

**burden**

I

1. ['bʊ:dn] *n*

- 1) ноша; тяжесть; груз
- 2) *мор.* грузоподъёмность; регистровый тоннаж
- 3) вес партии материала
- 4) *физ.* вторичная нагрузка (*измерительного трансформатора*)

## 2. бремя

burden of taxation - налоговое бремя

the burden of (the) years - бремя лет

burden of armaments - бремя вооружений

burden of proof - *юр.* бремя /обязанности/ доказывания (*в процессе*)

to be a burden to smb. - быть кому-л. в тягость

to make smb.'s life a burden - портить кому-л. жизнь

the debt burden of the developing countries is enormous - долговые обязательства развивающихся стран огромны

3. *горн.*

- 1) наносы, покрывающие породы
- 2) отношение пустой породы к полезному ископаемому

2. ['bʊ:dn] *v*

1. нагружать
  2. обременять, отягощать
- to burden one's memory with useless facts - обременять память ненужными фактами  
to burden with tasks [expenses, taxation] - обременять заданиями [расходами, налогами]

II

['bʊ:dn] *n*

1. тема; суть, основная мысль  
this was the burden of his remarks - в этом была суть его замечаний
2. 1) припев, рефрен
- 2) *усм.* аккомпанемент

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**bur-den** [burden burdens burdened burdening] **noun, verb** BrE ['bʊɹdn̩]

NAme ['bʊɹdn̩]

**noun**1. **the ~ (of sth) | a ~ (on/to sb)** a duty, responsibility, etc. that causes worry, difficulty or hard work

- to **bear/carry/ease/reduce/share the burden**
- The main burden of caring for old people falls on the state.
- the heavy tax burden on working people
- I don't want to become a burden to my children when I 'roid.

## 2. (formal) a heavy load that is difficult to carry

**see also** ↑beast of burdenWord Origin:

Old English byrthen, of West Germanic origin; related to the verb ↑bear.

Example Bank:

- He was beginning to feel a burden to his family.
- His illness placed an intolerable burden on his family.
- I need to share my burden with someone.
- Reducing taxes would ease the financial burden on families.
- She carried a huge burden of guilt for what she had done.
- She felt she was a burden to her parents.
- She had to shoulder the burden of childcare.
- The administrative burden must be lifted from local government
- The burden of proof falls on the prosecution: the accused is presumed innocent until proved guilty.
- The economic burden falls mainly on businesses.
- The manager carries the greatest burden of responsibility.
- The need to protect the nation places a heavy burden on the shoulders of state leaders.
- The war was a huge burden on the economy.
- The women carried their burdens on their backs.
- a burden for the whole family
- easing the financial burden on families
- plans to shift the burden of taxation onto larger companies
- the burden of high taxation
- How can we reduce the heavy tax burden on working people?
- I don't want to become a burden to my children when I 'roid.
- I t'sny job to ease the burden in any way I can.
- She shifted her burden from one arm to the other.
- The donkey was the traditional beast of burden.

- Their backs were bent under their burdens.

## verb

1. ~ **sb/yourself (with sth)** to give sb a duty, responsibility, etc. that causes worry, difficulty or hard work

- They have burdened themselves with a high mortgage.
- I don't want to burden you with my worries.
- to be burdened by high taxation

**Opp:** ↑unburden

2. **be burdened with sth** to be carrying sth heavy

- She got off the bus, burdened with two heavy suitcases.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	burden
	BrE / 'bɜːdn/
	NA mE / 'bɜːrdn/
he / she / it	burdens
	BrE / 'bɜːdnz/
	NA mE / 'bɜːrdnz/
past simple, past participle	burdened
	BrE / 'bɜːdnɪd/
	NA mE / 'bɜːrdnɪd/
-ing form	burdening
	BrE / 'bɜːdnɪŋ/
	NA mE / 'bɜːrdnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English byrthen, of West Germanic origin; related to the verb ↑bear.

Example Bank:

- I don't want to burden you with my worries.
- They have burdened themselves with a large mortgage.

## burden

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I. **burden** <sup>1</sup> /'bɜːdn/ BrE <sup>2</sup> 'bɜːrdn AmE <sup>3</sup> *noun*

[Language: Old English; Origin: byrthen]

1. [countable] something difficult or worrying that you are responsible for:

His family responsibilities had started to become a burden.

**burden of**

The burden of taxation has risen considerably.

**burden on**

I don't like being a burden on other people.

**bear/carry the burden**

If things go wrong he will bear the burden of guilt.

**the tax/financial/debt burden**

2. **the burden of proof** /law the duty to prove that something is true

3. [countable] something that is carried **SYN load**

⇒ ↑beast of burden

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ verbs

- **bear/carry/shoulder the burden** (=be responsible for something) At the age of 16, Suzy bore the burden of providing for her family.
- **place/put a burden on somebody** This situation places the main burden of family care on women.
- **share the burden** I was glad my brother was there to share the burden.
- **ease/reduce/lighten the burden** Smaller classes would ease the burden for teachers.
- **shift the burden** (=change who carries it) The tax shifts the burden towards the rich.
- **a burden falls on somebody** The tax burden falls most heavily upon the poorest people.
- **lift the burden from somebody's shoulders** I'll deal with all the practical problems, that will lift the burden from your shoulders.

### ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + burden

- **a heavy/great burden** Caring for elderly relatives can be a heavy burden.
- **a financial burden** the financial burden of a large mortgage
- **a tax burden** These changes will ease the tax burden for small businesses.
- **a debt burden** He made a serious attempt ease the country's debt burden.
- **an intolerable burden** (=very hard to bear) Too many exams can place an intolerable burden on young people.
- **an unfair/undue burden** The new legislation put an unfair burden on employers.

### ■ phrases

- **the burden of responsibility** He felt unable to cope with the burden of responsibility.
- **the burden of taxation** The burden of taxation falls more heavily on the poor.

ii. **burden**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> *verb*

1. **be burdened with/by something** to have a lot of problems because of a particular thing:

▪ a company burdened with debt ⇒ ↑unburden

2. **be burdened with something** to be carrying something heavy

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Frequency Pack

12500 **2763**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **2238**<sup>COCA</sup>

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burden <sup>10982</sup>

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burdening <sup>123</sup>

burdens <sup>1986</sup>

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unburden <sup>71</sup>

unburdening <sup>28</sup>

unburdens <sup>6</sup>

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