let I

1. [let] *n*

1) сдача внаём

to get a let for one's house - сдать дом внаём

2) сдающееся внаём помещение

3) разг. наниматель

they can't get a let for their flat - они никак не найдут кому бы сдать свою квартиру

2. [let] v (let)

1. 1) пускать

to let blood - пускать кровь

they fought until their blood was all let - они сражались до последней капли крови

2) (into) впускать

to let smb. into the waiting room - впустить кого-л. в приёмную

to let smb. into a club - принять кого-л. в клуб

to let a piece of lace into a dress - сделать в платье кружевную вставку

to let smb. into a secret - посвятить кого-л. в тайну

3) (out of, from) выпускать

to let smb. out of a room - выпустить кого-л. из комнаты

- to let the water out of the bathtub выпустить воду из ванны, спустить ванну
- to let the water from the pond спускать воду из пруда

4) пропускать

to let smb. through a door - пропустить кого-л. в дверь

let them through! - пропустите их!

let me by, please I - дайте, пожалуйста, дорогу!, пропустите, пожалуйста!

5) (at) шотл. стрелять выпускать заряд или стрелу (в кого-л)

2. 1) сдавать внаём, в аренду

to let land [a farm] - сдавать в аренду землю [ферму] to let the second floor for three months - сдать третий этаж на три месяца

2) сдаваться внаём, в аренду

to let - сдаётся (внаём) (*надпись*)

how much does the house let for? - за сколько сдаётся дом?, какая арендная плата за дом? the house is to let - дом сдаётся

3. эк. выдавать заказ на поставку, строительство и т. п. (фирме, предложившей наилучшие условия)

to let a contract - заключить контракт (*государства с фирмой и т. п.*)

to let the construction job to a new firm - после торгов поручить строительствоновой фирме $II \, B$

1. 1) to let smb. do smth. разрешить, позволить кому-л. (сделать) что-л.

will you let me smoke? - можно /позвольте/ закурить?

they will not let me pass - они меня не пропустят

she wanted to stay but her father wouldn't let her - она хотела остаться, но отецей не разрешил

he neverlets himself be pushed around - он не позволяет помыкать собой

I was let to see him - мне дали возможность увидеть его

live and let live - живи и давай жить другим

2) to let smth. do smth. допустить, позволить, чтобы что-л произошло

don't let the fire go out - поддерживайте огонь, не дайте огню погаснуть shall we let the matter drop? - может быть, лучше об этом не говорить?; может быть, оставим эту тему? to let the rope run free - стравливать верёвку (*альпинизм*) [*ср. тж.* 3]

2. to let smb. know /hear, etc/ smth. дать знать, сообщить кому-л. что-л; (по)ставить кого-л. в известность о чём-л.; дать кому-л. возможность убедиться в чём-л., увидеть, услышать что-л и т. п.

did he let you know what had happened? - он сообщил вам о случившемся?

to let smb. see smth. - показать кому-л. что-л; дать кому-л. возможность убедиться в чём-л.

let him see that he is wrong - пусть он сам увидит /убедится/, что он неправ

3. to let drop / fall, slip, etc / smth. выпустить, выронить, уронить, обронить, бросить что-л

to let fall the curtain - опустить занавес

to let fall a word - обронить (неосторожное) слово

to let drop a hint - бросить /сделать/ намёк

to let slip smth. - упустить что-л

- to let slip an opportunity [a chance, an occasion] упустить случай [шанс, возможность]
- to let fall a perpendicular on a line мат. опустить перпендикуляр на прямую
- to let run мор. травить, раздёргивать [ср. тж. 1, 2)]
- to let fly smth. бросить, швырнуть, выпустить что-л
- to let fly a stone at a dog запустить /бросить, пустить/ камнем в собаку
- to let fly a torrent of abuse разразиться бранью /потоком проклятий
- to let drive бросить что-л в кого-л.; замахнуться
- he let drive with his left fist он замахнулся левым кулаком
- he let drive at me with a stone он швырнул в меня камнем

как вспомогательный глагол в повелительном наклонении означает
1) приказание или разрешение и т. п. пусть
let him come in - пусть войдёт; впустите его
let him get down to it at once - пусть он сейчас же принимается за дело
let me see - where did I put my gloves? - постойте, куда же я дел /положил/ перчатки?
let me carry your bag - давайте я понесу вам чемодан
2) долженствование надо; пусть
let it be done - это нужно сделать
let not the reader be frightened - читательне должен пугаться; пусть читательне пугается
let it be known that да будет известно, что
3) приглашение к совместному действию давай(те)
let you and me try - давайте попробуем
let's have a bite, shall we? - (может быть) закусим?; не закусить ли нам?
don't let us quarrel - давай не будем ссориться
4) предположение допустим, предположим, пусть; готов согласиться
let AB be equal to CD - <i>мат.</i> допустим, что /пусть/ АВ равняется CD
5) угрозу пусть только
let him try! - пусть только попробует
to let go - a) выпустить, отпустить; let go of my sleeve - не тяните (меня) за рукав!; let go your hold! - (от)пустите; to let go an
anchor - отдавать якорь; oh, let it go! - бросьте, не стоит думать об этом!; to let go a missile - выпустить снаряд; б) терять
сцепление (<i>гимнастика</i>); в) пускать (<i>машину</i>)
to let oneself go - a) дать волю себе /своим чувствам/; б) разойтись, вести себя раскованно <i>или</i> слишком вольно; в)
запустить себя, не следить за собой (в отношении внешности, одежды и т. п.)
let me [him] be, let me [him] alone - оставьте меня [его] в покое, не трогайте меня [его]
you may well let it alone, you may well enough let it alone - <i>амер.</i> можете не беспокоиться, тут всё в порядке let him alone to do it - он с этим справится, это ему под силу [<i>см. тж</i> . let alone]
let it pass - не обращайте на это внимания
let the incident pass - забудьте об этом (инциденте), не стоит обращать на это внимание
to let the cat out of the bag <i>cm</i> . cat I \diamond
let it all hang out - будем говорить откровенно, будем действовать в открытую
I [lot] n
1. [let] <i>n</i>

1. спорт. незасчитанная подача (в теннисе и т. п.); незасчитанное очко

let! - «не считается!» (о подаче, теннис)

2. арх. помеха, препятствие

⊘ without let or hindrance - без помех, беспрепятственно

2. [let] *v* (*letted* [-{let}ıd], *let*) *арх.* мешать, препятствовать, служить помехой

let

II

let [let lets letting] verb, noun *BrE* [let] *NAmE* [let] *NAmE* [let] *NAmE* [let]

ALLOW

1. no passive to allow sb to do sth or sth to happen without trying to stop it

- ~ sb/sth do sth Let them splash around in the pool for a while.
- Don't let her upset you.
- Let your body relax.
- ~ sb/sth He'd eat chocolate all day long if I let him.

2. to give sb permission to do sth

- ~ sb/sth do sth They won't let him leave the country.
- ~ sb/sth She wanted to lend me some money but I wouldn't let her.

3. ~ sb/sth + adv./prep. to allow sb/sth to go somewhere

- to let sb into the house
- I'll give you a key so that you can let yourself in.
- · Please let me past.
- The cat wants to be let out.

MAKING SUGGESTIONS

4. let's no passive ~ (do sth) used for making suggestions

- Let's go to the beach.
- Let's not tell her what we did.
- (\mbox{BrE}) Don't let's tell her what we did.
- I don't think we'll make it, but let's try anyway.
- 'Shall we check it again?' 'Yes, let's.'

OFFERING HELP

5. no passive ~ sb/sth do sth used for offering help to sb

• Here, let me do it.

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• Let us get those boxes down for you.

MAKING REQUESTS

- 6. no passive ~ sb/sth do sth used for making requests or giving instructions
- Let me have your report by Friday.

CHALLENGING

- 7. no passive ~ sb/sth do sth used to show that you are not afraid or worried about sb doing sth
- If he thinks he can cheat me, just let him try!

WISHING

- 8. no passive ~ sb/sth do sth (literary) used to express a strong wish for sth to happen
- · Let her come home safely!

INTRODUCING STH

9. no passive ~ sb/sth do sth used to introduce what you are going to say or do

- Let me give you an example.
- Let me just finish this and then I'll come.

IN CALCULATING

10. no passive ~ sb/sth do sth (technical) used to say that you are supposing sth to be true when you calculate sth

• Let line AB be equal to line CD.

HOUSE/ROOM

11. ~ sth (out) (to sb) (especially BrE) to allow sb to use a house, room, etc. in return for regular payments

- · I let the spare room.
- They decided to let out the smaller offices at low rents.

Rem: Most idioms containing let are at the entries for the nouns and adjectives in the idioms, for example let alone is at alone.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	let
	BrE //et/
	NAmE /let/
he / she /it	lets
	BrE //ets/
	NAmE /lets/
past simple	let
	BrE //et/
	NAmE /let/
-ing form	letting
	BrE / 'letin/
	NAmE / letin/

Word Origin:

v. and n. sense 2 Old English Iæ tan 'leave behind, leave out' Germanic Dutch laten German lassen ¹late n. sense 1 and

Old English lettan 'hinder' Germanic Dutch letten [†]late

Thesaurus:

let verb T

• They won't let him leave the country.

allow •• entitle •• authorize •• license •• grant • |informal OK/okay • |formal permit •• sanction •• empower • Opp: prevent Opp: forbid

allow/entitle/authorize/license/permit/empower sb to do sth

let sb do sth

let/allow/permit yourself sth/(to) do sth

British/American:

rent / hire / let Verbs

You can hire something for a short period of time (*BrE* only), but rent something for a longer period: • We can hire bikes for a day to explore the town. \diamond We don't own our TV, we rent it.

In NAmE, rent is always used. It is sometimes now used in BrE instead of hire, too.

The owners of a thing can hire it out for a short period (*BrE*): = Do you hire out bikes? Or they can rent (out)/let (out) a building, etc: = We rent out rooms in our house to students.

Outside a building you could see: ■ To let (*BrE*) ⁽⁾ = For rent (*especially NAmE*).

To hire can also mean to employ somebody, especially in NAmE: We hired a new secretary.

see also [†]lease = v. Nouns

The amount of money that you pay to rent something is **rent** or **rental** (more formal). When you hire something you pay a **hire charge** (BrE). On a sign outside a shop you might see: = Bikes for hire (BrE).

see also *flet*, *flease*, *fhire* = n.

Collocations: Moving house Renting live in a rented/(especially NAmE) rental property rent/share/move into a furnished house/(BrE) flat/(especially NAmE) apartment rent a studio/(BrE) a studio flat/(especially NAmE) a studio apartment/(BrE) a bedsit find/get a housemate/(BrE) a flatmate/(NAmE) a roommate sign/break the lease/rental agreement/contract extend /renew /terminate the lease/(BrE) tenancy afford/pay the rent/the bills/(NAmE) the utilities (especially BrE) fall behind with/ (especially NAmE) fall behind on the rent pay/lose/return a damage deposit/(NAmE) security deposit give/receive a month's/two-weeks' notice to leave/vacate the property Being a landlord have a flat/apartment/room (BrE) to let/(especially NAmE) for rent rent (out)/lease (out)/ (BrE) let (out)/sublet a flat/apartment/house/property collect/increase/raise the rent evict the existing tenants attract/find new/prospective tenants invest in rental property/(BrE) property to let/(BrE) the buy-to-let market Buying buy/acquire /purchase a house/(a) property/(especially NAmE) (a piece of) prime real estate call/contact/use (BrE) an estate agent/(NAmE) a Realtor™/(NAmE) a real estate agent/broker make/ (BrE) put in an offer on a house put down/save for (BrE) a deposit on a house make/put/save for (especially NAmE) a down payment on a house/home apply for/arrange /take out a mortgage/home loan (struggle to) pay the mortgage make/meet/keep up/cover the monthly mortgage payments/(BrE also) repayments (BrE) repossess (especially NAmE) foreclose on sb's home/house Selling put your house/property on the market/up for sale/up for auction increase/lower your price/the asking price have /hold/hand over the deed/(especially BrE) deeds of/to the house, land, etc. Example Bank: • Don't let it upset you. · I wanted to drive but she wouldn't let me. • I'll give you a key so you can let yourself in. · Let me help you with your luggage. They neverlet the children play outside. • They won't let him leave the country.

<u>Idioms:</u> †let fall something = †let go = †let it go = †let me see = †let somebody go = †let somebody have it = †let something go = †let us say = †let yourself go = †without let or hindrance

<u>Derived</u> [†]let on = [†]let somebody down = [†]let somebody in for something = [†]let somebody in on something = [†]let somebody off = [†]let somebody off something = [†]let somebody out = [†]let something down = [†]let something into something = [†]let something off = [†]let something out = [†]let up

noun

IN TENNIS

1. a [†]serve that lands in the correct part of the [†]court but must be taken again because it has touched the top of the net

HOUSE/ROOM

2. (BrE) an act of renting a home, etc
a long-term/short-term let
Rem: or

Word Origin:

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[Language: Old English; Origin: lætan]

1. ALLOW [transitive not in passive] to allow someone to do something ⇒ permit:

I can't come out tonight – my dad won't let me.

let somebody do something

- Let Johnny have a go on the computer now.
- Some people seem to let their kids do whatever they like.
- ^{*} Let me have a look at that letter.

let somebody have something (=give something to someone)

I can let you have another £10, but no more.

▶ Do not say 'be let to do something', because let has no passive form. Use the active form, or use be allowed : They let me leave. | I was allowed to leave.

REGISTER

In written English, people often prefer to use **allow somebody to do something** rather than **let somebody do something**, as it is slightly more formal:

• We must allow young people to develop independence.

2. NOT STOP SOMETHING HAPPENING [transitive not usually in passive] to not stop something happening, or to make it possible for it to happen

let somebody/something do something

- Jenny let the note fall to the ground.
- Don't let anyone know it was me who told you.
- Max let the door swing open.
- Let the cookies cool down before you try them.

let yourself be beaten/persuaded/fooled etc

I stupidly let myself be persuaded to take part in a live debate.

3. let go

a) to stop holding something or someone:

Let go! You're hurting me.

let go of

The guard let go of the lead, and the dog lunged forward.

- **b)** to accept that you cannot change something and stop thinking or worrying about it:
- Sometimes you just have to learn to let go.

4. let somebody go

a) to allow someone to leave a place where they have been kept SYN release :

- The police had to let him go through lack of evidence.
- The hijackers were persuaded to let some hostages go.

b) to make someone leave their job – used in order to avoid saying this directly:

I'm afraid we had to let several of our staff go.

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SPOKEN PHRASES

SUGGEST/OFFER [transitive not in passive] used to make a suggestion or to offer help let's do something

- Let's make a start, shall we?
- Let's all get together over Christmas.
- Let's not jump to conclusions he might have been delayed.

let somebody do something

- Let me help you with those bags.
- Let me give you a piece of advice.

let's hope (that)

Let's hope he got your message in time.

don't let's do something British English informal:

Don't let's argue like this.

- 6. let's see (also let me see) used when you are thinking about or trying to remember something:
 - Today's date is let me see, March 20th.
 - Now, let's see, where did I put your application form?
- 7. let me think used to say that you need time to think about or remember something:
 - What was his name, now? Let me think.
- 8. let him/her/them etc used to say that you do not care if someone does something they are threatening to do: 'She says she's going to sell her story to the newspapers!' 'Well, let her!'
- 9. let's face it/let's be honest used to say that someone must accept an unpleasant fact or situation: Let's face it, no one's going to lend us any money.
- 10. let's just say (that) used to say that you are not going to give someone all the details about something:
- " 'So who did it?' 'Let's just say it wasn't anyone in this family.'

11. let yourself go

- a) to relax completely and enjoy yourself:
 - For goodness sake, Peter, why don't you just let yourself go for once?
- b) to stop looking after yourself properly, for example by not caring about your appearance:
- Poor Dad. He's really let himself go since Mum died.

12. let something go

- a) to not punish or criticize someone for something they have done wrong:
 - OK, I'll let it go this time.

- **b)** to stop worrying or thinking too much about something:
 - It's time to let the past go.
- c) informal to sell something for a particular amount
- let something go for £20/\$200 etc

I couldn't let it go for less than £300.

- 13. WISH [transitive not in passive] used to say that you wish or hope that something happens, or does not happen
- (not) let somebody/something do something

Don't let him be the one who died, she prayed.

14. **Let alone** used after a negative statement to say that the next thing you mention is even more unlikely:

The baby can't even sit up yet, let alone walk!

- 15. let something drop/rest/lie to stop talking about or trying to deal with something:
 - It seems the press are not going to let the matter rest.
- **16. Iet slip** to accidentally tell someone something that should have been kept secret

let slip that

- Liz let slip that she'd seen him quite recently.
- **17**. **RENT** [transitive] *especially British English* to charge someone an amount of money for the use of a room or building **SYN lease** ⇒ **hire**, **rent**:

Interhome has over 20,000 houses to let across Europe.

let something to somebody

l'velet my spare room to a student.

let somebody something

Would you consider letting me the garage for a few months?

let something out to somebody

We let the smaller studios out to local artists.

To Let written (=written on a sign outside a building to show that it is available for renting)

18. MATHEMATICS let something be/equal/represent something *technical* used in mathematics to mean that you give something a particular measurement or value in order to make a calculation:

Let angle A equal the sum of the two opposite sides.

- 19. let yourself in for something informal to do something that will cause you a lot of trouble:
 - I don't think Carol realizes what she's letting herself in for.

20. **never let a day/week/year etc go by without doing something** used to say that someone does a particular thing very regularly:

They neverseem to let a year go by without introducing a new version of their software.

21. let the good times roll informal used to say that it is time for people to start having fun

22. let somebody have it informal to attack someone

 \Rightarrow let fly (something) at [†]fly¹(17), \Rightarrow let it all hang out at [†]hang out(3), \Rightarrow live and let live at [†]live¹(21), \Rightarrow let it/her rip at [†]rip¹(5), \Rightarrow let rip at [†]rip¹(4)

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THESAURUS

- allow to say that someone can do something – used about parents, teachers, or people in authority: They don't allow students to chew gum in the classroom. | I'm not allowed to stay out after ten o'clock.

let [not in passive] to allow someone to do something. Let is not used in the passive, and is much more commonly used in everyday English than allow: Will your Mum let you come to the party? | I'll borrow John's bicycle, if he'll let me.
permit *formal* if something is permitted, it is allowed according to the rules - used especially on written notices and

announcements: Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the building.

• give somebody permission used when someone in an important official position decides to allow someone to do something: He was given special permission to leave school early. | The Home Office has given him permission to stay in Britain indefinitely.

• give your consent to say that you will allow someone to do something that will affect you personally, or a member of your family, when you have a legal right to say 'no': Her parents have given their consent to the marriage. | You can't build on someone's land without the owner's consent.

• give something the go-ahead to officially allow a planned project or activity to happen: The government finally gave the go-ahead for a new terminal at Heathrow airport. | A new nuclear plant has been given the go-ahead.

• authorize to officially or legally allow someone to do something - used about laws or people: The UN resolution would authorize the use of force. | I never authorized them to give information about me to other banks.

• entitle to give someone the right to do or have something: The pass entitles you to travel on any bus, at any time, in Norwich. | If the goods are faulty, the customer is entitled to a refund.

 sanction formal to give official approval and support for something: The Truman administration refused to sanction a military attack. | The advertisements were sanctioned by the candidate himself.

let somebody/something ↔ down phrasal verb

- 1. to not do something that someone trusts or expects you to do:
- She had been let down badly in the past.
- The worst feeling is having let our fans down.
- let the side down British English (=disappoint a group of people that you belong to)

2. to make someone or something less successful or effective:

- McKenzie's judgement rarely lets him down.
- 3. to move something or someone to a lower position:
- Let down a rope so that I can climb up.
- Carefully, she let herself down into the water.

4. let your hair down informal to relax and enjoy yourself, especially after working hard:

- Visitors young and old let their hair down and enjoyed the show.
- 5. let your guard/defences down to relax and stop worrying about what might happen or what someone might find out about you: Maggie never really lets her guard down, does she?
- 6. let somebody down lightly/gently to give someone bad news in a way that will not upset them too much: I get asked out on dates quite often, but I always try to let the guy down gently.
- 7. *British English* to allow the air to escape from something so that it loses its shape and becomes flat: Someone's let my tyres down!
- 8. to make a piece of clothing longer by unfolding a folded edge OPP take up
- let somebody in on something phrasal verb
- to tell something that is secret or only known by a few people:
 - TV chef Raymond Blanc lets us in on the secrets of his kitchen.
- " Would someone mind letting me in on the joke?

let somebody/something into something phrasal verb

- **1**. to tell someone something that is secret or private:
- It was time to let the rest of the family into the secret.
- 2. [usually passive] *technical* to put something such as a window or a decoration into a wall:
- " Two large windows were let into the wall each side of the door.
- let somebody/something off phrasal verb

1. to not punish someone:

- I'll let you off this time, but don't do it again.
- let somebody/something off with

After checking our identities, the customs men let us off with a warning.

- let somebody off the hook (=allow someone to escape punishment or criticism)
 - He'd decided to make Sandra wait before letting her off the hook.
- let somebody off lightly/easily (=give someone a less serious punishment than they deserve)
 - I think young criminals are let off far too lightly.
- 2. let somebody off (something) if someone in authority lets you off something you should do, they give you permission not to do
- it:
 - You've worked hard all week, so I'll let you off today.
- 3. let something ↔ off to make something explode:
 - One boy had let off a firework in class.
- \Rightarrow let/blow off steam at \uparrow steam ¹(4)

let on phrasal verb informal

to tell someone something, especially something you have been keeping secret

let on (that)

- Don't let on that I told you.
- let on who/why/how etc
 - We neverdid let on how we found out.
 - I'm sure he knows more than he's letting on.

let out phrasal verb

1. let out something to suddenly make a loud sound such as a shout or cry

let out a scream/cry/roar etc

- He let out a cry of disbelief.
- 2. let something ↔out to make a piece of clothing wider or looser, especially because it is too tight
- 3. let something ↔ out British English to charge someone an amount of money for the use of a room or building:
- " We're letting out our son's old room to a student.
- 4. American English if a school, college, film etc lets out, it ends and the people attending it can leave:

What time does the movie let out? ⇒ let the cat out of the bag at [†]cat(2)

let up phrasal verb

1. to become less severe or harmful:

- The wind had dropped and the rain gradually let up.
- 2. to be less severe, unkind, or violent towards someone:
 - Even when the crowd had scattered, the police didn't let up.

3. to stop working as hard as you were:

You're doing really well, but you can't afford to let up now.

II. let² BrE AmE noun

1. [countable] British English an arrangement in which a house or flat is rented to someone:

- An agency is managing the let.
- a long-term let

2. without let or hindrance law happening freely without being prevented in any way

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