

task

1. [tɑːsk] *n*

- 1) задача, задание; дело; урок *урочная работа (мж. task work)*
arduous [two-fold] task - трудная [двойная] задача
task in hand - а) начатая работа; б) непосредственная /ближайшая/ задача
task and bonus plan - *эк.* поощрительная система заработной платы
to set oneself a task - поставить перед собой задачу
to give /to set/ smb. a task, to entrust smb. with a task - дать кому-л. задание; поставить задачу перед кем-л.; поручить кому-л. сделать что-л.
to give smb. the task of cleaning the cellar - поручить кому-л. навести порядок в погребе
to undertake /to attempt/ a task - браться за какую-л. задачу /за какое-л. дело/
to apply oneself to a task - приняться за какое-л. дело, приступить к делу
to manage the task - справиться с делом
to do /to fulfil, to perform/ one's task - выполнить задание
the task that faces us /that we are faced with/ - задача, которая стоит перед нами
it's an endless task - с этим вовек не справиться

2) обязанность

- the task of a critic - обязанность критика
this is one of her tasks - это входит в круг её обязанностей

3) *уст.* урок

2. *амер.* норма (*рабочего*)

- work by /to/ task - штучная /сдельная/ работа

3. *уст.* налог; пошлина

- ◇ to take smb. to task - сделать выговор кому-л., дать нагоняй кому-л.; пробрать кого-л.

2. [tɑːsk] *v*

1. ставить задачу; давать работу *или* задание
to task smb. beyond his strength - взваливать на кого-л. непосильную задачу /работу/
2. загружать, обременять
to task one's memory /one's mind/ with details - перегружать память излишними подробностями
3. испытывать, подвергать проверке
to task smb.'s patience - испытывать чьё-л. терпение
to task smb.'s power of endurance - испытывать чью-л. выносливость
mathematics tasks his brain - ему трудно даётся математика

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task *AW* [task tasks tasked tasking] *noun, verb* *BrE* [tɑːsk] *AmE* [tæsk]

noun

1. a piece of work that sb has to do, especially a hard or unpleasant one
 - to **perform/carry out/complete/undertake a task**
 - a **daunting/an impossible/a formidable/an unenviable**, etc. task
 - a **thankless task** (= an unpleasant one that nobody wants to do and nobody thanks you for doing)
 - Our first task is to set up a communications system.
 - Detectives are now faced with **the task of** identifying the body.
 - Getting hold of this information was **no easy task** (= was difficult).
 - It was my task to wake everyone up in the morning.
2. an activity which is designed to help achieve a particular learning goal, especially in language teaching
 - task-based learning

Word Origin:

Middle English: from an Old Northern French variant of Old French *tasche*, from medieval Latin *tasca*, alteration of *taxa*, from Latin *taxare* 'censure, charge', perhaps from Greek *tassein* 'fix'. An early sense of the verb was 'impose a tax on'.

Synonyms:

task

duties • mission • job • chore

These are all words for a piece of work that sb has to do.

task • a piece of work that sb has to do, especially a difficult or unpleasant one: ▀ Our first task will be to set up a communications system.

duties • tasks that are part of your job: ▀ Your duties will include setting up a new computer system.

mission • an important official job that a person or group of people is given to do, especially when they are sent to another country: ▀ They undertook a fact-finding mission in the region.

job • a piece of work that sb has to do: ▀ I've got various jobs around the house to do.

task or job?

A **task** may be more difficult than a **job** and require you to think carefully about how you are going to do it. A **job** may be sth small that is one of several jobs that you have to do, especially in the home; or a **job** can be sth that takes a long time and is boring and/or needs a lot of patience.

chore • a task that you have to do regularly, especially one that you do in the home and find unpleasant or boring: ▀ household chores

the task/mission/job/chore **of (doing)** sth

- (a) **daily/day-to-day** task/duties/job/chore
- (a) **routine** task/duties/mission/job/chore
- (a/an) **easy/difficult** task/mission/job
- (a) **household/domestic** task/duties/job/chore
- to **do** a task/a job/the chores
- to **finish** a task/a mission/a job/the chores
- to **give sb** a task/their duties/a mission/a job/a chore

Example Bank:

- How do you tackle a task like that?
- I left her to get on with the task of correcting the errors.
- I was engaged in the delicate task of clipping the dog's claws.
- Nobody was keen to take on such a thankless task.
- She failed to complete the task that she had been set.
- She was charged with the important task of telling the children.
- The primary task of the chair is to ensure the meeting runs smoothly.
- The task requires a variety of skills and experience.
- The team have no illusions about the size of the task confronting them.
- The unenviable task of telling my parents fell to my teacher.
- Translating the letter was no easy task.
- We need to think realistically about the task ahead.
- We should stop chatting and get back to the task in hand.
- a hard task for the committee
- one of the first tasks in language learning
- the grim task of identifying the dead
- the simple task of making a sandwich
- Getting hold of the information was no easy task.
- How exactly do you intend to approach this task?
- No one was willing to undertake the task.
- Our first task will be to set up a communications system.
- She had the unenviable task of talking to the missing girl's parents.
- The task eventually fell to me.
- You should pay attention to the task in hand.
- You'll be required to do several routine tasks in the office.

Idiom: take somebody to task

verb usually passive ~ sb (with sth) (formal)

to give sb a task to do

- NATO troops were tasked with keeping the peace.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	task
	BrE /təːsk/
	NAmE /tæsk/
he / she / it	tasks
	BrE /təːskz/
	NAmE /tæskz/
past simple, past participle	tasked
	BrE /təːskt/
	NAmE /tæskt/
-ing form	tasking
	BrE /təːskɪŋ/
	NAmE /tæskɪŋ/

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I. **task**¹ **S2 W1** /təˌsk\$ tæsk/ BrE " AmE " noun

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old North French; Origin: tasque, from Medieval Latin tasca 'tax or service to be done for a ruler', from taxare 'to tax']

1. [countable] a piece of work that must be done, especially one that is difficult or unpleasant or that must be done regularly **SYN** job
task of

- " The task of the union representative is to fight on behalf of the members.
- " Sara had the task of preparing the agenda for meetings.
- " I was given the task of building a fire.
- " the skills required to carry out these tasks
- " He soon realized the scale of the task he had undertaken.
- " Our first task is to gather information.

- Monkeys can be taught to do simple tasks.
- They have the unenviable task of supervising the most dangerous prison in the country.
- Volunteers had the thankless task of distributing campaign leaflets.
- Trying to bring up a small daughter on your own is no easy task.

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- I everyday English, people usually say **job** rather than **task**:
 - I was given the job of building the fire.
- 2. **take someone to task** to strongly criticize somebody for something they have done
take someone to task for
 - He was taken to task for not reporting the problem earlier.
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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **have the task of doing something** He had the task of judging the competition.
- **carry out/perform/do a task** I don't think we have enough resources to carry out this task.
- **set/give somebody a task** I was given the task of writing the chairman's speech.
- **take on/undertake a task** No-one else is willing to take on the task.
- **assign a task** (=give someone a task to do) People were assigned different tasks.
- **a task faces somebody** Given the nature of the task facing us, three days might not be enough.

■ adjectives

- **impossible** She may argue that the task is impossible.
- **simple** The children help with simple tasks like carrying in water or logs for the fire.
- **difficult** The task of selecting just five candidates is difficult.
- **somebody's first/main task** Their first task was to rebuild the wall.
- **a thankless task** (=a difficult but necessary job) Driving a bus in London must be a pretty thankless task.
- **a formidable/daunting task** (=very difficult) Achieving these targets will be a formidable task.
- **an unenviable task** (=unpleasant or difficult) He has the unenviable task of telling hungry people that there is no food.
- **an arduous task** (=needing a lot of effort and hard work) We began the arduous task of carrying the furniture to the top floor.

■ phrases

- **something is not an easy task something is no easy task** (=something is difficult) Recruiting experienced people is no easy task nowadays.

II. **task**² **AC** **BrE** ^a **AmE** ^a **verb** [transitive usually passive]

to give someone the responsibility for doing something

be tasked with (doing) something

- We were tasked with completing the job by the end of 2006.

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