

**opt**

[ɒpt] *v*

выбирать, делать выбор; предпочитать

the class opted to go on a field trip - все ребята (в классе) решили пойти в поход

weaker students often opt for the easier courses - слабые студенты выбирают дисциплины полегче

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**opt**

**opt** [opt opts opted opting] *BrE* [ɒpt] *NAme* [ɑːpt] *verb intransitive,*

*transitive*

to choose to take or not to take a particular course of action

- ~ **for/against sth** After graduating she opted for a career in music.
- After a lot of thought, I opted against buying a motorbike.
- ~ **to do sth** Many workers opted to leave their jobs rather than take a pay cut.

Derived ↑opt in ▪ ↑opt out

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	opt
	BrE /ɒpt/
	NAme /ɑːpt/
he / she /it	opts
	BrE /ɒpts/
	NAme /ɑːpts/
past simple, past participle	opted
	BrE /ɒptɪd/
	NAme /ɑːptɪd/
-ing form	opting
	BrE /ɒptɪŋ/
	NAme /ɑːptɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 19th cent.: from French **opter**, from Latin **optare** 'choose, wish'.

Synonyms:

**choose**

select • pick • decide • opt • go for

These words all mean to decide which thing or person you want out of the ones that are available

**choose** • to decide which thing or person you want out of the ones that are available ▪ You choose—I can't decide.

**select** • [often passive] to choose sb/sth, usually carefully, from a group of people or things: ▪ He was selected for the team. ◇▪ a randomly selected sample of 23 schools

**pick** • (rather informal) to choose sb/sth from a group of people or things: ▪ She picked the best cake for herself.

**choose, select or pick?**

**Choose** is the most general of these words and the only one that can be used without an object. When you **select** sth, you choose it carefully, unless you actually say that it is **selected randomly/at random**. **Pick** is a more informal word and often a less careful action, used especially when the choice being made is not very important.

**decide** • to choose between two or more possibilities: ▪ We're still trying to ▪ decide on ▪ a venue

**opt** • to choose to take or not to take a particular course of action: ▪ After graduating she opted for a career in music. ◇▪ After a lot of thought, I ▪ opted against ▪ buying a motorbike.

**go for sth** • (rather informal) to choose sth: ▪ I think I'll go for the fruit salad.

to choose/select/pick/decide **between** A and/or B

to choose/select/pick A **from** B

to opt/go **for** sb/sth

to choose/decide/opt **to do sth**

to choose/select/pick sb/sth **carefully/at random**

**randomly** chosen/selected/picked

Example Bank:

- their decision to opt for English as the official language
- Employees may opt out of the company's pension plan.
- The Cabinet was split over whether Britain should opt in or out of European economic union.

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[Word Family: **verb:** ↑opt, ↑coopt; **noun:** ↑option; **adverb:** optionally; **adjective:** ↑optional]

[Date: 1800-1900; Language: French; Origin: opter, from Latin optare 'to choose']

to choose one thing or do one thing instead of another

**opt for**

We finally opted for the wood finish.

**opt to do something**

Many young people are opting to go on to college.

**opt in** *phrasal verb*

to decide to join a group or system

**opt in to**

Employees have the choice to opt in to the scheme.

**opt out** *phrasal verb*

1. to avoid doing a duty

**opt out of**

You can't just opt out of all responsibility for the child!

2. to decide not to be part of a group or system

**opt out of**

Britain wants to opt out of the new European regulations.

3. if a school or hospital in Britain opts out, it decides to control the money that it is given by the government, instead of being controlled by local government

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12500 **3987**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **3715**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **4k** **OPT** 5705

opt 2442

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opts 282

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

1103 **18162**<sup>1269</sup> *vvi*

1023 **19285**<sup>1156</sup> *vv0*

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