

commence

[kə'mens] *v*

1. 1) начинать
to commence a lawsuit - начать судебное дело
- 2) начинаться
the play will commence at eight - спектакль начнётся в восемь часов
2. получать учёную степень в университете
◇ he who commences many things finishes but few - *посл.* за всё сразу берёшься - ничего не добьёшься; ≅ за двумя зайцами погонишься, ни одного не поймаешь

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com-mence *AW* [commence commences commenced commencing] *BrE*

[kə'mens] *ˈ* *NAmE* [kə'mens] *ˈ* *verb* *intransitive, transitive* (formal)

to begin to happen; to begin sth

- The meeting is scheduled to commence at noon.
- I will be on leave during the week commencing 15 February.
- ~ **with sth** The day commenced with a welcome from the principal.
- ~ **sth** She commenced her medical career in 1956.
- The company **commenced operations** in April.
- to commence bankruptcy proceedings against sb
- ~ **doing sth** We commence building next week.
- ~ **to do sth** Operators commenced to build pipelines in 1862.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	commence
	BrE /kə'mens/
	NAmE /kə'mens/
he / she / it	commences
	BrE /kə'mensɪz/
	NAmE /kə'mensɪz/
past simple, past participle	commenced
	BrE /kə'menst/
	NAmE /kə'menst/
-ing form	commencing
	BrE /kə'mensɪŋ/
	NAmE /kə'mensɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **commencier**, **comencier**, based on Latin **com-** (expressing intensive force) + **iniitare 'begin'**.

Synonyms:

start

begin • start off • kick off • commence • open

These words are all used to talk about things happening from the beginning, or people doing the first part of sth.

start • to begin to happen or exist; to begin in a particular way or from a particular point: ▫ When does the class start?

begin • to start to happen or exist; to start in a particular way or from a particular point; to start speaking: ▫ When does the concert begin?

start or begin?

There is not much difference in meaning between these words. **Start** is more frequent in spoken English and in business contexts;

begin is more frequent in written English and is often used when you are describing a series of events: ▫ The story begins on the island of Corfu. **Start** is not used to mean 'begin speaking': 'Ladies and gentlemen,' he started.

start off • (rather informal) to start happening or doing sth; to start by doing or being sth: ▫ The discussion started off mildly enough.

kick off • (informal) to start an event or activity, especially in a particular way; (of an event, activity, etc.) to start, especially in a particular way: ▫ Tom will kick off with a few comments. ◇ The festival kicks off on Monday, September 13.

commence • (formal) to start happening: ▫ The meeting is scheduled to commence at noon.

open • to start an event or activity in a particular way; (of an event, film/movie or book) to start, especially in a particular way: ▫ The story opens with a murder.

to start/begin/start off/kick off/commence/open **with** sth

to start/begin/start off/kick off/commence/open **by** doing sth

to start/begin/start off/commence **as** sth

a **campaign/season/meeting** starts/begins/starts off/kicks off/commences/opens

a **film/movie/book** starts/begins/starts off/opens

Example Bank:

- We are obliged to commence bankruptcy proceedings against you.

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com-mence *AC* /kə'mens/ *BrE* *ˈ* *AmE* *ˈ* *verb* [intransitive and transitive] *formal*

[Word Family: *verb*: ↑commence; *noun*: ↑commencement]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: comencer, from Vulgar Latin cominiari, from Latin com- (⇒ COM-) + initiare 'to begin']

to begin or to start something:

- " Work will commence on the new building immediately.
- " Your first evaluation will be six months after you commence employment.

commence with

- " The course commences with a one week introduction to Art Theory.

commence doing something

- " The planes commenced bombing at midnight.

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In everyday English, people usually say **start** rather than **commence** :

- The concert was just about to start.

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