* to look quickly at someone or something

**spare a glance at**

" Before leaving the old town, spare another glance at the tower.

**spare somebody/something a glance**

" a bored waitress who scarcely spared them a glance

10. **spare sb's blushes** *British English* to avoid doing something that would embarrass someone

## III. **spare**<sup>3</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

1. [countable] an additional thing, for example a key, that you keep so that it is available:

" If you forget the key, Mrs Jones over the road has a spare.

" The batteries are dead. Have you got any spares?

2. [countable] a ↑spare tyre

3. **spares** [plural] *British English* ↑spare parts

**motor/car/aircraft etc spares**

" a shortage of aircraft spares

## spare

12500 **3662**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **2662**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **2k SPARE** 10546

spare 7125

sparing 499

spares 278

spared 2129

sparingly 515

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

3327 **8233**<sup>4047</sup> *jj*

2085 **12201**<sup>2325</sup> *vvi*

612 **26800**<sup>673</sup> *vv0*

77 **85087**<sup>80</sup> *nn1*

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