

**wait****1. [weɪt] n****1. ожидание**

in wait for - в ожидании

to have a long wait for smth. - долго ожидать чего-л.

**2. *театр.* антракт, перерыв****3. засада**

to lie in wait - быть /находиться/ в засаде; подкарауливать кого-л.

to lay wait for smb. - устроить кому-л. засаду

**4. *рл* христославы (*певцы, ходящие по домам в сочельник*)****2. [weɪt] v****1. 1) (*часто* for) ждать; ожидать; дожидаться**

to wait for a person [for a train] - ждать человека [поезд]

to wait for smth. to happen - ожидать, когда что-л. произойдет

I can't wait - а) я не могу ждать; б) *сл.* жду не дожусь; сгораю от нетерпения

to wait orders - ждать распоряжений

wait until he comes - дождитесь его прихода

to keep smb. waiting - заставлять себя ждать

**2) остановиться, чтобы подождать кого-л.**

wait behind - задержаться, отстать

I waited behind to see what had happened - я задержался, чтобы посмотреть, что случилось

**3) переждать что-л.**

to wait out a storm - переждать грозу

**4) выжидать**

to wait one's opportunity /one's chance/ - выжидать удобного случая

wait off - *спорт.* приберегать силы к концу состязания**2. 1) откладывать**

that work will have to wait - эту работу придется отложить с этой работой придется подождать

**2) быть готовым**

your tea is waiting for you - чай готов

**3) *разг.* откладывать обед *и т. п.***

don't wait dinner for me - не ждите меня с обедом

**3. обслуживать за столом**

to wait at /on/ table - работать официантом

to wait tables - обслуживать столики

she will never learn to wait - она никогда не станет хорошей официанткой

**4. (on, upon)****1) прислуживать, служить кому-л.**

they all wait on the king - все они - слуги короля

**2) обслуживать (*покупателей заказчиков и т. п.*)**

they wait on you very well in this restaurant [shop] - в этом ресторане [магазине] очень хорошее обслуживание

**3) ухаживать**

to wait upon a lady - ухаживать за дамой

he waits upon his wife hand and foot - он выполняет все капризы своей жены

**4) *офиц. редк.* представляться (*кому-л.*); являться (*к кому-л.*), наносить визит**

our agent will wait upon you next Monday - наш представитель прибудет к вам в ближайший понедельник

**5. *книжн.*****1) сопровождать, провожать; участвовать (*в церемонии*)**

to wait a funeral - идти за гробом, провожать в последний путь

**2) сопутствовать, сопровождать**

may success wait upon you! - да сопутствует вам успех!

**wait**

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**wait** [wait waits waited waiting] verb, noun BrE [weɪt] <sup>ˈ</sup> NAmE [weɪt] <sup>ˈ</sup>**verb****1. intransitive, transitive** to stay where you are or delay doing sth until sb/sth comes or sth happens

- She rang the bell and waited.
- The President agreed to speak to the waiting journalists.
- **+ adv./prep.** Have you been waiting long?
- I've been waiting (for) twenty minutes.
- I'll wait outside until the meeting's over.
- **~ for sb/sth** Wait for me!
- **~ for sb/sth to do sth** We're waiting for the rain to stop before we go out.
- **~ to do sth** Hurry up! We're waiting to go.
- **~ your turn** You'll just have to wait your turn (= wait until your turn comes) .

**2. intransitive, transitive** to hope or watch for sth to happen, especially for a long time

- **~ (for sth)** Leeds United had waited for success for eighteen years.
- This is just the opportunity I've been waiting for.
- **~ for sb/sth to do sth** He's waiting for me to make a mistake .

- ~ **your chance** I waited my chance and slipped out when no one was looking.
  - 3. **be waiting intransitive (of things)** to be ready for sb to have or use
    - ~ **(for sb)** There's a letter waiting for you at home.
    - ~ **to do sth** The hotel had a taxi waiting to collect us.
  - 4. **intransitive** to be left to be dealt with at a later time because it is not urgent
    - I've got some calls to make but they **can wait** until tomorrow.
    - I'm afraid this **can't wait**. It's very important.
- more at** wait for the dust to settle **at** ↑**dust** n., (waiting) in the wings **at** ↑**wing** n.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	wait
	BrE /weɪt/
	NAme /weɪt/
he / she / it	waits
	BrE /weɪts/
	NAme /weɪts/
past simple, past participle	waited
	BrE /weɪtɪd/
	NAme /weɪtɪd/
-ing form	waiting
	BrE /weɪtɪŋ/
	NAme /weɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old Northern French **waitier**, of Germanic origin; related to the verb ↑**wake**. Early senses included 'lie in wait (for)', 'observe carefully', and 'be watchful'.

Example Bank:

- He waited patiently while she got ready.
- Hey! Wait a minute! I'll come with you!
- I can hardly wait for my holiday!
- I can't wait to see their new baby.
- I could hardly wait for the weekend.
- I had to wait in line at the bank.
- I waited with bated breath for what would happen next.
- I'm waiting for a bus.
- She had to wait a long time for the right man to come along.
- Their parents waited anxiously for news.
- They waited in vain for a response.
- We can't wait forever
- We simply cannot afford to wait any longer.
- We'll have to wait until it stops raining.
- We'll wait and see what the weather's like before we make a decision.
- You might have to wait a while before you get an answer.
- You'll have to wait until you're older.
- You'll have to wait your turn. These people all come before you.
- You'll just have to wait and see what you present is.
- He's waiting for me to make a mistake.
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- This is just the opportunity I've been waiting for.
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- You'll just have to wait your turn.

Idioms: I/they can't wait hardly wait ▪ ↑a disaster waiting to happen ▪ ↑keep somebody waiting ▪ ↑wait a minute ▪ ↑wait and see ▪ ↑wait at table ▪ ↑wait for it ▪ ↑wait on somebody hand and foot ▪ ↑wait tables ▪ wait till ▪ ↑what are we waiting for? ▪ ↑what are you waiting for? ▪ ↑you wait

Derived ↑wait about ▪ ↑wait behind ▪ ↑wait in ▪ ↑wait on somebody ▪ ↑wait something out ▪ ↑wait up

**noun usually singular ~ (for sb/sth)**

an act of waiting; an amount of time waited

- We had **a long wait** for the bus.
- He now faces an agonizing two-month wait for the test results.
- It took six months for the house to be finished, but it was worth the wait.

**see** lie in wait **at** ↑**lie** v.

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### Example Bank:

- The dress was so beautiful when it arrived that it was well worth the wait.
- We had a long wait to see the doctor.
- a short wait for an ambulance

## wait

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I. **wait**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /weɪt/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *verb*

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old North French; Origin: waitier 'to watch']

**1. NOT GO/START SOMETHING [intransitive]** to stay somewhere or not do something until something else happens, someone arrives etc:

- Hurry up! Everyone's waiting.
- Would you mind waiting outside?

### wait for

- a queue of people waiting for a bus
- Wait for me!

### wait for somebody/something to do something

- She paused, waiting for Myles to say something.
- I sat waiting patiently for the wedding to end.

### wait until/till

- I'll wait till you come back.

### wait (for) three hours/two weeks etc

- Can you wait for five minutes?
- We've been waiting ages.

### wait to do something

- Are you waiting to use the phone?

### keep somebody waiting (=make someone wait, especially by arriving late)

- I'm sorry to have kept you waiting.

▶ Do not say that you 'are waiting' someone or something. Say that you **are waiting for** someone or something.

**2. SOMETHING HAS NOT HAPPENED [intransitive]** if you are waiting for something that you expect or hope will happen or arrive, it has not happened or arrived yet:

- 'Have you heard about the job?' 'No, I'm still waiting.'

### wait for

- I'm still waiting for my results.

### wait for somebody/something to do something

- I'm waiting for him to realize how stupid he's been.

**3. wait a minute/second/moment etc spoken**

**a)** used to ask someone not to leave or start doing something immediately:

- Wait a second, I'll get my coat and come with you.
- Wait a moment, just let me think.

**b)** used to interrupt someone, especially because you do not agree with what they are saying:

- Wait a minute! That's not what we agreed!

**c)** used when you suddenly think of, remember, or notice something:

- Wait a minute, I've got a better idea.

**4. somebody can't wait/can hardly wait spoken**

**a)** used to emphasize that someone is very excited about something and is eager for it to happen:

- We're going to Australia on Saturday – I can't wait!

### can't wait to do something

- I can't wait to tell Gloria the good news.
- Laura could hardly wait to see the twins again.

### somebody can't wait/can hardly wait for

- I can't wait for the summer.

**b)** used humorously to say that something seems likely to be very boring:

- A lecture on transformational grammar? I can hardly wait!

**5. something can/can't wait spoken** if something can wait, it is not very urgent. If something can't wait, it is very urgent:

- Go home. The report can wait till tomorrow.

**6. wait and see spoken** used to say that someone should be patient because they will find out about something later:

- 'What's for dinner?' 'Wait and see.'
- We will just have to wait and see how things develop.

**7. wait until/till ... spoken** used when you are excited about telling or showing someone something:

- Wait till you see Gaby's new house!

**8. be waiting (for somebody)** if something is waiting for you, it is ready for you to use, collect etc:

- There'll be a rental car waiting for you at the airport.
- Come round at eight and I'll have dinner waiting.

**9. wait your turn** to stay calm until it is your turn to do something, instead of trying to move ahead of other people:

- I've got two hands and there are three of you. So you'll have to wait your turn!

**10. something is (well) worth waiting for spoken** used to say that something is very good, even though it takes a long time to

come:

▪ Their new album was worth waiting for.

11. **(just) you wait** *spoken*

a) **British English** used to warn or threaten someone:

▪ I'll get you back for what you've done, just you wait.

b) used to tell someone you are sure something will happen:

▪ It'll be a huge success. Just you wait.

12. **what are you waiting for?** *spoken* used to tell someone to do something immediately:

▪ Well, what are you waiting for? Go and apologize.

13. **what are we waiting for?** *spoken* used to say in a cheerful way that you think everyone should start doing something immediately:

▪ What are we waiting for? Let's go eat.

14. **wait for it** *British English spoken*

a) used just before you tell someone something that is funny or surprising:

▪ His name was – wait for it – Mr Bacon.

b) used to tell someone not to do something until the correct time because they seem very impatient to do it now

15. **be waiting in the wings** to be ready to do something if it is necessary or if a suitable time comes:

▪ Other firms are waiting in the wings, ready to step in and make an offer should the current deal fall through.

16. **wait tables** *American English* to work in a restaurant serving food and drink to people at their tables:

▪ I spent the summer waiting tables.

17. **(play) a/the waiting game** if you play a waiting game, you try to gain an advantage for yourself in a particular situation by deliberately doing nothing until you have seen what other people do

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ adverbs

- **wait two hours/ten minutes etc** William waited an hour for his sister to arrive.
- **wait long** (=wait a long time – used especially in questions or negative sentences) She did not have to wait long for a train.
- **wait ages** *informal especially British English* (=wait a long time) I had to wait ages for a bus.
- **patiently** They patiently waited for the rain to stop.
- **impatiently** He waited impatiently for a reply.
- **anxiously** All his friends were waiting anxiously for their exam results.
- **wait expectantly** (=hoping that something good or exciting will happen soon) He took out his camera and waited expectantly.

### ■ phrases

- **keep somebody waiting** He kept us waiting for half an hour.
- **wait with bated breath** (=while feeling very anxious or excited) She waited with bated breath to see what he would say.
- **wait in vain** (=wait for something that never happens) They waited in vain for their son to come home.

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## THESAURUS

- **wait** to stay somewhere or not do something until something else happens, someone arrives etc: I'll wait here while you call him. | He said he was waiting for a friend.
- **hang around** (also **hang about** *British English*) *informal* to wait in a place not doing anything, especially so that you are wasting time: They kept us hanging around for hours at the hospital.
- **hold on/hang on** to wait because you are hoping that something will happen: The captain decided it was best to hold on and wait for the other ship to arrive. | We hung on until the very last moment.
- **can you hold on/hang on?** *spoken* used when telling someone to wait: Can you hang on a minute? I just want to finish this email.
- **stand by/be on standby** to wait and be ready to do something if needed – used especially about soldiers, police, medical teams etc: The army are standing by. | Emergency services were on standby after someone called to say there was a bomb in the city centre.
- **await** *formal* to wait for something – used about something that you know will happen or arrive: I will await your reply (=in a formal letter). | In February, nearly 200,000 prisoners were awaiting trial. | The soldiers awaited the order to advance.

### **wait around** (also **wait about** *British English*) *phrasal verb*

to stay in the same place and do nothing while you are waiting for something to happen, someone to arrive etc:

▪ Movie-making involves acting for ten minutes and then waiting around for two hours.

▪ We'd better be going. We can't wait about like this any longer.

### **wait behind** *phrasal verb British English*

to stay somewhere after other people have left:

▪ She waited behind to help Debbie with the clearing up.

### **wait in** *phrasal verb British English*

to stay at home and wait there for someone to arrive:

▪ I have to wait in for the repair man.

### **wait on somebody/something** *phrasal verb*

1. to serve food and drink to someone at their table, especially in a restaurant
2. to wait for a particular event, piece of information etc, especially before doing something or making a decision:

▪ We're waiting on the blood test results.

3. **wait on somebody hand and foot** to do everything for someone while they do nothing – used to show disapproval:

▪ His wife waits on him hand and foot.

### **wait something ↔ out** *phrasal verb*

if you wait out an event, period, or time, especially an unpleasant one, you wait for it to finish:

Let's find a place where we can wait out the storm.

**wait up** *phrasal verb*

1. to wait for someone to return before you go to bed

**wait up for**

" Don't wait up for me; I may be late.

2. **Wait up!** *American English* used to tell someone to stop, so that you can talk to them or go with them:

" 'Wait up!' he called.

II. **wait**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun* [singular]

a period of time in which you wait for something to happen, someone to arrive etc

**wait for**

" The average wait for an appointment at the clinic was eight weeks.

**long/three-hour/two-week etc wait**

" There was an hour wait before the next train departed.

" They'll have a long wait.

⇒ **lie in wait** at ↑**lie**<sup>1</sup>(8)

**wait**

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