

**thrive** v (*throve; thriven*)

1. процветать преуспевать  
the country is thriving - страна процветает  
he throve on trade on - разбогател на торговле  
he thrives on other people's misfortunes - он наживается на несчастьях других людей
2. цвести, разрастаться  
children thrive in fresh air - дети расцветают на свежем воздухе  
cattle thrive in rich pastures - стада тучнеют на хороших пастбищах

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**thrive** [**thrive thrives thrived throve thriving thriven**] BrE [θraɪv] <sup>1</sup> NAmE [θraɪv] <sup>2</sup> **verb intransitive**

to become, and continue to be, successful, strong, healthy, etc.

**Syn:** ↑flourish

- New businesses thrive in this area.
- These animals rarely thrive in captivity.

Derived Word ↑thriving

Derived ↑thrive on something

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	thrive
	BrE /θraɪv/
	NAmE /θraɪv/
he / she / it	thrives
	BrE /θraɪvz/
	NAmE /θraɪvz/
past simple, past participle	thrived
	BrE /θraɪvd/
	NAmE /θraɪvd/
-ing form	thriving
	BrE /'θraɪvɪŋ/
	NAmE /'θraɪvɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (originally in the sense 'grow, increase'): from Old Norse **thrifask**, reflexive of **thrifa** 'grasp, get hold of'. Compare with ↑thrift.

Example Bank:

- The consulting firm does a thriving business offering team-building and leadership programmes to a whole range of companies.
- Twenty years ago London Road was a thriving commercial centre thronged with shoppers.

Example Bank:

- The glass industry still thrives there.
- These traditions continued to thrive.
- a culture which positively thrives on new ideas
- concerned about their baby daughter's failure to thrive
- Babies like this thrive best in a quiet, restful atmosphere
- He's clearly thriving in his new job.
- She seems to thrive on stress.
- The fungus thrives in warm, moist conditions.
- The town has become a thriving business centre.
- These animals rarely thrive in captivity

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**thrive** /θraɪv/ BrE <sup>1</sup> AmE <sup>2</sup> **verb** (past tense **thrived** or **throve** /θrəʊv \$ θrouv/, past participle **thrived**) [**intransitive**] **formal**

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old Norse; Origin: thrifask, probably from thrifa 'to seize']

to become very successful or very strong and healthy:

- plants that thrive in tropical rain forests
- a business which managed to thrive during a recession

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In everyday English, people usually say **do well** rather than **thrive**:

- The whole family seems to be doing well.

**thrive on something** *phrasal verb*

to enjoy or be successful in a particular situation, especially one that other people find difficult or unpleasant:

- I wouldn't want that much pressure, but she seems to thrive on it.

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