

**learn** [lɜ:n] *v* (*learned* [-{lɜ:n}d], *learnt*)

1. 1) изучать, учить (*что-л.*); учиться (*чему-л.*)

- to learn English - изучать английский язык
- to learn to swim [to dance] - учиться плавать [танцевать]
- to learn how to ride a horse [a bicycle] - учиться верховой езде [езде на велосипеде]
- to learn one's lesson *см.* lesson | 1, 2) и 2, 1)
- to learn smth. by heart - учить что-л. наизусть
- to learn smth. by rote - зубрить что-л.
- she is learning her part - она учит /разучивает/ свою роль
- he is learning to be an interpreter - он учится на переводчика

2) усваивать; учиться

- to learn slowly - с трудом /медленно/ усваивать
- to learn to be more careful - учиться осторожности
- to learn smth. from smb. - учиться чему-л. у кого-л.
- to learn from mistakes - учиться на ошибках
- he learned that hard work paid - он убедился, что упорная работа даёт результаты

2. узнавать

- to learn the good [sad] news - узнавать /слышать/ хорошие [печальные] новости
- I am sorry to learn of his illness - я с сожалением воспринял весть о его болезни
- to learn when smb. arrived - узнать, когда кто-л. прибыл
- I am /have/ yet to learn this - *ирон.* мне это пока неизвестно

3. *прост.* учить (*кого-л.*)

- ! I'll learn him! - я его проучу!; я ему покажу!
- ◇ soon learnt, soon forgotten - *посл.* наскоро заучишь - скоро забудешь

**learn**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**learn** [learn learns learned learnt learning] *BrE* [lɜ:n] *NAmE* [lɜ:rn] *verb*

(*learnt*, *learnt* *BrE* [lɜ:n] *NAmE* [lɜ:rn]) or (*learned*, *learned*)

1. **transitive, intransitive** to gain knowledge or skill by studying, from experience, from being taught, etc

- ~ **sth** to learn a language/a musical instrument/a skill
- ~ **sth from sb/sth** I learned a lot from my father.
- ~ **sth from doing sth** You can learn a great deal just from watching other players.
- ~ **(about sth)** She's very keen to learn about Japanese culture.
- The book is about how children learn.
- ~ **to do sth** He's learning to dance.
- ~ **how, what, etc...** He's still learning how to dance.
- Today we learnt how to use the new software.

2. **intransitive, transitive** to become aware of sth by hearing about it from sb else

**Syn:** ↑discover

- ~ **of/about sth** I learnt of her arrival from a close friend.
- ~ **(that)...** We were very surprised to learn (that) she had got married again.
- ~ **who, what, etc...** We only learned who the new teacher was a few days ago.
- ~ **sth** How did they react when they learned the news?
- **it is learned that...** It has been learned that 500 jobs are to be lost at the factory.

3. **transitive** ~ **sth** to study and repeat sth in order to be able to remember it

**Syn:** ↑memorize

- We have to learn one of Hamlet's speeches for school tomorrow.

4. **intransitive, transitive** to gradually change your attitudes about sth so that you behave in a different way

- ~ **(from sth)** I'm sure she'll learn from her mistakes.
- ~ **(that)...** He'll just have to learn (that) he can't always have his own way.
- ~ **to do sth** I soon learned not to ask too many questions.

**more at** know/learn/find sth to your cost **at** ↑cost <sub>n.</sub>, you live and learn **at** ↑live <sup>1</sup>, show sb/know/learn the ropes **at** ↑rope <sub>n.</sub>

**Idioms:** ↑learn the hard way ▪ ↑learn your lesson

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	learn
	<i>BrE</i> /lɜ:n/
	<i>NAmE</i> /lɜ:rn/
he / she / it	learns
	<i>BrE</i> /lɜ:nz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /lɜ:rnz/
past simple, past participle	learnt
	<i>BrE</i> /lɜ:nt/
	<i>NAmE</i> /lɜ:nt/learned
	<i>BrE</i> /lɜ:nd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /lɜ:nd/
-ing form	learning
	<i>BrE</i> /'lɜ:nɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /'lɜ:niŋ/

**Word Origin:**

### Thesaurus:

**learn** verb

1. T, I

- Did you learn German at school?

**study** • • **do** • • **memorize** • • **pick sth up** • • **know** • • **master** • • **learn/know sth by heart** • • **get the hang of sth** • |formal  
**acquire** •

learn/pick up/know sth **from** sb/sth

learn/memorize/pick up/know/master/get the hang of **what...**

learn/study/do/pick up/know/master/acquire a **language**

2. I, T (not usually used in the progressive tenses)

- I learned the news from a close friend.

**discover** • • **find out (sth)** • • **hear** •

learn/find out/hear **about** sth

learn/discover/find out the **facts/truth/secret/identity**

be **surprised/shocked/delighted/interested** to learn/discover/find out/hear sth

### Vocabulary Building:

#### Learning

**learn** ▫ He's learning Spanish/to swim.

**study** ▫ She studied chemistry for three years.

**revise** (*BrE*) (*NAmE* review) ▫ In this class we'll revise/review what we did last week.

**practise** (*BrE*) (*NAmE* practice) ▫ If you practise speaking English, you'll soon improve.

**rehearse** ▫ We only had two weeks to rehearse the play.

### Example Bank:

- Children learn very quickly.
- He was eager to learn all she could teach him.
- I was surprised to learn that he was only 23.
- I've got a lot to learn, haven't I?
- She learned from watching others.
- Some people never learn, do they?
- The children learn about art by painting.
- They soon learn that bad behaviour is a sure-fire way of getting attention.
- We first learned of the problem from her school.
- You still have a lot to learn.
- learning about art
- Did you ever learn any languages?
- Everyone learns in a slightly different way.
- He learned to ride when he was about three years old.
- He'll just have to learn (that) he can't always have his own way.
- I learned of her arrival from a close friend.
- I'll need to learn how to use the new software.
- I'm sure she'll learn from her mistakes.
- I've forgotten most of what I learned at school.
- It's a bit overwhelming at first but don't worry, you'll soon learn.
- Most of the kids here are eager to learn.
- She's still quite young and she's got a lot to learn.
- She's very interested in learning more about Japanese culture.
- We have to learn one of Hamlet's speeches for school tomorrow.
- We were very surprised to learn that she had got married again.
- You can learn a great deal just from watching the other players.
- You'll have to learn your lines by next week.

## learn

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**learn** **S1 W1** /lɜːn/\$lɜːrɪn/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> verb (past tense and past participle **learned** or

**learnt** /lɜːnt/\$lɜːrnt/ *especially British English*)

[Word Family: noun: **learner**, **learning**, **unlearn**; verb: **learn**; **adverb** **learnedly**; **adjective**: **learned**]

[Language: Old English; Origin: leornian]

1. **SUBJECT/SKILL** [**intransitive and transitive**] to gain knowledge of a subject or skill, by experience, by studying it, or by being taught ⇒ **teach**:

" What's the best way to learn a language?

**learn (how) to do something**

" I learnt to drive when I was 17.

" Hector spent the winter learning how to cope with his blindness.

" The teacher's task is to help the pupil learn.

**learn (something) from somebody**

" I learned a lot from my father.

### learn about

" Kids can have fun and learn about music at the same time.

### learn what

" Youngsters must learn what is dangerous and what is not to be feared.

" The student will learn from experience about the importance of planning.

► Do not say that you 'learn someone something' or 'learn someone how to do something'. Use **teach**: *I taught him how to send an email.*

## 2. FIND OUT [intransitive and transitive] *formal* to find out information or news by hearing it from someone else or reading it **SYN**

### discover:

" I didn't tell her the truth. She would learn it for herself soon enough.

### learn of/about

" He learned about his appointment by telephone yesterday.

### learn (that)

" Last week I learned that I was pregnant.

" She was surprised to learn that he was a lot older than she had thought.

### learn whether/who/why

" I waited to learn whether I'd secured a college place.

" We have yet to learn who will be the new manager.

## 3. REMEMBER [transitive] to get to know something so well that you can easily remember it **SYN memorize** :

" The actors hardly had time to learn their lines before filming started.

## 4. CHANGE YOUR BEHAVIOUR [intransitive and transitive] to gradually understand a situation and start behaving in the way that you should

### learn (that)

" They have to learn that they can't just do whatever they like.

### learn to do something

" Young hairdressers must learn to treat the client as a person, not a head of hair.

" I've told him a hundred times not to bully people, but he never learns.

### learn from

" You have to learn from your mistakes (=understand why what you did was wrong).

" the lessons learned in the Gulf War

## 5. somebody has learned their lesson used to say that someone will not do something wrong or stupid again, because they suffered as a result:

" I've learned my lesson; I've now got a burglar alarm and a guard dog.

## 6. learn (something) the hard way to understand a situation or develop a skill by learning from your mistakes and bad experiences

## 7. that'll learn somebody! *spoken* used when something bad has just happened to someone as a result of their actions, especially when they ignored a warning

⇒ **live and learn** at ↑live<sup>1</sup>(20)

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## THESAURUS

- **learn** to gain knowledge of a subject or skill, especially by being taught or trained: How long have you been learning Italian? | What age can you learn to drive in America?
- **study** to learn about a subject by reading books, going to classes etc, especially at school or university: She's studying music at Berkeley College in California.
- **train** to learn the skills and get the experience that you need in order to do a particular job: Julie's training to be a nurse.
- **pick something up** to learn something without much effort, by watching or listening to other people: It's easy to pick up a language when you're living in a country. | The rules of the game are easy – you'll soon pick them up.
- **get the hang of something** *informal* to learn how to do or use something that is fairly complicated, especially with practice: It took me a while to get the hang of all the features on my new camera.
- **revise** *British English*, **review** *American English* to study facts again, especially on your own, in order to learn them before an examination: Jenny's upstairs revising for her Maths exam tomorrow.
- **master** to learn something so well that you have no difficulty with it, especially a skill or a language: She gave me a book called 'Mastering the Art of French Cooking'. | I learnt Spanish for years but I never really mastered it.

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13 222985<sup>13</sup> *nn1*  
11 244068<sup>11</sup> *jj*

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