

placebo[plə'si:bəv] *n* (*pl* -os, -oes [-{plə'si:b}əvz])

1. плацебо, безвредное лекарство, прописываемое для успокоения больного
2. слова успокоения, лесть
3. *церк.* плацебо, «я буду угоден», первое песнопение заупокойной вечерни

◇ to sing /to play/ (a) placebo - раболепствовать угодничать; быть приспособленцем/оппортунистом

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pla·ce·bo [placebo placebos] *BrE* [plə'si:bə] *AmE* [plə'si:bə] *noun* (pl.**placebos**)

a substance that has no physical effects, given to patients who do not need medicine but think that they do, or used when testing new drugs

- the **placebo effect** (= the effect of taking a ↑**placebo** and feeling better)

Word Origin:

late 18th cent.: from Latin, literally I shall be acceptable or pleasing, from **placere** 'to please'.

Example Bank:

- Half of the people taking part in the experiment were given a placebo.
- The placebo effect means that any treatment will improve patients merely because they want to recover.

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[**Date:** 1700-1800; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** 'I shall please', from placere; ⇒ ↑**please**²]

1. a harmless substance given to a sick person instead of medicine, without telling them it is not real. Placebos are often used in tests in which some people take real medicine and others take a placebo, so that doctors can compare the results to see if the real medicine works properly.
2. **placebo effect** when someone feels better after taking a placebo, even though it has not had any effect on their body

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