

# liberty

[ˈlɪbəti] *n*

1. 1) свобода  
liberty of conscience [of speech, of the press] - свобода совести [слова, печати]  
civil liberties - гражданские права /свободы/  
cap of liberty *см.* liberty cap
- 2) свобода, нахождение на свободе  
to get one's liberty - выйти на свободу  
to lose one's liberty - попасть в заключение
- 3) право, свобода (*выбора*)  
liberty of choice - свобода выбора  
he has the liberty of coming with us - он может пойти с нами, если хочет
2. вольность; бесцеремонность  
to take the liberty to do /of doing/ smth. - позволить себе /осмелиться/ сделать что-л.  
to take liberties with smb. - позволять себе вольности по отношению к кому-л.; быть непозволительно фамильярным с кем-л.  
to take liberties with smth. - бесцеремонно обращаться с чем-л.  
he took foolish liberties with his health - он глупо пренебрегал своим здоровьем
3. 1) *pl* привилегии, вольности  
the liberties of the City of London - *уст.* вольности города Лондона
- 2) район, на который распространяются привилегии
4. *мор.* увольнение на берег  
Liberty! - увольняемым на берег построиться! (*команда*)  
liberty day - день, когда часть команды увольняется на берег  
liberty man - (матрос) увольняемый на берег  
liberty men to clean! - увольняемым на берег приготовиться! (*команда*)  
◇ at liberty - а) свободный, находящийся на свободе; to set at liberty - освободить, выпустить на свободу; б) свободный, незанятый, when shall you be at liberty? - когда вы будете свободны?; в) свободно, по своему выбору  
you are at liberty to do as you please - вы вольны поступать, как вам угодно  
I am not at liberty to discuss this with you - я не могу /не имею права/ обсуждать это с вами

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**liberty** [liberty liberties] *BrE* [ˈlɪbəti] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [ˈlɪbərti] <sup>m</sup> *noun* (pl. **lib-erties**)

1. **uncountable** freedom to live as you choose without too many restrictions from government or authority
  - the fight for justice and liberty
  - The concept of individual liberty is enshrined in the constitution.
2. **uncountable** the state of not being a prisoner or a <sup>↑</sup>slave
  - He had to endure six months' loss of liberty.
3. **countable** the legal right and freedom to do sth
  - The right to vote should be a liberty enjoyed by all.
  - People fear that security cameras could infringe personal liberties.

**see also** <sup>↑</sup>civil liberty
4. **singular** an act or a statement that may offend or annoy sb, especially because it is done without permission or does not show respect
  - He **took the liberty of** reading my files while I was away.
  - They've got a liberty, not even sending me a reply.

**Idioms:** <sup>↑</sup>at liberty ▪ <sup>↑</sup>at liberty to do something ▪ <sup>↑</sup>take liberties with somebody

## Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **liberte**, from Latin **libertas**, from **liber** 'free'.

## Example Bank:

- If found guilty, she is in danger of losing her liberty.
- Our personal liberty is being eroded.
- The city won its liberty in the 16th century.
- The escaped prisoner has been at liberty for five days.
- The law should protect the liberty of the individual.
- The new legislation threatens individual liberty.
- The system allows us complete liberty to do the task as we like.
- Women are demanding greater liberty for themselves.
- a citizens' charter which gives people basic civil liberties
- liberty from the abuse of police power
- He claimed that the order was an unjustified infringement of his liberty.
- The Turkish government has fought to uphold religious liberty.
- This is a gross infringement of our civil liberties.

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: liberté, from Latin libertas, from liber 'free']

1. **FREEDOM** [uncountable] the freedom and the right to do whatever you want without asking permission or being afraid of authority:

the fight for liberty and equality

**individual/personal liberty**

threats to individual liberty

**religious/political/economic liberty**

struggles for political liberty

2. **LEGAL RIGHT** [countable usually plural] a particular legal right:

liberties such as freedom of speech ⇒ ↑civil liberty

3. **WITHOUT PERMISSION** [singular] something you do without asking permission, especially which may offend or upset someone else

**take the liberty of doing something**

I took the liberty of cancelling your reservation.

4. **be at liberty to do something** formal to have the right or permission to do something:

I am not at liberty to discuss these matters.

5. **take liberties with somebody/something**

a) to make unreasonable changes in something such as a piece of writing:

The film-makers took too many liberties with the original novel.

b) *old-fashioned* to treat someone without respect by being too friendly too quickly, especially in a sexual way:

He's been taking liberties with our female staff.

6. **at liberty** formal if a prisoner or an animal is at liberty, they are no longer in prison or enclosed in a small place **SYN free**

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**COLLOCATIONS**

■ **adjectives**

- **individual/personal liberty** Any law that increases police power may be seen as a threat to individual liberty.
- **religious liberty** The American Constitution protects religious liberty.
- **political liberty** The party has a tradition of fighting for increased political liberty.
- **economic liberty** The country is slowly moving towards democracy and economic liberty.

■ **verbs**

- **protect somebody's liberty** The right to vote is one of the most powerful means we have to protect our liberty.
- **deprive somebody of their liberty** (=take liberty away from someone) a prisoner who has been deprived of his liberty
- **infringe on/restrict somebody's liberty** (=limit someone's liberty) Will the new security measures infringe on our liberty?
- **threaten somebody's liberty** The government should not be so strong that it threatens individual liberty.

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