

flee

1. бежать, убежать, спастись бегством

to flee the country - бежать из страны
 the enemy fled in disorder - враг бежал в беспорядке
 the clouds fled before the wind - ветер гнал облака

2. избегать, сторониться

to flee the society of men - избегать общества людей
 to flee from temptation - бежать от искушения

3. *мк. past* и *р. р.* пролететь, промелькнуть

life had fled - жизнь пролетела

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flee [flee flees fled fleeing] BrE [ˈfliː] NAmE [ˈfliː] verb (fled, fled BrE [fled]

; NAmE [fled]) intransitive, transitive, no passive

to leave a person or place very quickly, especially because you are afraid of possible danger

- She burst into tears and fled.
- ~ **from sb/sth** a camp for refugees fleeing from the war
- ~ **to.../into...** He fled to London after an argument with his family.
- ~ **sth** He was caught trying to flee the country.
- The driver had already fled the scene of the accident.

compare ↑fly v. (12)

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	flee
	BrE /ˈfliː/
	NAmE /ˈfliː/
he / she / it	flees
	BrE /ˈfliːz/
	NAmE /ˈfliːz/
past simple, past participle	fled
	BrE /ˈfled/
	NAmE /ˈfled/
-ing form	fleeing
	BrE /ˈfliːɪŋ/
	NAmE /ˈfliːɪŋ/

Word Origin:Old English flēon, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **vlieden** and German **fliehen**.Thesaurus:**flee** verb I, T

• Refugees fled from the city.

bolt • • **make off** • |especially BrE **run off** • |especially spoken **run away** • • **run for it** • |informal **take off** •flee/bolt/run away **from** sb/sthflee/bolt/run off/run away **to** sthflee/bolt/make off/run off/run away/take off **down/into** sthExample Bank:

- She dropped the phone and fled from the office.
- She had to flee for her life when soldiers attacked her town.
- The children fled in terror as the hay caught fire.
- The family managed to flee to safety.
- They fled to Britain when the war started.
- They turned and fled when they saw the gang approaching.
- They turned and fled when they saw the gang of youths approaching them.
- They were forced to flee the country.
- When danger threatens, collect your possessions and flee like the wind.
- When the police arrived the burglars fled empty-handed.
- All my family fled across the border into Thailand.
- He fled into exile and never returned.
- Hundreds of people were forced to flee their homes.
- People fled for their lives.
- People fled in terror as the bomb exploded.
- Refugees fled from the city.
- The man looked at me in horror, and then turned and fled.
- The robbers fled empty-handed from the shop.
- They fled the country in 1987.

flee /fliː/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ verb (past tense and past participle **fled** /fled/) [intransitive and transitive] *written*

[Language: Old English; Origin: flean]

to leave somewhere very quickly, in order to escape from danger:

- His attackers turned and fled.
- Masaari spent six months in prison before fleeing the country.

flee to/from/into

- Many German artists fled to America at the beginning of World War II.

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- **escape** to leave a place when someone is trying to catch you or stop you, or when there is a dangerous situation: The thief escaped through an upstairs window. | She managed to escape from her attacker and call the police.
- **get away** to escape from someone who is chasing you, especially when there is no chance that you will be caught. **Get away** is more informal than **escape**: The robbers got away but left plenty of clues at the scene. | Don't let him get away!
- **break free/break away** to escape from someone who is holding you: She broke free and started running.
- **flee** *written* to leave somewhere very quickly in order to escape from danger: Many people were forced to flee the country. | The two men fled before police arrived.
- **get out** to escape from a building or room: I was locked in the room and couldn't get out.
- **break out** to escape from prison: The jail is so secure that no one has ever broken out of it.
- **abscond** *formal* to escape from a prison or institution where you are supposed to stay: Three prisoners who absconded have still not been found. | He absconded from a psychiatric hospital.

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