

plead

[pli:d] *v*

1. *юр.*
 - 1) выступать в суде
 - 2) защищать подсудимого, представлять (в суде) его интересы
to plead one's good faith - доказывать свою честность
to plead smb.'s cause - а) вести в суде чьё-л. дело; б) защищать чьи-л. интересы
he was not allowed to plead his cause - ему не дали возможности защищать свои интересы
 - 3) подавать (суду) состязательную бумагу, подавать (суду) возражение по иску
2. 1) **выставлять в качестве оправдания, довода; ссылаться (на какую-л. причину)**
to plead insanity - *юр.* ссылаться на невменяемость
to plead ignorance [fatigue] - ссылаться на незнание [усталость]
to plead difficulties in regard to smth. - ссылаться на трудности в каком-л. деле
to plead prescription /a statute of limitations/ - *юр.* ссылаться (в процессе) на давность
to plead one's need for smth. - ссылаться на необходимость чего-л.
his youth pleads for him - оправданием ему служит молодость
- 2) *юр.* **выступать в суде с заявлением; отвечать на обвинение; обращаться к суду**
to plead guilty - признавать себя виновным в предъявленном обвинении
to plead not guilty - а) заявить (суду) о своей невиновности; не признавать себя виновным; б) просить об оправдании подсудимого
3. (with) **призывать; просить; молить, умолять**
to plead with smb. for smth. - просить кого-л. о чём-л.
to plead with smb. to change his mind - просить кого-л. изменить своё решение
to plead for time [for help] - умолять дать время [помочь]
they were pleading with him to stop - они молили /умоляли/ его прекратить /остановиться/
◇ to plead the fifth /a five/ - *амер. сл.* отказываться делать что-л. (*особ.* давать свидетельские показания, отвечать на вопросы и т. п.)
to plead the baby act - оправдываться неопытностью; уклоняться от ответственности ссылаясь на неопытность

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plead [plead pleads pleaded pled pleading] *BrE* [pliːd] *NAmE* [pliːd]
verb (pleaded, pleaded, *NAmE* also pled, pled *BrE* [pled] *NAmE* [pled])

1. **intransitive, transitive** to ask sb for sth in a very strong and serious way
Syn: †beg
 - ~ (with sb) (to do sth) She pleaded with him not to go.
 - ~ (with sb) (for sth) I was forced to plead for my child's life.
 - pleading eyes
 - ~ to do sth He pleaded to be allowed to see his mother one more time.
 - + speech 'Do something!' she pleaded.
2. **intransitive, transitive, no passive** to state in court that you are guilty or not guilty of a crime
 - (+ adj.) to **plead guilty/not guilty**
 - How do you plead? (= said by the judge at the start of the trial)
 - The accused was deemed unfit to plead.
 - ~ sth He advised his client to plead insanity (= say that he/she was mentally ill and therefore not responsible for his/her actions).
3. **transitive ~ sth** to present a case to a court
 - They hired a top lawyer to plead their case.
4. **transitive, no passive ~ sth (for sth) | ~ that...** to give sth as an explanation or excuse for sth
 - He pleaded family problems for his lack of concentration.
5. **transitive, intransitive** to argue in support of sb/sth
 - ~ sth She appeared on television to plead the cause of political prisoners everywhere
 - ~ for sb/sth The United Nations has pleaded for a halt to the bombing.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	plead
	<i>BrE</i> /pliːd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /pliːd/
he / she / it	pleads
	<i>BrE</i> /pliːdz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /pliːdz/
past simple, past participle	pleaded
	<i>BrE</i> /ˈpliːdɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ˈpliːdɪd/ (<i>NAmE</i> also) pled
	<i>BrE</i> /ˈpled/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ˈpled/
-ing form	pleading
	<i>BrE</i> /ˈpliːdɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ˈpliːdɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'to wrangle'): from Old French **plaidier** 'go to law', from **plaid** 'discussion', from Latin **placitum** 'a decree', neuter past participle of **placere** 'to please'.

Example Bank:

- His eyes silently pleaded with her.
- She successfully pleaded their cause with the mayor.
- She was almost pleading with him.
- The teacher was today desperately pleading for news of her son who has disappeared.
- They pleaded for mercy.
- I was forced to plead for my child's life.

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plead /pliːd BrE ˈpleɪ AmE ˈpleɪ verb

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: plaidier, from plaid; ⇨ ↑plea]

1. **[intransitive and transitive]** to ask for something that you want very much, in a sincere and emotional way **SYN beg**:
 "Don't go!" Robert pleaded.

plead for

"Civil rights groups pleaded for government help.

plead with somebody (to do something)

Moira pleaded with him to stay.

2. (past tense and past participle **pleaded** also **pled** /pled/ especially American English) **[intransitive, transitive not in passive]** *law* to state in a court of law whether or not you are guilty of a crime

plead guilty/not guilty/innocent

Henderson pled guilty to burglary.

3. (past tense and past participle **pleaded** also **pled** American English) **plead ignorance/illness/insanity etc formal** to give a particular excuse for your actions:

She stayed home from work, pleading illness.

4. **[transitive]** *written* to give reasons why you think something is true or why something should be done

plead that

Managers pleaded that there was not enough time to make the changes.

Residents successfully pleaded their case at a council meeting.

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THESAURUS

■ to ask for something

- **ask for** to tell someone you want them to give you something: I'm going to ask for a pay rise.
- **order** to ask for food or drink in a restaurant: We ordered some more coffee. | Have you ordered yet?
- **demand** to ask for something in a firm way, insisting that someone gives you what you ask for: They're demanding immediate payment. | If the goods are faulty, you can demand a refund.
- **request formal** to ask for something: The pilot requested permission to land. | I enclose the information you requested.
- **beg/plead** to ask for something in an urgent way, because you want it very much and will be very unhappy if you do not get it: He begged me for some money. | I'm not going to plead for forgiveness.
- **nag/pester** to keep asking someone for something, in an annoying way: She keeps nagging me for a new phone. | People were pestering him for his autograph.

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