

once**1. [wʌns] n**

один раз

for once - на этот раз, в виде исключения

do it but this once - сделайте это хотя бы на этот раз

it happened only that once - это случилось только один раз

once is enough for me - с меня одного раза вполне достаточно

2. [wʌns] adv**1. (один) раз, однажды**

once a week [a month, a year] - (один) раз в неделю [в месяц, в год]

once more /again/ - ещё раз

once or twice - раз или два, раза два; несколько раз

to do smth. once - сделать что-л. один раз

I have been there once - я был там один раз /однажды/

neveronce did I see him there - я его там ни (одного) разу не видел

2. когда-то, некогда; однажды

once powerful nation - некогда могущественная страна

my once friend - мой бывший друг

he once went round the world - он когда-то совершил кругосветное путешествие

there once lived a man - там некогда жил человек

I was very fond of him once - я когда-то очень любил его

3. редк. когда-нибудь

I hope to go there once - я надеюсь когда-нибудь поехать туда

◇ all at once - а) неожиданно, внезапно; б) все вместе, сразу

at once - а) сразу, немедленно, тотчас же; б) в то же время, в одно и то же время; вместе с тем

(every) once in a way /while/ - время от времени, иногда

for once in a way /while/ - в кои-то веки

for once - на этот раз; в виде исключения

(for) this once, just for once - хотя бы (один) раз; только в этой связи

not once *см.* not 4

once and again - а) несколько раз; б) изредка, иногда

once (and) for all - раз и навсегда

once upon a time - ≅ давным-давно, много лет тому назад (*начало сказок*)

once in a blue moon - очень редко; ≅ после дождичка в четверг, когда рак на горе свистнет

once a liar, always a liar - солгавший однажды, солжёт ещё раз /будет лгать всегда/

a man can die but once - ≅ двум смертям не бывать, одной не миновать

once bit, twice shy - *посл.* ≅ обжёгшись на молоке, будешь дуть на воду; пуганая ворона куста боится**3. [wʌns] cj**

как только

(if) once you show any sign of fear, the dog will attack you - стоит вам только показать, что вы боитесь, собака сразу бросится на вас

when once he understands ... - стоит ему только понять ...

once you are finished, go home - раз ты закончил, иди домой

once

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once *adverb, conjunction* *BrE* [wʌns] ^ˈ *NAme* [wʌns] ^ˈ**adverb****1. on one occasion only; one time**

- I've only been there once.
- He cleans his car **once a** week.
- She only sees her parents **once every** six months.
- (*informal*) He only did it **the once** .

2. at some time in the past

- I once met your mother.
- He once lived in Zambia.
- This book was famous once, but nobody reads it today.

3. used in negative sentences and questions, and after if to mean 'ever' or 'at all'

- He neveronce offered to help.
- If she once decides to do something, you won't change her mind.

Word Origin:

Middle English ones, genitive of [↑]one. The spelling change in the 16th cent. was in order to retain the unvoiced sound of the final consonant.

Idioms: [↑]all at once ▪ [↑]at once ▪ [↑]for once ▪ [↑]going once, going twice, sold ▪ [↑]just this once ▪ [↑]once a ..., always a ... ▪ [↑]once again ▪ [↑]once and for all ▪ [↑]once bitten, twice shy ▪ [↑]once in a blue moon ▪ [↑]once in a while ▪ [↑]once more ▪ [↑]once or twice ▪ [↑]once too often ▪ [↑]once upon a time

conjunction

as soon as; when

- We didn't know how we would cope once the money had gone.
- The water is fine once you're in!

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See also: **↑going, going, gone**

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I. **once**¹ **S1 W1** /wʌns/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adverb*

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: one]

1. on one occasion only:

- I've only met her once.
- Paul's been to Wexford once before.

(just) the once *British English spoken*:

- Mrs Peterson came in to see Ruth just the once.

2. **once a week/once every three months etc** one time every week etc, as a regular activity or event:

- Staff meetings take place once a week.
- They took separate holidays at least once every two years.

3. at some time in the past, but not now:

- Sonya and Ida had once been close friends.
- She and her husband had once owned a house like this.

once-great/proud etc

- It was sad to see the once-great man looking so frail.
- the once-mighty steel industry

4. in the past, at a time that is not stated:

- I once ran 21 miles.
- Marx once described religion as the 'opium of the people'.

5. **at once**

a) immediately or without delay:

- Now, go upstairs at once and clean your room!
- When I saw him I recognized him at once.

b) together, at the same time:

- I can't do two things at once!
- Don't all talk at once.

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In everyday English, when people mean 'immediately', they usually say **right away** or, in British English, **straight away** rather than **at once**:

- I recognized him right away.

6. **once more/once again**

a) again, after happening several times before:

- I looked at myself in the mirror once more.
- Once again she's refusing to help.

b) used to say that a situation changes back to its previous state:

- The crowds had all gone home and the street was quiet once more.

c) **formal** used before you repeat something that you said before:

- Once again, it must be stressed that the pilot was not to blame.

7. **all at once**

a) if something happens all at once, it happens suddenly when you are not expecting it:

- All at once there was a loud banging on the door.

b) together, at the same time:

- A lot of practical details needed to be attended to all at once.

8. (**every**) **once in a while** sometimes, although not often:

- I do get a little anxious once in a while.
- I saw her in the shop every once in a while.

9. **never once/not once** used to emphasize that something has never happened:

- I neveronce saw him get angry or upset.
- Not once did they finish a job properly.

10. (**just**) **for once** used to say that something unusual happens, especially when you wish it would happen more often:

- Be honest for once.
- Just for once, let me make my own decision.
- For once Colin was speechless.

11. **once and for all**

a) if you deal with something once and for all, you deal with it completely and finally:

- Let's settle this matter once and for all.

b) *British English spoken* used to emphasize your impatience when you ask or say something that you have asked or said many times before:

- Once and for all, will you switch off that television!

12. **once or twice** a few times:

" I wrote to him once or twice, but he didn't answer.

13. **(just) this once** *spoken* used to emphasize that this is the only time you are allowing something, asking for something etc, and it will not happen again:

" Go on, lend me the car, just this once.

" I'll make an exception this once.

14. **once upon a time**

a) *spoken* at a time in the past that you think was much better than now:

" Once upon a time you used to be able to leave your front door unlocked.

b) a long time ago – used at the beginning of children's stories

15. **once in a blue moon** *informal* very rarely:

" It only happens like this once in a blue moon.

16. **do something once too often** to repeat a bad, stupid, or dangerous action with the result that you get punished or cause trouble for yourself:

" He tried that trick once too often and in the end they caught him.

17. **once a ..., always a ...** *spoken* used to say that people stay the same and cannot change the way they behave and think:

" Once a thief, always a thief.

18. **once is/was enough** *spoken* used to say that after you have done something one time you do not need or want to do it again

19. **once bitten, twice shy** used to say that people will not do something again if it has been a bad experience

II. **once**² **S1 W1 BrE** ["] **AmE** ["] *conjunction*

from the time when something happens:

" Once I get him a job, he'll be fine.

" Once in bed, the children usually stay there.

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