

thanks**thanks** exclamation, noun *BrE* [θæŋks] ¹ *NAmE* [θæŋks] ²

exclamation

see also ↑thank you

- used to show that you are grateful to sb for sth they have done
 - ~ **(for doing sth)** Thanks for lending me the money.
 - ~ **(for sth)** **Many thanks** for your support.
 - 'How are you?' 'Fine, thanks (= thanks for asking) .'
- a polite way of accepting sth that sb has offered you
 - 'Would you like a coffee?' 'Oh, thanks.'
 - 'Here's the change.' ' **Thanks very much** .'
 - 'Do you want to come with us?' 'I'd love to, thanks.'
- no thanks** a polite way of refusing sth that sb has offered you
 - 'Would you like some more?' 'No thanks.'

Word Origin:Old English thancas, plural of thanc '(kindly) thought, gratitude', of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **dank** and German **Dank**, also to ↑think.Idioms: ↑no thanks to somebody ▪ ↑thanks a lot ▪ ↑thanks to somebody**noun plural ~ (to sb) (for sth)**

words or actions that show that you are grateful to sb for sth

Syn: ↑gratitude

- How can I ever express my thanks to you for all you've done?
- Thanks are due to all those who worked so hard for so many months.
- She murmured her thanks.
- We gave thanks to God for all our blessings.

see also ↑vote of thanksWord Origin:[**thanks**] Old English thancas, plural of thanc '(kindly) thought, gratitude', of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **dank** and German **Dank**, also to ↑think.Example Bank:

- He gave thanks to God for the safe return of his son.
- He got a bottle of whisky in thanks for his cooperation.
- I owe you my thanks.
- I said thanks and put the phone down.
- I'd like to say a word of thanks to our hosts.
- Many thanks for the flowers.
- Please accept my personal thanks.
- She smiled her thanks as the car drove off.
- Special thanks to all of you who supported our fund-raising campaign.
- Thanks go to Claire Potter for making the hall available to us.
- The chairperson proposed a vote of thanks to the volunteers.
- Their generosity deserves our grateful thanks.
- We were all pulled out alive, thanks be to God.
- We would like to express our warmest thanks for all you've done.
- You'll get little thanks from him for all your trouble.
- How can I ever express my thanks to you for all you've done?

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I. thanks¹ **S1** /θæŋks/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ³ **interjection informal**

- used to tell someone that you are grateful for something they have given you or done for you **SYN** thank you:

¹ 'Pass the salt, please ... thanks.'

thanks for

² Thanks a lot for the drink.

³ Thanks very much for your help.

⁴ Many thanks for the lovely flowers.

thanks for doing something

⁵ I'd love to go to the party. Thanks for asking me.

- used as a polite way of accepting something that someone has offered you:

¹ 'Do you want another cup of coffee?' 'Oh, thanks.'

- spoken** used when politely answering someone's question:

² 'Hi, Bill, how are you?' 'Fine, thanks.'

- no thanks** used to say politely that you do not want something:

³ 'How about some cake?' 'Oh, no thanks, I'm on a diet.'

- thanks a lot** (also **thanks a bunch** *American English spoken*) used when really you are annoyed about something and you do

not mean 'thank you' at all

II. **thanks**² **W3** *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [plural]

[Word Family: *noun*: ↑thanks, ↑thankfulness; *adjective*: ↑thankful, ↑thankless; *verb*: ↑thank; *adverb*: ↑thankfully]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Plural of thank 'gratefulness' (11-17 centuries), from Old English thanc 'thought, gratefulness']

1. the things you say or do to show that you are grateful to someone:

Joe got up and left without a word of thanks.

thanks to

My thanks to all of you for your help.

2. **thanks to somebody/something** *informal* because of someone or something:

We've reached our goal of \$50,000, thanks to the generosity of the public.

Some ski resorts opened early, thanks to a late-October snowstorm.

▶ Do not say 'thank to someone/something'.

3. **no thanks to somebody/something** *spoken* an expression meaning 'in spite of', used when someone should have helped you but did not:

It was no thanks to you that we managed to win the game.

⇒ ↑vote of thanks

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COLLOCATIONS

verbs

- **express your thanks** (=say that you are grateful) I would like to express my thanks to you for all your support.
- **offer/extend your thanks to somebody** (=thank someone publicly) We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the medical staff at Broadgreen Hospital.
- **give thanks** (=thank God) Let us give thanks for the beauty of the world.
- **thanks go to somebody** Above all, our thanks go to Barbara Lambourne.

adjectives

- **grateful thanks** Our grateful thanks go to everyone who took part in the event.
- **sincere/heartfelt thanks** Please accept my most sincere thanks for all your help.
- **special thanks** Special thanks are due to John Bryden for his advice.

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