

**perform**

[pə'fɔ:m] *v*

1. исполнять, выполнять; делать  
to perform a task - выполнять задание  
to perform useful work - выполнять /делать/ полезную работу  
to perform an operation - делать операцию  
to perform an experiment - проводить опыт  
to perform an obligation - выполнить обязательство/долг/  
to perform the part of the host - взять на себя роль хозяина, быть хозяином
2. 1) представлять; играть (*пьесе*)  
the new play was performed with great enthusiasm - новая пьеса была сыграна с большим подъёмом  
2) быть сценичной (*о пьесе*)  
play that performs well - сценичная пьеса
- 3) исполнять (*роль, музыкальное произведение и т. п.*); играть  
to perform skilfully on the flute - искусно играть на флейте  
he performed the part of Hamlet - он играл /исполнял роль/ Гамлета
- 4) показывать фокусы; делать трюки (*о дрессированных животных*)  
dogs that perform at the circus - дрессированные собаки, собаки, которые выступают в цирке  
to perform a conjuring trick - показать фокус
- 5) *спорт.* выступать, делать упражнения (*на снарядах и т. п.*)
3. *разг.* хорошо себя показать, зарекомендовать  
our team performed very well in the match - наша команда очень хорошо играла в этом матче
4. иметь хорошие эксплуатационные качества (*об автомобиле*); иметь хорошую приёмистость

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**per·form** [perform performs performed performing] *BrE* [pə'fɔ:ɹŋ] *NAmE*

[pə'fɔ:ɹŋ] *verb*

1. **transitive ~ sth** to do sth, such as a piece of work, task or duty  
**Syn:** carry out  
• to perform an experiment/a miracle/a ceremony  
• She performs an important role in our organization.  
• This operation has never been performed in this country.  
• A computer can perform many tasks at once.
2. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to entertain an audience by playing a piece of music, acting in a play, etc  
• to perform somersaults/magic tricks  
• The play was first performed in 2007.  
• I'd like to hear it performed live.  
• to perform on the flute  
• I'm looking forward to seeing you perform.
3. **intransitive ~ (well/badly/poorly)** to work or function well or badly  
• The engine seems to be performing well.  
• The company has been performing poorly over the past year.  
• If Rooney performs (= performs well) then I believe England can win.  
• She performed less well in the second test.

**see** work/perform miracles **at** ↑miracle

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	perform
	BrE /pe'fɔ:m/
	NAmE /per'fɔ:rm/
he / she / it	performs
	BrE /pe'fɔ:mz/
	NAmE /per'fɔ:rmz/
past simple, past participle	performed
	BrE /pe'fɔ:md/
	NAmE /per'fɔ:md/
-ing form	performing
	BrE /pe'fɔ:mɪŋ/
	NAmE /per'fɔ:rnɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

Middle English: from Anglo-Norman French **parfourmer**, alteration (by association with **forme 'form'**) of Old French **parfournir**, from **par 'through, to completion'** + **fournir 'furnish, provide'**.

**Thesaurus:**

**perform verb**

1. **T** (especially written)

• A computer can perform many tasks at once.

**do** • **carry sth out** • **go through sth** • **commit** • |**formal conduct** • • **undertake** • |**BrE, formal practise** • |**AmE, formal practice** •

perform/do/carry out/conduct/undertake a/an/the **work/activity/investigation/assessment**

perform/do/carry out/undertake a **task/job**

perform/do/carry out/practise **surgery**

**Perform or carry sth out?** **Perform** often emphasizes the skill involved in doing sth; **carry sth out** often emphasizes the amount of work involved

- perform miracles

✗ **carry out miracles** **Perform** is not used about negative actions:

- carry out an attack

✗ **perform an attack**

## 2. T

- The play was first performed in 2007.

**play** • • **act** • • **put sth on** • • **produce** • |especially spoken **do** • |written **stage** • • **present** •

perform/play/act in/put on/produce/do/stage/present a **play/show**

perform/play/do a **piece**

perform/play/do sth **live/in public**

## 3. I

- The company has performed poorly over the past year.

especially BrE **get on/along** • |especially spoken **do** • • **go** • |especially written **fare** •

perform/get on/do/go/fare **well**

perform/do/go **brilliantly/excellently/badly**

**Perform or fare?** A person or company that **performs well** is successful because of what they do; a person or group that **fares well** is successful because they are lucky or because conditions are right. These two words cannot be used about events:

- The interview went well.

✗ **The interview performed/fared well.**

### Example Bank:

- I've never seen this play performed before.
- One or two of the players performed brilliantly.
- The car performed poorly at high speeds.
- The company has been performing strongly over the past year.
- The group will be performing live on tonight's show.
- The play was first publicly performed in 1872.
- The prince is no longer able to perform his duties.
- The two artists have never performed together before.
- Who ensures that tasks are properly performed?
- failure to perform a contract
- students who are expected to perform well
- those who faithfully perform their duties
- All subjects performed the experiment twice.
- He performed a few magic tricks at the party.
- He performed miracles to get everything ready in time.
- I'd like to hear it performed live.
- I'm looking forward to seeing you perform.
- If Rooney performs then I believe England can win.

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**per** **form** **S3** **W2** /pə'fɔ:m\$ per'fɔ:m BrE = AmE = verb

[Word Family: noun: ↑performance, ↑performer; verb: ↑perform; adjective: performing]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Anglo-French; Origin: performer, from Old French performer, from furnir 'to complete']

1. [intransitive and transitive] to do something to entertain people, for example by acting a play or playing a piece of music:

- Chenier and the band are performing at the Silver Palace tomorrow.
- The children perform two plays each school year.

► Do not use **perform** to say what person an actor pretends to be in a play, film etc. Use **play**: *John Wayne played (NOT performed) a Roman soldier in the film.*

2. [transitive] to do something, especially something difficult or useful **SYN** **carry out**:

- Surgeons performed an emergency operation.
- The official opening ceremony was performed by Princess Margaret.

**perform a study/experiment/analysis etc**

- An analysis of the survey data was performed.

**perform a task/job/duty**

- She was fired for not performing the duties outlined in her contract.

**perform a function/role**

- software that performs a specific function
- The leadership cannot be expected to perform miracles (=improve a situation in a way that seems impossible).

### REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say that someone **carries out** an operation, a study etc rather than use **perform**:

- The operation was carried out by a team of surgeons.

3. **perform well/badly etc**

a) to work or do something well, badly etc ⇒ **underperform** :

- Many religious schools perform well academically.

The team performed poorly on Saturday.

b) if a product, business etc performs well or badly, it makes a lot of money or very little money:

The economy is performing well.

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## COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

### nouns

- **perform a task/job/duty etc** What skills do you need to perform this task?
- **perform work** Over 6,000 people in our community of 100,000 perform volunteer work.
- **perform an experiment /study etc** Part of the Chemistry exam involves performing an experiment.
- **perform an operation** The surgeon who performed the operation said it had gone well.
- **perform a ceremony** At 3 o'clock, the opening ceremony was performed by the Queen.
- **perform a service** Our troops are performing a remarkable service and a terribly important mission.
- **perform a function/role** The two organizations perform similar functions.
- **perform an action** The children sing and perform the actions to nursery songs.
- **perform miracles (=do things that seem impossible)** I'm prepared to work hard to get the job done but I can't perform miracles.

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## THESAURUS

- **do** to do something – used in the following phrases: **do your work/homework etc**: It usually takes me a couple of hours to do my homework. | **do the shopping/cooking/washing etc**: She's gone to the supermarket to do the shopping. | **do a test/experiment/some research**: The doctor did some tests. | Fraser spent some time in Egypt doing some archaeological research. | Scientists are doing research on two types of vaccine. | **do a course**: Have you decided which course you want to do at university?
- **make** to do something – used in the following phrases: **make a speech**: The Prince made a short speech. | **make a comment/suggestion/joke**: Can I make a suggestion? | **make a decision**: The committee will meet to make their final decision. | **make a mistake**: I think someone has made a mistake.
- **give** to do something – used in the following phrases: **give a talk/speech/lecture**: They've asked him to give a talk. | **give a performance**: The band gave a brilliant performance.
- **take** to do something – used in the following phrases: **take a test/exam**: Kate's taking her driving test tomorrow. | **take a bath/shower**: I think I'll go and take a shower. | **take a walk**: Normally, he took a walk in the evenings.
- **commit** to do something that is a crime, especially a serious crime: **commit a crime**: The crime was committed in the early hours of the morning. | **commit a robbery/murder etc**: Dixon later admitted committing the robbery.
- **carry out something** to do something – used in the following phrases: **carry out your work**: The violence is making it difficult for firefighters to carry out their work. | **carry out a task/duty**: He still managed to carry out his duties. | **carry out a survey/test/some research**: The hospital carries out research into skin diseases. | **carry out an operation**: The operation was carried out at a hospital in Paris. | **carry out a threat/promise**: They didn't carry out their threat to kill the hostages. | **carry out sb's orders/instructions/wishes**: I'm sure I can rely on you to carry out my instructions.
- **perform** to do something. **Perform** is more formal than **carry out**, and is used in the following phrases: **perform a task/duty**: The job mostly involves performing administrative tasks. | **perform an operation**: A team of surgeons performed the operation.
- **conduct** to do something – used in the following phrases: **conduct a survey/study/experiment**: They conducted a survey of approximately 2,000 people living in the area. | **conduct an inquiry/investigation**: The police are conducting an investigation into the cause of the fire. | **conduct an interview**: Knowing how to conduct a successful interview is a skill. | **conduct a campaign**: People were unimpressed by the way in which the election campaign was conducted.
- **go about something** to do your work or the things that you usually do, especially when something serious has happened: **go about your work/business**: The next day she went about her business as if nothing had happened.
- **get on with something** *spoken especially British English* to start doing something that you should have started already or to continue doing something that you stopped doing for a short time: I need to get on with my homework.
- **be up to something** *spoken* to be doing something that you think is probably bad, although you do not know exactly what it is: I'm sure they're up to something. | What's Jake up to? He's been upstairs in his room all day.

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