

**serve****1. [sɜ:v] n**

подача (мяча) (*теннис, бадминтон*)

good [bad] serve - хорошая [плохая] подача

whose serve is it? - чья подача?

**2. [sɜ:v] v****1. служить, быть слугой**

to serve a master - служить хозяину

to serve two masters - быть слугой двух господ

to serve one's country - служить своей родине

his eyes didn't seem to serve him - глаза, казалось, отказывались ему служить

if my memory serves me right - если мне память не изменяет

**2. работать, состоять на службе, быть служащим (*тж. serve out*)**

to serve in an office [in a shop, at a hairdresser's] - служить в конторе [работать в магазине, в парикмахерской]

to serve on a committee [on a board] - быть членом комитета [правления]

to serve on a jury - *юр.* исполнять обязанности присяжного заседателя

to serve as a secretary [as a cook, as a waiter, as a judge] - работать секретарём [поваром, официантом, судьёй]

to be willing to serve at a small salary - соглашаться работать за небольшое жалование /вознаграждение/

**3. служить в армии, быть военным**

to serve in the army [in the air force, in the navy] - служить в армии [в авиации, во флоте]

to serve in the ranks - служить рядовым

to serve abroad - служить в войсках, находящихся за границей

to serve in the war [at the front] - быть участником войны [быть на фронте]

to have served in twenty campaigns - быть ветераном двадцати походов

to serve under smb. /under smb.'s command/ - служить под чьим-л. началом /командованием/

he served under Admiral N - он служил при адмирале N.

he's not the sort of man I'd like to serve under - он не такой человек, которого я бы хотел иметь своим начальником

/командиром/

**4. 1) обслуживать**

to serve badly [fast, slowly, deftly] - плохо [быстро, медленно, ловко] обслуживать

this railway line serves a large district - эта железнодорожная линия обслуживает обширный район

all floors are served by elevator - лифт обслуживает все этажи

the doctor serves a large area - врач обслуживает большой район

**2) снабжать**

to serve a town [a house] with water [with gas, with electricity] - снабжать город [дом] водой [газом, электричеством]

to serve a gun with ammunition - обеспечивать оружие боеприпасами

**3) заниматься клиентами, покупателями, обслуживать**

to serve customers - обслуживать покупателей /клиентов/

are you being served? - вами занимаются?, вас обслуживают?

I'm waiting to be served - я жду, когда меня обслужат /когда мной займутся/

to serve a customer with smth. - отпускать покупателю что-л.

**5. (*часто serve out, serve up*)****1) подавать (*на стол*), разносить (*пищу, напитки*); обслуживать**

to serve at table - подавать, обслуживать (*в ресторане и т. п.*)

to serve breakfast [dinner, tea, supper] - подавать завтрак [обед, чай, ужин]

serve the coffee in the drawing room - подайте кофе в гостиной

dinner is served! - обед подан!

to serve smth. hot [cold] - подавать что-л. горячим [холодным]

soup should be served up very hot - суп следует подавать очень горячим

to serve out fish for supper - подавать на ужин рыбу

no wines were served at the dinner - вина за обедом не подавали

to serve smth. to smb. - подать что-л. кому-л.

ladies are served before men - сначала подают дамам

I was served with tea and cake - мне подали чай с пирогом

sometimes they serve (up) a good meal here - здесь иногда хорошо кормят

the dinner was well served up - обед был хорошо сервирован

to serve smth. round - обносить кругом (*гостей напитками и т. п.*), угощать (*гостей*)

wine was served round - вино было пущено по кругу

**2) кормить, пичкать (*несвежим*)**

to serve up an old tale - пересказывать старую басню

TV keeps serving up the same diet of old movies - телевидение всё время пичкает нас старыми фильмами

**6. выполнять назначение; служить (*для чего-л.*); использоваться, применяться**

to serve some useful purpose - послужить какой-л. полезной цели

to serve no purpose - никуда /ни на что/ не годиться

to serve as a lesson to smb. - послужить кому-л. уроком

to serve as a pretext - служить поводом

it serves to show the folly of smb. - это служит подтверждением безрассудства кого-л.

to serve its turn /its purpose/ - выполнять своё назначение

the box served him as a table - ящик служил ему столом

- I want a sofa to serve for a bed - я хочу, чтобы диван служил мне кроватью
7. 1) **быть полезным, оказывать помощь; содействовать**  
 to serve the cause of peace - служить делу мира  
 to serve smb.'s interests - служить чьим-л. интересам  
 I would do much to serve you - я бы многое отдал, чтобы быть вам полезным  
 I wish I could serve you in this matter - жаль, что я не могу помочь вам в этом деле  
 no human power can serve us - ничто не может /не в силах человека/ помочь нам  
 sound education will serve you in good stead in the affairs of life - основательное образование будет вам хорошим помощником в жизни
- 2) **благоприятствовать(о погоде, времени)**  
 when occasion serves - при удобном /подходящем/ случае
8. **удовлетворять, годиться, быть достаточным**  
 that excuse will not serve you - эта отговорка не оправдывает вас  
 this didn't serve our turn - это нам не подходило, это нас не устраивало  
 to serve smb.'s need - удовлетворять чьи-л. потребности  
 this amount will serve me for a year - этой суммы мне хватит на год  
 that serves to show that he is honest - это является (достаточным) доказательством его честности
9. **отбывать срок (службы, полномочий, наказания)**  
 to serve an apprenticeship - проходить курс ученичества  
 to serve one's time /one's term/ - а) отслужить свой срок; he has served his full term in office - срок его полномочий истёк; this suit has served its time - костюм своё отслужил; б) отбывать срок наказания (*тж.* to serve a sentence)  
 to serve time - отбывать срок /наказание/  
 he served eight months in jail - он отсидел восемь месяцев в тюрьме
10. **разг.** **обходиться (с кем-л.), поступать**  
 to serve smb. well [ill, tenderly, generously] - обходиться с кем-л. хорошо [дурно, мягко, великодушно]  
 she was served very cruelly - с ней обошлись очень жестоко  
 you have no business to serve me like that - ты не имеешь права так со мной обращаться
11. **церк.** **служить службу**
12. **подавать мяч (теннис и волейбол)**  
 to serve well [badly, into the net] - подавать хорошо [плохо, в сетку]  
 it is your turn to serve - ваша очередь подавать
13. **юр.** **доставлять, вручать (повестку и т. п.)**  
 to serve smb. with a notice - вызывать кого-л. повесткой в суд  
 to serve a warrant on smb. - предъявлять кому-л. ордер на арест  
 they've served a summons on him, they've served him with a summons - они вручили ему повестку
14. **с.-х.** **случать, спаривать**  
 to serve a mare - случать кобылу
15. **мор.** **клетневать**  
 ◇ to serve before the mast - служить (простым) матросом на торговом судне  
 to serve a gun [a battery] - вести огонь из орудия [с батареи]  
 to serve hand and foot - служить верой и правдой  
 to serve the time - приспособляться к духу времени; ≅ держать нос по ветру  
 to serve smb. a (dirty) trick - сыграть с кем-л. (плохую) шутку  
 to serve (smb.) with the same sauce *см.* sauce I ◇  
 it will serve - а) это то, что нужно; it will serve for the moment - в данный момент это сойдёт; б) этого будет достаточно  
 it serves him right! - поделом!, так ему и надо!

## serve

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**serve** [serve serves served serving] verb, noun BrE [sɜːv] NAmE [sɜːrj]

verb

### FOOD/DRINK

1. **transitive, intransitive** to give sb food or drink, for example at a restaurant or during a meal

- ~ (sth) Breakfast is served between 7 and 10 a.m.
- Pour the sauce over the pasta and serve immediately.
- Shall I serve?
- ~ **sth with sth** Serve the lamb with new potatoes and green beans.
- ~ **sth to sb** They served a wonderful meal to more than fifty delegates.
- ~ **sb with sth** The delegates were served with a wonderful meal.
- ~ **sb sth** She served us a delicious lunch.
- ~ **sth + adj.** The quiche can be served hot or cold.

2. **transitive ~ sb/sth (of an amount of food)** to be enough for sb/sth

- This dish will serve four hungry people.

### CUSTOMERS

3. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sb)** (especially BrE) to help a customer or sell them sth in a shop/store

- Are you being served?
- She was serving behind the counter.

## BE USEFUL

4. **transitive** ~ **sth/sb** to be useful to sb in achieving or satisfying sth

- These experiments **serve** no useful **purpose** .
- Most of their economic policies **serve the interests** of big business.
- How can we best **serve the needs** of future generations?
- His linguistic ability **served him well** in his chosen profession.

## PROVIDE STH

5. **transitive** to provide an area or a group of people with a product or service

- ~ **sb/sth** The centre will serve the whole community .
- ~ **sb/sth with sth** The town is well served with buses and major road links.

## BE SUITABLE

6. **intransitive** ~ **(as sth)** to be suitable for a particular use, especially when nothing else is available

- The sofa will serve as a bed for a night or two.

## HAVE PARTICULAR RESULT

7. **intransitive, transitive** to have a particular effect or result

- ~ **as sth** The judge said the punishment would serve as a warning to others.
- ~ **to do sth** The attack was unsuccessful and **served only to** alert the enemy.

## WORK

8. **intransitive, transitive** to work or perform duties for a person, an organization, a country, etc

- ~ **(as sth)** He served as a captain in the army.
- ~ **in/on/with sth** She served in the medical corps.
- ~ **under/with sb** He served under Edward Heath in the 1970s.
- ~ **sth** I wanted to work somewhere where I could serve the community.
- ~ **sb (as sth)** He served the family faithfully for many years (= as a servant) .

9. **transitive, intransitive** to spend a period of time in a particular job or training for a job

- ~ **sth** He served a one-year apprenticeship.
- ~ **as sth** She was elected to serve as secretary of the local party.

## TIME IN PRISON

10. **transitive** ~ **sth** to spend a period of time in prison

- prisoners serving life sentences
- She is serving two years for theft.
- He has **served time** (= been to prison) before.

## OFFICIAL DOCUMENT

11. **transitive (law)** to give or send sb an official document, especially one that orders them to appear in court

- ~ **sth (on sb)** to **serve a writ/summons** on sb
- ~ **sb with sth** to serve sb with a writ/summons

## IN SPORT

12. **intransitive, transitive** (in ↑**tennis**, etc.) to start playing by throwing the ball into the air and hitting it

- Who's serving?
- ~ **sth** She served an ace.

**more at** first come, first served **at** ↑**first** adv., if (my) memory serves me well, etc. **at** ↑**memory**

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	serve
	BrE /sə:v/
	NAme /sə:rɪv/
he / she /it	serves
	BrE /sə:vz/
	NAme /sə:rɪvz/
past simple, past participle	served
	BrE /sə:vd/
	NAme /sə:rɪvd/
-ing form	serving
	BrE /sə:vɪŋ/
	NAme /sə:rɪvɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **servir**, from Latin **servire**, from **servus** 'slave' .

Thesaurus:

**serve** **verb**

1. T, I

- Lunch is served from 12 to 2.30 p.m.
- This dish will serve four hungry people.

feed • • nourish • • cater • dish (sth) up •

serve/feed/nourish sb/sth **with sth**

serve/dish up a **meal**

2. T

• How can we serve the needs of our clients?

**satisfy** • • **meet** • • **suit** • |BrE, formal **fulfil** • |AmE **fulfill** •

serve/satisfy/meet/suit/fulfil a **requirement /need/purpose**

serve/satisfy/suit/fulfil sb/sth's **interest**

3. T

• The town is well served with buses.

**cater for sb/sth** • • **provide for sb** •

sb/sth is **well** served/catered for/provided for

serve/cater for/provide for sb/sth **adequately**

Example Bank:

- Cover and chill the salad until ready to serve.
- He served on active duty in the US Marine Corps.
- He served under John Major in the early 1990s.
- He served under President Reagan in the 1980s.
- He served with distinction in the First World War.
- I currently serve on the Board of Directors.
- I shall continue to serve as a trustee.
- If memory serves me right, we arrived on June 22, which was a Tuesday.
- Let us know how we can better serve your needs.
- Most of their economic policies are designed to serve the interests of big business.
- She has served in an advisory capacity for a number of groups.
- She is currently serving as special adviser to the American Ambassador.
- She served the family faithfully for many years.
- The Declaration served primarily as a propaganda piece.
- The sofa also serves as a bed.
- The texts ultimately serve as springboards for the artists' imagination.
- They served a wonderful meal to more than 50 delegates.
- This old car has served me very well.
- This only served to complicate the situation further.
- This strategy has always served him well.
- to serve in the army/military/navy
- to serve on the committee/jury/panel
- How can we serve the needs of future generations?
- Most of their policies simply serve the interests of big businesses.
- Serve chilled.
- Serve with rice or potatoes.
- She served us a wonderful meal.
- The first chapter serves as a useful introduction to the subject.
- These experiments serve no useful purpose.

Idioms: **↑it serves somebody right** ▪ **↑serve its turn** ▪ **↑serve two masters**

Derived **↑serve something out** ▪ **↑serve something up**

**noun** (in **↑tennis**, etc.)

the action of **↑serving** the ball to your opponent

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **servir**, from Latin **servire**, from **servus** 'slave'.

**serve**

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I. **serve**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /sɜːv/\$sɜːrv/BrE " AmE " verb

[**Word Family:** **noun:** **↑servant**, **↑serve**, **↑server**, **↑service**, **↑disservice**, the services, **↑serving**, **↑serverly**, **↑servicing**, **↑servility**, **↑servitude**; **adjective:** **↑serviceable**, **↑servile**, **↑serving**; **verb:** **↑serve**, **↑service**]

[**Date:** 1100-1200; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** servir, from Latin servire 'to be a slave, serve', from servus 'slave, servant', perhaps from Etruscan]

1. **FOOD/DRINK** [**intransitive and transitive**] to give someone food or drink, especially as part of a meal or in a restaurant, bar etc:

- " The waiter was serving another table.
- " Sprinkle with cheese and serve immediately.

**serve something with something**

- " Serve the soup with crusty bread.

**serve breakfast/lunch/dinner**

- " Breakfast is served until 9 am.

**serve something to somebody**

- " Meals can be served to you in your room.

### serve something hot/cold etc

Teacakes should be served hot with butter.

2. **serve two/three/four etc (people)** if food serves two, three etc, there is enough for that number of people

3. **SHOP [intransitive and transitive]** to help the customers in a shop, especially by bringing them the things that they want:

There was only one girl servicing customers.

4. **BE USEFUL/HELPFUL [intransitive and transitive]** to be useful or helpful for a particular purpose or reason

#### serve as

The sofa had to serve as a bed.

The reforms served as a model for the rest of the Communist world.

A large cardboard box will serve the purpose.

Her talent for organization should serve her well.

#### serve the needs/interests of somebody/something

research projects that serve the needs of industry

5. **DO USEFUL WORK [intransitive and transitive]** to spend a period of time doing useful work or official duties for an organization, country, important person etc

#### serve as

Lord Herbert served as ambassador to France.

#### serve in the army/air force/navy etc

He returned to Greece to serve in the army.

#### serve on

Ann serves on various local committees.

the women who served their country in the war

6. **HAVE AN EFFECT [intransitive] formal** to have a particular effect or result

#### serve as

Her death should serve as a warning to other young people.

#### serve to do something

A single example serves to illustrate what I mean.

7. **PROVIDE SOMETHING [transitive usually passive]** to provide an area or a group of people with something that is necessary or useful:

Paris is served by two airports.

8. **PRISON [transitive]** to spend a particular period of time in prison:

He served an 18-month sentence for theft.

Did you know that Les is servicing time (=is in prison)?

9. **SPORT [intransitive and transitive]** to start playing in a game such as tennis or **↑volleyball** by throwing the ball up in the air and hitting it over the net

10. **it serves somebody right spoken** used to say that you think someone deserves something unpleasant that happens to them, because they have been stupid or unkind:

'She kicked me!' 'It serves you right, teasing her like that.'

11. **serve an apprenticeship** to learn a job or skill by working for a particular period of time for someone who has a lot of experience

12. **serve a summons/writ etc** to officially send or give someone a written order to appear in a court of law

⇒ **if my memory serves me (right/well/correctly)** at **↑memory(1)**

### serve something ↔ out phrasal verb

1. to complete a particular period of time in prison or doing a job:

Dillon's almost served out his sentence (=in prison).

The Senator's illness means he may not serve out his term.

2. **British English** to put food onto plates:

Serve out the rice, will you?

### serve something ↔ up phrasal verb

to give food to someone as part of a meal:

What are you servicing up tonight?

II. **serve**<sup>2</sup> **BrE** **AmE** **noun** [countable]

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑servant, ↑serve, ↑server, ↑service, ↑disservice, the services, ↑serving, ↑servery, ↑servicing, ↑servility, ↑servitude; **adjective**: ↑serviceable, ↑servile, ↑serving; **verb**: ↑serve, ↑service]

the action in a game such as tennis or **↑volleyball** when you throw the ball in the air and hit it over the net

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## THESAURUS

### ■ preparing food

▪ **grate** to cut cheese, carrot etc into small pieces by rubbing it against a special tool: Grate the cheese and sprinkle it over the top of the pasta.

▪ **melt** to make butter, chocolate etc become liquid: Melt the butter, chocolate, and 1 teaspoon of cream over a low heat.

▪ **sieve** **British English**, **sift** **American English** to put flour or other powders through a **↑sieve** (=tool like a net made of wire, which you use for removing larger grains or pieces): Sift the flour and cocoa before adding to the rest of the mixture.

▪ **chop** to cut something into pieces, especially using a big knife: Chop up the vegetables.

▪ **dice** to cut vegetables or meat into small square pieces: Dice the carrots and then fry them in butter.

▪ **season** to add salt, pepper etc to food: Season the meat before grilling.

▪ **crush** to use a lot of force to break something such as seeds into very small pieces or into a powder: Add one clove of crushed garlic.

▪ **mix** to combine different foods together: Mix together all the ingredients in one bowl.

- **beat/whisk** to mix food together quickly with a fork or other tool: Whisk the egg whites until they form soft peaks.
- **stir** to turn food around with a spoon: Stir the sauce gently to prevent burning.
- **fold something in** to gently mix another substance into a mixture: Fold in the beaten egg whites.
- **knead** to press <sup>↑</sup>**dough** (=a mixture of flour and water) many times with your hands when you are making bread: Knead the dough for ten minutes, until smooth.
- **drizzle** to slowly pour a small amount of a liquid onto something: Drizzle with olive oil.
- **let something stand** to leave something somewhere, before you do something else with it: Let the mixture stand for a couple of hours so that it cools naturally.
- **serve** to put different foods together as part of a meal: Serve with rice and a salad. | Serve the aubergines on a bed of lettuce.

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