

**forsake**

[fə'seɪk] *v* (forsook; forsaken)

1. **оставлять, покидать, бросать**  
to forsake one's old friends [one's family] - бросить старых друзей [семью]
2. **оставлять (что-л.); отказываться (от чего-л.)**  
to forsake one's post - оставлять пост  
to forsake a habit [one's former way of life] - отказываться от привычки [от прежнего образа жизни]  
to forsake one's principles - отречься от своих принципов

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**for-sake** [forsake forsakes forsook forsaking forsaken] *BrE* [fə'seɪk] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* [fər'seɪk] <sup>ⓘ</sup> **verb** (for-sook *BrE* [fə'sʊk] <sup>ⓘ</sup> ; *NAmE* [fər'sʊk] <sup>ⓘ</sup> , for-saken *BrE* [fə'seɪkən] <sup>ⓘ</sup> ; *NAmE* [fər'seɪkən] <sup>ⓘ</sup> ) (literary)

1. ~ **sb/sth (for sb/sth)** to leave sb/sth, especially when you have a responsibility to stay

**Syn:** ↑abandon

• He had made it clear to his wife that he would never forsake her.

2. ~ **sth (for sb/sth)** to stop doing sth, or leave sth, especially sth that you enjoy

**Syn:** ↑renounce

• She forsook the glamour of the city and went to live in the wilds of Scotland.

**see also** ↑godforsaken

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	forsake
	<i>BrE</i> /fə'seɪk/
	<i>NAmE</i> /fər'seɪk/
he / she / it	forsakes
	<i>BrE</i> /fə'seɪks/
	<i>NAmE</i> /fər'seɪks/
past simple	forsook
	<i>BrE</i> /fə'sʊk/
	<i>NAmE</i> /fər'sʊk/
past participle	forsaken
	<i>BrE</i> /fə'seɪkən/
	<i>NAmE</i> /fər'seɪkən/
-ing form	forsaking
	<i>BrE</i> /fə'seɪkɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /fər'seɪkɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English forsacan 'renounce, refuse', of West Germanic origin; related to Dutch *verzaken*, and ultimately to for- and **↑sake** <sup>1</sup>.

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**for-sake** /fə'seɪk \$ fər-/ *BrE* <sup>ⓘ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ⓘ</sup> **verb** (past tense **forsook** /-sʊk/, past participle

**forsaken** /-seɪkən/) [**transitive**] **formal**

[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** forsacan]

1. to leave someone, especially when you should stay because they need you **SYN** **abandon** :

• children forsaken by their parents

2. to stop doing, using, or having something that you enjoy **SYN** **give up** :

• She will never forsake her vegetarian principles.

3. to leave a place, especially when you do not want to:

• He has forsaken his native Finland to live in Britain.

⇒ **↑godforsaken**

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