

need**1. [ni:d] n****1. надобность, нужда**

to be /to stand/ in need of smth., to feel the need of smth., to have need of smth. - нуждаться в чём-л.

are you in need of help? - не нужна ли вам помощь?

he felt the need of money - он нуждался в деньгах, у него было трудно с деньгами

the house is in need of repairs - дом требует ремонта

there was a need for caution - следовало действовать осмотрительно

there is no need - нет надобности

there is no need to worry - нет оснований волноваться

is there any need to hurry /for haste/? - есть ли смысл /нужно ли/ спешить?

if need be /were/ - если бы потребовалось в случае нужды

when /as, if/ the need arises - по мере /в случае/ необходимости

to have need to do smth. - быть вынужденным что-л. сделать

there is little need to speak of ... - нет надобности говорить о ...

there is no need for her to work - она может не работать/не нуждается в зарплате/

2. pl потребности, нужды; запросы

to meet the needs - удовлетворять потребности

daily needs - повседневные нужды

spiritual needs - духовные запросы

to each according to his needs - каждому по потребностям

my needs are few - я неприхотлив, мне много не нужно

to meet the needs of the age [of community] - соответствовать требованиям времени [общества]

to meet the needs of the occasion - \cong оказаться на высоте положения

3. нужда, бедность; нищета

to live /to be/ in need - нуждаться, жить в нищете

4. недостаток, нехватка

for need of - из-за недостатка, вследствие отсутствия (чего-л.)

5. беда, трудное положение

hour of dire need - час испытаний

good at need - выручающий в беде /в трудных обстоятельствах/

they failed him in his need - они бросили его в беде

6. стремление

need of a better education - стремление к образованию

the need of one's heart - веление сердца

7. predic редк. то, что нужно

poorer than was need - беднее, чем следовало

◇ need makes the old wife trot - **посл.** нужда научит старушку рысью бегать; \cong нужда научит горшки обжигать

a friend in need is a friend indeed - **посл.** \cong друзья познаются в беде

2. [ni:d] v

I

1. нуждаться, иметь надобность, потребность (в чём-л.)

the farmers need rain - фермерам нужен дождь

he needs rest - он нуждается в отдыхе

they need one another - они не могут обойтись друг без друга

this is a book I've been needing a long time - вот книга, которую я давно ищу

2. 1) требовать, чувствовать необходимость (чего-л.)

the dress needs washing - платье пора /необходимо/ выстирать

that needs no saying - это само собой разумеется; это ясно без слов

these facts need no comment - эти факты не нуждаются в комментариях /не требуют комментариев/

the letter needs no reply - письмо не требует ответа

the book needs correction - книга нуждается в исправлении

the soup needs salt - в супе не хватает соли

to need a lot of asking - заставлять себя просить; не сразу соглашаться

he needed no second invitation - он не заставил себя просить, он сразу принял приглашение

it needs to ... - нужно /надо/ (сделать что-л.)

it needs to be done carefully - это надо сделать тщательно; это дело требует осторожности

it needed doing - это надо было сделать

he needs to be careful - ему следует проявлять осторожность

you only needed to ask - вам нужно было /стоило/ только спросить

we didn't need to hurry - мы могли не торопиться [**ср.** III A]

he does not need to be told - ему нечего об этом говорить; \cong он об этом сам уже знает [**ср.** III A]

he didn't need to be told twice - нам не пришлось говорить ему два раза /повторять приказ/; он понял /повиновался/ с первого слова

it needed the horrors of war to open their eyes - нужны были ужасы войны, чтобы у них открылись глаза; только ужасы войны открыли им глаза

there needs - **арх.** требуется

there needs no such apology - такие оправдания не нужны, извинений не требуется

2) ирон. заслуживать

he needs a lesson - его стоит проучить
 what he needs is a good whipping - ему будет полезна хорошая порка

3. нуждаться, бедствовать

give to them that need - помогайте нуждающимся

III A (3-е л. ед. ч. need)

выражает **долженствование, обязанность в сочетании с инфинитивом без частицы to; употребляется преимущественно в вопросительной и отрицательной формах, образуемых без вспомогательного глагола do**

he need not come - ему приходится не обязательно, он может и не приходиться

you needn't wait - вам можно и не ждать; можете не ждать

you needn't go so early, need you? - вам ведь не обязательно уходить так рано, правда?

must I go there? - No, you need not - мне нужно /обязательно/ туда идти? - Нет, это не обязательно

you needn't do it if you don't want to - не хотите делать - не нужно

he needn't have been in such a hurry - ему не к чему было так спешить

you need not trouble yourself - вам нечего (самому) беспокоиться; вам не стоит утруждать себя

need anybody know? - разве нельзя сделать так, чтобы никто не знал?, разве обязательно об этом кому-нибудь рассказывать?

he needn't be told - ему не обязательно об этом говорить, ему не обязательно нужно об этом знать [ср. I 2, 1])

we needn't have hurried - (оказалось, что) мы могли не торопиться [ср. I 2, 1])

I need hardly tell you that ... - вряд ли нужно говорить вам, что ...

I don't think that need be considered - я считаю, что мы не обязаны принимать это во внимание

need

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

need [need needs needed needing] verb, modal verb, noun BrE [niːd] NAmE

[niːd]

verb

1. to require sth/sb because they are essential or very important, not just because you would like to have them

- ~ **sth/sb** Do you need any help?
- It's here if you need it.
- Don't go— I might need you.
- They **badly needed** a change.
- Food aid is urgently needed.
- What do you need your own computer for? You can use ours.
- I don't need your comments, thank you.
- ~ **to do sth** I need to get some sleep.
- He needs to win this game to stay in the match.
- You don't need to leave yet, do you?
- This shirt needs to be washed.

• ~ **doing sth** This shirt needs washing.

2. ~ **to do sth** used to show what you should or have to do

- All you need to do is complete this form.
- I didn't need to go to the bank after all— Mary lent me the money.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	need
	BrE /niːd/
	NAmE /niːd/
he / she / it	needs
	BrE /niːdz/
	NAmE /niːdz/
past simple, past participle	needed
	BrE /niːdɪd/
	NAmE /niːdɪd/
-ing form	needing
	BrE /niːdɪŋ/
	NAmE /niːdɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English nēodian (verb), nēod, nēd (noun), of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **nood** and German **Not** 'danger'.

Thesaurus:

need verb T (not usually used in the progressive tenses)

- Babies need large amounts of love.

rely on/upon sb/sth • **call for sth** • **demand** • |especially spoken **want** • |formal **require** •

really need/call for/want/demand/require sth

just need/want/require sth

Grammar Point:

need

There are two separate verbs need.

Need as a main verb has the question form do you need?, the negative you don't need and the past forms needed, did you need? and didn't need. It has two meanings: 1. to require something or to think that something is necessary: ▪ Do you need any help? ◇

▪ I needed to get some sleep. 2. to have to or to be obliged to do sth: ▪ Will we need to show our passports?

Need as a modal verb has need for all forms of the present tense, need you? as the question form and need not (needn't) as the negative. The past is need have, needn't have. It is used to say that something is or is not necessary: ▪ Need I pay the whole amount now?

Example Bank:

- I just need some information.
- Research is urgently needed into the causes of this illness.
- She needed some money badly.
- These people may need 24-hour attention, but they do not necessarily need to be in hospital.
- You hardly need me to tell you that your father is still very frail and must not be upset.
- You may well need to look outside your preferred area to find affordable accommodation.
- Don't go— I might need you.
- I don't need your comments, thank you.
- It's here if you need it.
- You don't need to leave yet, do you?

Idioms: †if need be ▪ †need your head examined

modal verb (negative **need not**, short form **needn't** *BrE* ['ni:dnɪt^ɪ ; *NAmE* ['ni:dnɪt^ɪ]) used to state that sth is/was not necessary or that only very little is/was necessary; used to ask if sth is/was necessary

- ~ **(not) do sth** You needn't bother asking Rick— I know he's too busy.
- I **need hardly** tell you (= you must already know) that the work is dangerous.
- If she wants anything, she **need only** ask.
- **All you need** bring are sheets.
- ~ **(not) have done sth** You needn't have worried (= it was not necessary for you to worry, but you did) — it all turned out fine.
- **Need you** have paid so much?

Word Origin:

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Grammar Point:

modal verbs

The modal verbs are can, could, may, might, must, ought to, shall, should, will and would. Dare, need, have to and used to also share some of the features of modal verbs.

Modal verbs have only one form. They have no *-ing* or *-ed* forms and do not add *-s* to the 3rd person singular form: ▪ He can speak three languages. ◊▪ She will try and visit tomorrow.

Modal verbs are followed by the infinitive of another verb without *to*. The exceptions are *ought to* and *used to*: ▪ You must find a job. ◊▪ You ought to stop smoking. ◊▪ I used to smoke but I gave up two years ago.

Questions are formed without *do/does* in the present, or *did* in the past: ▪ Can I invite Mary? ◊▪ Should I have invited Mary?

Negative sentences are formed with *not* or the short form *-n't* and do not use *do/does* or *did*.

You will find more help with how to use modal verbs at the dictionary entries for each verb.

noun

1. singular, uncountable a situation when sth is necessary or must be done

- to **satisfy/meet/identify a need**
- ~ **(for sth)** There is an urgent need for qualified teachers.
- We will contact you again if the need arises.
- The house is **in need of** a thorough clean.
- ~ **(for sb/sth) to do sth** There is **no need** for you to get up early tomorrow.
- I **had no need to** open the letter— I knew what it would say.
- There's no need to cry (= stop crying).

2. countable, uncountable a strong feeling that you want sb/sth or must have sth

- to fulfil an emotional need
- She felt the need to talk to someone.
- I'm **in need of** some fresh air.
- She **had no more need of** me.
- It's difficult to express our needs and desires.

3. countable, usually plural the things that sb requires in order to live in a comfortable way or achieve what they want

- financial needs
- a programme to **suit** your individual **needs**
- to **meet** children's special educational **needs**

4. uncountable the state of not having enough food, money or support

Syn: †hardship

- The charity aims to provide assistance to people **in need**.
- He helped me in my **hour of need**.

see also †needy

more at a crying need (for sth) **at** †crying *adj.*, a friend in need (is a friend indeed) **at** †friend

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Thesaurus:

need noun

1. **sing., U**

- There is an urgent need for qualified teachers.

essential • • **necessity** • |**formal requirement** • • **want** •

a need/necessity/requirement **for** sth

basic needs/essentials/necessities/requirements

human/bodily needs/wants

have/meet/satisfy (sb's) needs/requirements/wants

2. **C, U**

- She felt the need to talk to someone.

urge • • **impulse** • • **temptation** • • **inclination** • • **want** • |**especially written wish** • • **desire** • • **compulsion** • |**often disapproving whim** •

a/an need/urge/inclination/wish/desire **for** sth

the need/urge/impulse/temptation/inclination/wish/desire/compulsion **to do** sth

have (a/an) need/urge/impulse/temptation/inclination/wants/wish/desire/compulsion

Need, urge or desire? A **need** or an **urge** is often a strong feeling that seems to come from the body rather than the mind: **an instinctive need/urge**. An **urge** may be very strong and you may want to try to control it. **Desire** describes a less strong feeling, although it can be combined with strong adjectives such as **great, burning**, etc.

3. **U**

- The charity provides help to people in need.

poverty • • **hardship** • • **deprivation** • • **destitution** • |**formal privation** •

in need/poverty/hardship/destitution

need/poverty/hardship/destitution **among...**

great need/poverty/hardship/deprivation/privation

Example Bank:

- £10 a day was enough to cover all his needs.
- A need exists to bridge the gap between theory and practice in nursing.
- Early intervention frequently eliminates the need for surgery.
- Energy for cooking is a basic human need.
- He's in constant need of treatment.
- I avoid the need to travel by plane.
- I felt the need to do something.
- I see no need to do anything hasty.
- I understand and support their need to make a living.
- Our staff will cater to your every need.
- Research is currently driven by the need to reduce pollution.
- Several governments have expressed the need for a cautious approach to the conflict.
- She stressed the need for cooperation with the authorities.
- The coaching is informal and tailored to individual needs.
- The government has denied the need for economic reform.
- The incident proved the need for a continuing military presence in the area.
- The room was sorely in need of a fresh coat of paint.
- The system can be switched to emergency power should the need arise.
- The war created a need for national unity.
- There is a great need for English language classes.
- There is a special need for well-trained teachers.
- There's no need to worry.
- These children are in dire need.
- We have now met most of the humanitarian needs of the refugees.
- We try to balance the needs of all our customers.
- a campaign to help children in need
- a crying need for skilled workers
- a law reflecting a need for better social conditions
- a new union set up to address the needs of seasonal labourers
- a school for children with special educational needs
- material needs of food and drink
- our common need for self-preservation
- the human need to order existence
- the need for change
- First we will assess your financial needs.
- He helped me in my hour of need.
- I'm in need of some fresh air.
- It can be difficult to express our needs and desires.

- The charity aims to provide assistance to people in need.
- Your role will be to support children with special educational needs.

need

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I. **need** ¹ **S1 W1** /niːd/ *BrE* ^{AmE} *verb*

[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑need, needs, the needy; **adjective**: ↑needless, ↑needy; **verb**: ↑need; **adverb**: ↑needlessly]

1. [**transitive not in progressive**] to have to have something or someone, because you cannot do something without them, or because you cannot continue or cannot exist without them **SYN require** :

- You don't really need a car.
- Plants need light in order to survive.
- The camcorder needs a new battery.
- Are you sure that you have everything you need?

need something for something

- I need glasses for reading.

need somebody to do something

- I need you to help me with the cooking.

need something desperately/badly/urgently

- More blood donors are urgently needed.

much needed/badly needed

- a much needed boost to the local economy

2. [**transitive not in progressive**] to feel that you want something very much:

- I need a drink.
- If you need anything, just say.

need to do something

- She needed to go out for a walk.

3. **need to do something** used when saying that someone should do something or has to do something:

- He needs to see a doctor straightaway.
- I need to catch up on my office work.
- You need to let me know by Monday if you want to take part.

4. [**modal**] *British English* used in negative sentences when saying that something is not necessary or not always true ⇒ **have to need not/needn't**

- You needn't stay long.
- Going to the dentist need not necessarily be a painful experience.

need not have done something/need not do something

- You needn't have spent all that money.
- I needn't have worried.

need I/we etc do something? British English old-fashioned.

- Need we leave so soon?

somebody need never do something

- Jim need never find out what I said.

5. [**transitive**] used when saying that something should have something done to it, or has to have something done to it **something needs doing**

- The house needed painting.
- Does this shirt need ironing?

something needs to be checked/cleaned/done etc

- The engine will need to be completely checked.
- The pie doesn't need to be refrigerated.

need a (good) wash/clean/cut etc (=ought to be washed, cleaned etc)

- His hair needs a wash.

6. [**transitive**] if a job needs a quality or skill, you must have that quality or skill in order to do it well:

- The job needs a lot of patience.
- Being a teacher needs a high level of motivation.

7. **I need hardly say/tell/remind etc British English** used when you think people should already know what you are going to say:

- I need hardly remind you that this information is confidential.

8. **you need only do something/all you need do is ... British English** used when saying that you only have to do something in order to do something else:

- We need only look at the building to see how much money it will take to repair.
- All we need do is threaten them.

9. **need I ask/need I say more/need I go on etc? British English** used to say that it is not necessary to ask or say more about something, because the rest is clear:

- She's lazy, slow, and stubborn. Need I say more?

10. **that's all I need/that's just what I didn't need spoken** used when saying that you did not want something to happen, especially when it seems annoying:

- 'There's a customer for you on the phone.' 'That's all I need!'

11. **need something like a hole in the head informal** used when saying that you definitely do not need something

12. **who needs it/them? spoken**

a) used to say you are not interested in something:

- Make-up, who needs it?

b) used to say that someone or something is actually very important to you:

"Kids? Who needs them!"

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GRAMMAR

Verb patterns

You can say that you **need to do** something:

▪ I need to clean (NOT I need clean) the house.

If someone else is going to do something for you, you can say that you **need** something **done**:

▪ I need my car fixed urgently.

When you are talking about the object that is going to have something done to it, you can say that it **needs cutting, cleaning etc** or **needs to be cut, cleaned etc**:

▪ My hair needs cutting.

▪ That box needs to be moved (NOT needs moved).

Negatives

You can say that you **don't need to do** something or **need not/needn't do** something:

▪ I don't need to leave (NOT don't need leave) until 10.

▪ You needn't apologize (NOT needn't to apologize).

Need not means that it is not necessary to do something. Do not use it to mean **must not** (=should not, or are not allowed to):

▪ You needn't take any money.

▪ You mustn't take any sharp objects on the plane.

If you say that someone **needn't have** done something, you mean that it was not necessary for them to do it although they did it anyway:

▪ We needn't have ordered so much food. Do not use it when something was not necessary and was not done. Use **didn't need to**:

▪ I didn't need to tell him who I was – he already knew.

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THESAURUS

- **need** if you need something, you must have it, because you cannot do something without it: I need your help. | The people desperately need food and clean water.
- **require formal** to need something: Children require a lot of attention. | The game requires great skill.
- **can't do without something** to be unable to do something without something: A lot of people can't do without their mobile phones.
- **could do with something/could use something informal** to need or want something: Shall we stop? I could do with a rest.
- **be desperate for something** to need something urgently: Liz was desperate for a cigarette. | The people are desperate for food.
- **be dependent on something/somebody** to be unable to live or continue normally without something or someone: The refugees are dependent on outside food supplies.
- **demand formal** if one thing demands another, it needs that thing in order to happen or be done successfully: The situation is urgent and demands immediate action.

II. need² S1 W1 BrE² AmE² noun

[Word Family: noun: ↑need, needs, the needy; adjective: ↑needless, ↑needy; verb: ↑need; adverb: ↑needlessly]

[Language: Old English; Origin: nied, ned]

1. [singular] a situation in which something is necessary, especially something that is not happening yet or is not yet available
need for

" There's a growing need for new housing in many rural areas.

a need to do something

" We fully recognize the need to improve communications.

2. [singular, uncountable] a strong feeling that you want something, want to do something, or that you must have something
need for

" the need for job satisfaction

feel the need (to do something)

" Jack did not feel the need to boast about his success.

" You're welcome to come back and talk any time, if ever you feel the need.

3. [countable usually plural] what someone needs to have in order to live a normal healthy comfortable life:

" She works to provide for her family's basic needs.

sb's needs

" Environmentalists argue that the organization fails to address the needs of third world farmers.

meet/satisfy a need (=provide something that people want or need)

" The charity exists to meet the needs of elderly people.

" Schools must satisfy the needs of their pupils.

" We have loans to meet your every need.

4. **there's no need (for somebody) to do something**

a) used to say that someone does not have to do something:

" There's no need for you to come if you don't want to.

" There's no need to feel sorry for him.

b) *spoken* used to tell someone to stop doing something:

" There's no need to shout!

5. **be in need of something**

a) to need help, advice, money etc, because you are in a difficult situation:

" This project is in urgent need of funding.

" He is homeless and in desperate need of help.

b) to need to be cleaned, repaired, or given attention in some way:

The church was in dire (=very great) need of repair.

6. **have no need of something** to not need something:

She believes him and has no need of further proof.

7. **[uncountable]** when you do not have enough food or money:

cases of severe need in the inner cities

in need

We must care for those in need.

8. **in your hour of need** when you are in trouble and need someone to help you:

How could she abandon her father now, in his hour of need?

9. **needs must (when the devil drives)** *British English* used to say that you must sometimes do things that you do not like doing:

It's not the most comfortable way to travel, but needs must.

⇒ **special needs**

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COLLOCATIONS

adjectives

- **a real/clear need** (=one that really exists) There is a real need for after-school care in our area.
- **an urgent need** (=one that must be dealt with quickly) The most urgent need was for more teachers.
- **a pressing/crying need** (=a very urgent need) There's a crying need for more doctors and nurses.
- **a desperate need** (=an extremely urgent need) There is a desperate need to build more housing.
- **a growing/increasing need** She emphasized the growing need to deal with environmental problems.

verbs

- **stress/emphasize/underline the need for something** (=say how important it is) He stressed the need for better training courses.
- **eliminate the need for something** (also **obviate the need for something formal**) (=make something unnecessary) The new drug treatment eliminates the need for surgery.
- **a need exists** New teaching materials must be created if a need exists for them.

phrases

- **there is a need for something** Clearly there is a need for more research.
- **there is no need for something** They felt that there was no need for a formal contract.
- **as/if/when the need arises** (=if or when something becomes necessary) Team members move from job to job as the need arises.
- **if need be** (=if it is necessary) I can work during my lunch break if need be.

need

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