

betray

[bɪ'treɪ] *v*

1. изменять, становиться предателем, совершать предательство
2. выдавать
to betray oneself - а) выдать себя, невольно обнаружить себя; б) случайно проговориться
his voice betrayed him - голос выдал его
his mistakes betrayed his lack of education - его ошибки свидетельствуют о недостатке образования
his face betrays his fear - на его лице написан страх
he betrayed his ignorance - он обнаружил своё невежество
3. подводить; не оправдывать (*доверия, надежд*)
he betrayed my trust in him - он обманул моё доверие
my judgement would not betray me - моя интуиция меня не подведёт; я могу положиться на свою оценку
4. обманывать, соблазнять

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be-tray [betray betrays betrayed betraying] *BrE* [bɪ'treɪ] *NAmE* [bɪ'treɪ]

verb

1. to give information about sb/sth to an enemy
 - ~ **sb/sth** He was offered money to betray his colleagues.
 - ~ **sb/sth to sb** For years they had been betraying state secrets to Russia.
2. ~ **sb/sth** to hurt sb who trusts you, especially by not being loyal or faithful to them
 - She felt betrayed when she found out the truth about him.
 - She **betrayed his trust** over and over again.
 - I have never known her to **betray a confidence** (= tell other people sth that should be kept secret).
3. ~ **sth** to ignore your principles or beliefs in order to achieve sth or gain an advantage for yourself
 - He has been accused of betraying his former socialist ideals.
4. to tell sb or make them aware of a piece of information, a feeling, etc, usually without meaning to

Syn: give away

- ~ **sth** His voice betrayed the worry he was trying to hide.
- ~ **yourself** She was terrified of saying something that would make her betray herself (= show her feelings or who she was).

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	betray
	BrE /bɪ'treɪ/
	NAmE /bɪ'treɪ/
he / she / it	betrays
	BrE /bɪ'treɪz/
	NAmE /bɪ'treɪz/
past simple, past participle	betrayed
	BrE /bɪ'treɪd/
	NAmE /bɪ'treɪd/
-ing form	betraying
	BrE /bɪ'treɪɪŋ/
	NAmE /bɪ'treɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from **be-** 'thoroughly' + obsolete tray 'betray', from Old French **trair**, based on Latin **tradere** 'hand over'.

Thesaurus:

betray *verb* **T** (disapproving)

- She betrayed my trust.
- He betrayed his country.

disapproving **deceive** • **cheat** • **let sb down** • **stab sb in the back** • |informal, disapproving **tell** • **blab** • |formal, often disapproving **inform on sb** • |BrE **turn King's/Queen's evidence** • |AmE **turn State's evidence** • |AmE, informal **finger** • |BrE, slang, disapproving **grass** • |informal, approving **especially journalism blow the whistle on sb** •

betray sb/blab/grass to sb

tell/inform/grass/blow the whistle on sb

feel betrayed/cheated/let down

Synonyms:

cheat

fool • deceive • betray • take in • trick • con

These words all mean to make sb believe sth that is not true, especially in order to get what you want.

cheat • to make sb believe sth that is not true, in order to get money or sth else from them: ▫ She is accused of attempting to cheat the taxman. ◇ ▫ He cheated his way into the job.

Cheat also means to act in a dishonest way in order to gain an advantage, especially in a game, competition or exam: ▫ You're not allowed to look at the answers— ▫ that's cheating ▫.

fool • to make sb believe sth that is not true, especially in order to laugh at them or to get what you want: ▫ Just don't be fooled into investing any money with them.

deceive • to make sb believe sth that is not true, especially sb who trusts you, in order to get what you want: ▫ She deceived him into handing over all his savings.

betray • to hurt sb who trusts you, especially by deceiving them or not being loyal to them: ▪ She felt betrayed when she found out the truth about him.

take sb in • [often passive] to deceive sb, usually in order to get what you want: ▪ I was taken in by her story.

trick • to deceive sb, especially in a clever way, in order to get what you want.

con • (informal) to deceive sb, especially in order to get money from them or get them to do sth for you: ▪ They had been conned out of £100 000.

which word?

Many of these words involve making sb believe sth that is not true, but some of them are more disapproving than others. **Deceive** is probably the worst because people typically deceive friends, relations and others who know and trust them. People may **feel cheated/betrayed** by sb in authority who they trusted to look after their interests. If sb **takes you in**, they may do it by acting a part and using words and charm effectively. If sb **cheats/fools/tricks/cons** you, they may get sth from you and make you feel stupid. However, sb might **fool** you just as a joke; and to **trick** sb is sometimes seen as a clever thing to do, if the person being tricked is seen as a bad person who deserves it.

to cheat/fool/trick/con sb **out of** sth

to cheat/fool/deceive/betray/trick/con sb **into doing sth**

to **feel** cheated/fooled/deceived/betrayed/tricked/conned

to fool/deceive **yourself**

to cheat/trick/con **your way** into sth

Example Bank:

- I have never known him to betray a confidence.
- She was terrified of saying something that would make her betray herself.

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be **tray** /brɪ'treɪ/ BrE " AmE " verb [transitive]

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: tray 'to betray' (13-16 centuries), from Old French traïr, from Latin tradere; ⇨ ¹traitor]

1. FRIENDS to be disloyal to someone who trusts you, so that they are harmed or upset:

▪ He felt that she had betrayed him.

betray somebody to somebody

▪ What kind of man would betray his own sister to the police?

▪ She had betrayed her parents' trust.

▪ I would never betray a confidence (=tell a secret that someone has trusted me with).

2. COUNTRY to be disloyal to your country, company etc, for example by giving secret information to its enemies:

▪ people who betray their country for money

3. EMOTIONS [not in progressive or passive] to show feelings that you are trying to hide **SYN give away** :

▪ His voice betrayed his nervousness.

▪ His face betrayed nothing (=showed no emotion).

4. TRUTH to show that something is true or exists, especially when it is not easily noticed **SYN give away** :

▪ The slightest sound might betray his presence.

▪ The crumpled sheets betrayed the fact that someone had been sleeping there.

5. betray your beliefs/principles/ideals etc to stop supporting your old beliefs and principles, especially in order to get power or avoid trouble

—**betray** **noun** [countable]

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15000 **3018**^{COCA}

RANGE: **4k** BETRAY 8421

betray 1297

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betrayed 3208

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