

offend

[ə'fend] *v*

1. обижать, оскорблять

to be offended at /by/ smb.'s words [remarks, behaviour] - обижаться на чьи-л. слова [замечания, чье-л. поведение]

I'm sorry if I've offended you - простите, если я вас обидел

even the mildest criticism offends her - даже самые незначительные замечания воспринимаются ею с обидой

2. 1) оскорблять, вызывать раздражение, отвращение

to offend the eye [the ear] - оскорблять зрение [слух] [*ср. тж.* 2)]

to offend one's sense of justice - оскорблять чье-л. чувство справедливости

2) вызывать, причинять боль; действовать на нервы, раздражать

he took off his shoes and removed the pebble that offended him - он снял ботинок и вытащил камешек, который мешал ходить

it offends my ears to hear that - мне больно это слышать [*ср. тж.* 1)]

3. 1) нарушать (*что-л.*); погрешить (*против чего-л.*)

to offend against custom [the law, good manners] - нарушить обычай [закон, благопристойность]

in what way have I offended? - что я сделал дурного?, в чём я провинился?

2) (*обыкн. against*) *юр.* совершить проступок, преступление

to offend against the law - нарушать закон, идти против закона

4. *библ.*

1) сбивать с пути истинного, соблазнять

whoever shall offend one of these little ones - и если кто соблазнит одного из малых сих

2) служить камнем преткновения

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offend [offend offends offended offending] *BrE* [ə'fend] ^m *NAmE* [ə'fend] ^m

verb

1. **transitive, often passive, intransitive ~ (sb)** to make sb feel upset because of sth you say or do that is rude or embarrassing

- They'll be offended if you don't go to their wedding.
- Neil did not mean to offend anybody with his joke.
- She managed to offend her boyfriend's parents as soon as she opened her mouth.
- A TV interviewer must be careful not to offend.

2. **transitive ~ sb/sth** to seem unpleasant to sb

- The smell from the farm offended some people.
- an ugly building that **offends the eye**

3. **intransitive (formal)** to commit a crime or crimes

- He started offending at the age of 16.
- What is the best way to stop someone who has offended from repeating the offence?

4. **intransitive ~ (against sb/sth) (formal)** to be against what people believe is morally right

- comments that offend against people's religious beliefs

Derived Word ↑ **offended**

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	offend
	BrE /ə'fend/
	NAmE /ə'fend/
he / she / it	offends
	BrE /ə'fendz/
	NAmE /ə'fendz/
past simple, past participle	offended
-ing form	offending
	BrE /ə'fendɪŋ/
	NAmE /ə'fendɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **offendre**, from Latin **offendere** 'strike against'.

Thesaurus:

offend *verb T, often passive, I*

- Many people were deeply offended by his jokes.

insult • • **shock** •

feel offended/insulted/shocked

deeply offended/insulted/shocked

Offend or insult? To **insult** sb is to do or say sth rude to them, usually deliberately. To **offend** sb is to upset them, either because you have insulted them, or because you have been rude or thoughtless about sb/sth that is important to them.

Example Bank:

- He was very sensitive and easily offended
- Omit anything that is likely to offend people.
- She sounded offended when she replied.
- She stopped mid-sentence, anxious not to offend him.

- Viewers complained that the broadcast offended against good taste.
- Neil did not mean to offend anybody with his joke.
- Some people found his jokes funny but others were deeply offended
- They'll be offended if you don't go to their wedding.

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[**Word Family**: **noun**: OFFENSE/OFFENSE, ↑offender, ↑offensive ↑offensiveness **adjective**: ↑offensive ≠ ↑inoffensive ↑offended ↑offending **verb**: ↑offend; **adverb**: ↑offensively]

[**Date**: 1300-1400; **Language**: Old French; **Origin**: offender, from Latin offendere 'to strike against, offend']

1. **[intransitive and transitive]** to make someone angry or upset by doing or saying something that they think is rude, unkind etc:

" His remarks deeply offended many Scottish people.

be offended by/at something

" Liddy was offended by such a personal question.

" The careful language is designed not to offend.

2. **[transitive]** to seem bad or unacceptable to someone:

" A solution must be found that doesn't offend too many people.

" Some of these new buildings really offend the eye (=look very ugly).

3. **[intransitive] formal** to commit a crime or crimes:

" Many of the young men here are likely to offend again.

4. **[intransitive and transitive] formal** to be against people's feelings of what is morally acceptable

offend against

" Broadcasters have a responsibility not to offend against good taste and decency.

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