

sentence

1. ['sentəns] *n*

- 1. *юр.*
- 1) приговор суда, определяющий меру наказания; осуждение
 suspended sentence - условное осуждение
 concurrent sentences - совпадающие /действующие совместно/ приговоры
 to pass /to pronounce/ a sentence - вынести решение о мере наказания, объявить приговор
 to reverse a sentence - отменить приговор
- 2) наказание, мера наказания
 severe [lenient] sentence - строгое [мягкое] наказание
 capital /death/ sentence, sentence of death - смертный приговор
 indeterminate sentence - осуждение на неопределённый срок
 to get a life sentence - быть приговорённым к пожизненному заключению
 to receive a six months' sentence - быть приговорённым к шести месяцам заключения
 a convict under a sentence of death for murder - преступник, осуждённый на смерть за убийство

2. *грам.* предложение
 complex [compound] sentence - сложноподчинённое [сложносочинённое] предложение

3. *сентенция*, изречение
 a Sentence of Scripture - изречение из священного писания

4. *муз.* предложение

5. *биол.* осмысленная последовательность кодонов (*в генетическом коде*)

2. ['sentəns] *v*

- 1) приговаривать, осуждать
 to sentence smb. to death - приговаривать кого-л. к смерти; осудить кого-л. на смерть
 he was sentenced to a fine - ему присудили штраф
- 2) обречь
 to sentence a species to extinction - обречь вид на вымирание

sentence

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

sen-tence [sentence sentences sentenced sentencing] *noun, verb BrE*

['sentəns] *NAme* ['sentəns]

noun

- 1. **countable** (*grammar*) a set of words expressing a statement, a question or an order, usually containing a subject and a verb. In written English **sentences** begin with a capital letter and end with a full stop/period (.), a question mark (?) or an exclamation mark/exclamation point (!).
- 2. **countable, uncountable** the punishment given by a court
 - a **jail/prison sentence**
 - a **light/heavy sentence**
 - to be **under sentence of death**
 - The judge **passed sentence** (= said what the punishment would be).
 - The prisoner has **served** (= completed) **his sentence** and will be released tomorrow.

see also ↑death sentence, ↑life sentence

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the senses 'way of thinking, opinion', 'court's declaration of punishment', and 'gist (of a piece of writing)'): via Old French from Latin *sententia* 'opinion', from *sentire* 'feel, be of the opinion'.

Collocations:

Criminal justice

Breaking the law

- break/violate/obey/uphold the law
- be investigated/arrested/tried for a crime/a robbery/fraud
- be arrested/ (*especially NAmE*) indicted/convicted on charges of rape/fraud/ (*especially US*) felony charges
- be arrested on suspicion of arson/robbery/shoplifting
- be accused of/be charged with murder/ (*especially NAmE*) homicide/four counts of fraud
- face two charges of indecent assault
- admit your guilt/liability/responsibility (for sth)
- deny the allegations/claims/charges
- confess to a crime
- grant/be refused/be released on/skip/jump bail

The legal process

- stand/await /bring sb to/come to/be on trial
- take sb to/come to/settle sth out of court
- face/avoid/escape prosecution
- seek/retain/have the right to/be denied access to legal counsel
- hold/conduct/attend/adjourn a hearing/trial
- sit on/influence /persuade/convince the jury
- sit/stand/appear /be put/place sb in the dock
- plead guilty/not guilty to a crime

be called to/enter (BrE) the witness box
take/put sb on the stand/(NAme) the witness stand
call/subpoena/question/cross-examine a witness
give/hear the evidence against/on behalf of sb
raise/withdraw /overrule an objection
reach a unanimous/majority verdict
return/deliver /record a verdict of not guilty/unlawful killing/accidental death
convict/acquit the defendant of the crime
secure a conviction/your acquittal
lodge/file an appeal
appeal (against)/challenge /uphold/overturn a conviction/verdict

Sentencing and punishment

pass sentence on sb
carry/face/serve a seven-year/life sentence
receive /be given the death penalty
be sentenced to ten years (in prison/jail)
carry/impose/pay a fine (of \$3 000)/a penalty (of 14 years imprisonment)
be imprisoned/jailed for drug possession/fraud/murder
do/serve time/ten years
be sent to/put sb in/be released from jail/prison
be/put sb/spend X years on death row
be granted/be denied /break (your) parole
 more collocations at [↑crime](#)

Example Bank:

- Complete the following sentence: 'I love dictionaries because...'
- Cooke was so nervous he could barely string a sentence together.
- Does the sentence contain an adverb?
- He can barely form a grammatical sentence.
- He has been in prison for two months under sentence of death.
- He has begun a life sentence for Carol's murder.
- He spent a week in custody awaiting sentence.
- He tells her not to end her sentences with prepositions.
- He turned state's evidence in return for a reduced sentence.
- He was imprisoned under sentence of death.
- He will have to serve a life sentence.
- I came across the following sentence in a paper recently...
- I kept reading the same sentence over and over again.
- Peter finished Jane's sentence for her.
- She could face a long prison sentence.
- She punctuated her sentence with a well-aimed kick at his right shin.
- The US Supreme Court recently upheld both of these sentences.
- The argument can be distilled into a single sentence.
- The death sentence may be commuted to life imprisonment.
- The judge imposed the mandatory sentence for murder.
- The judge will pass sentence on the accused this afternoon.
- The offence carries a maximum sentence of two years in prison.
- This type of assault carries a maximum sentence of six months in prison.
- Troy uttered one last sentence.
- Try to keep your sentences short.
- an eight-year sentence for burglary
- ex-felons who have completed their sentences
- the mandatory minimum sentence
- the opening sentence of the novel
- She was given a life sentence.
- The judge passed sentence.
- The prisoner has served his sentence and will be released tomorrow.
- a death sentence
- a jail/prison sentence
- to be under sentence of death

verb often passive ~ sb (to sth) | ~ sb to do sth

to say officially in court that sb is to receive a particular punishment

- to be sentenced to death/life imprisonment/three years in prison

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	sentence
	BrE / 'sentəns/
	NAme / 'sentəns/
he / she / it	sentences
	BrE / 'sentənsɪz/
	NAme / 'sentənsɪz/
past simple, past participle	sentenced
	BrE / 'sentənst/
	NAme / 'sentənst/
-ing form	sentencing
	BrE / 'sentənsɪŋ/
	NAme / 'sentənsɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- He was sentenced to two years in prison.
- The judge sentenced her to life imprisonment.
- They had been sentenced for murder.
- to be sentenced to death/life imprisonment/three years in prison

sentence

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **sentence** ¹ **S1 W2** /'sentəns/ **BrE** ² **AmE** ³ **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin *sententia* 'feeling, opinion, sentence', from *sentire*; ⇨ ↑**sentient**]

1. a group of words that usually contains a subject and a verb, and expresses a complete idea. Sentences written in English begin with a capital letter and usually end with a **↑full stop** or a **↑question mark**:

" His voice dropped at the end of the sentence.

in a sentence

" It's difficult to sum it up in one sentence.

short/simple/full/complex etc sentence

" In a few short sentences, Quinn explained what he had done.

2. a punishment that a judge gives to someone who is guilty of a crime:

" She received an eight-year prison sentence.

" He has just begun a life sentence for murder.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ **verbs**

- **get/receive a sentence** (*also be given a sentence*) She was given a three-year prison sentence.
- **face a sentence** (=be likely to receive a sentence) He faces a long prison sentence if he is caught.
- **serve a sentence** (=spend time in prison) Her husband is serving a two-year sentence for credit-card fraud.
- **a crime carries a sentence** (=that is the punishment for that crime) Rape should carry an automatic life sentence.
- **impose/hand down a sentence** (=officially give someone a sentence) The judge imposed a three-year sentence.
- **pass sentence** *formal* (=officially say what someone's punishment will be) It is now my duty to pass sentence.

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + sentence**

- **a stiff/long sentence** (=a long time in prison) Police officers are demanding stiffer sentences for offenders.
- **a light/short sentence** (=a short time in prison) We're hoping that he gets off with a light sentence.
- **a prison/jail sentence** (*also a custodial sentence British English formal*) If found guilty, he faces a long jail sentence.
- **a non-custodial sentence** *British English formal* (=a punishment in which a person does not go to prison) The judge said the offence was too serious for a non-custodial sentence.
- **a five-year/eight-year etc sentence** (=five/eight etc years in prison) He was serving an eight-year sentence for burglary.
- **the maximum sentence** (=the most that can be given for a particular crime) The maximum sentence for this offence is five years.
- **a life sentence** (=prison for the rest of your life, or a very long time) In 1978 he was given a life sentence for attacking a 72-year-old woman.
- **a death sentence** (=a punishment of death) Death sentences were handed down to eight of the accused.
- **a suspended sentence** (=one which someone will serve only if they commit another crime) Her attacker got a two-year suspended sentence.

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THESAURUS

- **punishment** something that is done in order to punish someone, or the act of punishing them: I don't think they deserved such a severe punishment. | The usual punishment is life in prison.
- **sentence** a punishment given by a judge in a court: He was given a long prison sentence. | They asked for the maximum sentence.
- **fine** an amount of money that you must pay as a punishment: I got an £80 fine for speeding. | There are heavy fines for drink-driving.
- **penalty** a general word for a punishment given to someone who has broken a law, rule, or agreement: What's the penalty if you

get caught? | He called for stiffer penalties for crimes involving guns.

▪ **the death penalty** (also **capital punishment**) the system in which people are killed as a punishment for crimes: If he is found guilty, he faces the death penalty. | A number of states have abolished capital punishment.

▪ **community service** unpaid work helping other people that someone does as punishment for a crime: He was given a choice between doing 200 hours of community service, or a big fine.

▪ **corporal punishment** the punishment of children by hitting them: I don't agree with corporal punishment. | Corporal punishment was abolished in schools in 1987.

II. **sentence**² *BrE* ^{*} *AmE* ^{*} *verb* [transitive]

if a judge sentences someone who is guilty of a crime, they give them a punishment

sentence somebody to something

* Sanchez was sentenced to three years in prison.

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THESAURUS

▪ **punish** to do something unpleasant to someone because they have done something wrong or broken the law: Drug smugglers are severely punished. | She wanted to punish him for deceiving her.

▪ **fine** to make someone pay money as a punishment: The company was fined for safety violations.

▪ **sentence** if a judge sentences a criminal, he or she gives them an official punishment, usually sending them to prison for a period of time: The judge sentenced Margolis to a year in prison.

▪ **penalize** (also **penalise** *British English*) to officially punish someone, especially by taking away their right to do something or by limiting their freedom in some way: New laws will penalize firms that continue to pollute the environment.

▪ **discipline** to punish someone who has broken the rules of an organization that they belong to or work for: Officers are expected to discipline soldiers who do not keep their uniforms in good condition.

▪ **come down hard on somebody** *informal* to punish someone or criticize them severely: The judge came down hard on Harris, saying that his crime was 'inexcusable'.

▪ **make an example of somebody** to punish someone so that other people are afraid to do the same thing: Athletics officials felt they had to make an example of him for using banned drugs.

▪ **teach somebody a lesson** *informal* to do something in order to show someone that they must not do something again, when they have behaved very badly: I didn't want to hurt him - I just wanted teach him a lesson. | Maybe a night in jail will teach him a lesson.

▪ **make somebody pay (for something)** *informal* to make someone wish they had never done something, by making them suffer: We should make him pay for all the mischief he's caused!

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