

prove[pru:v] *v*

1. 1) **доказывать**
to prove smb.'s guilt [innocence] - доказать чью-л. вину [чью-л. невиновность]
to prove one's good will - продемонстрировать добрую волю
it remains to be proved - это ещё не доказано /надо доказать/
the exception proves the rule - исключение подтверждает правило
- 2) **удостоверять, подтверждать документами; (за)свидетельствовать**
to prove one's identity - удостоверить личность
to prove a will - утвердить завещание
all the evidence goes to prove that ... - все показания свидетельствуют о том /подтверждают/, что ...
2. **арх.**
- 1) **испытывать, пробовать**
to prove smb.'s honesty - испытать чью-л. честность
this he said to prove her - он сказал это, чтобы испытать её
prove all things; hold fast that which is good - **библ.** всё испытывайте хорошего держитесь
- 2) **спец.** подвергать испытанию, испытывать
to prove a new weapon [a new car model] - испытывать новый вид оружия [новую модель автомашины]
to prove ore - исследовать руду; проводить анализ руды
3. **оказываться**
to prove (to be) satisfactory [useful, insufficient] - оказаться удовлетворительным [полезным, недостаточным]
to prove unequal to one's task - не справляться с задачей
the operation proved fatal - операция оказалась смертельной
the report proved false - сообщение оказалось ложным
the play proved a success - пьеса имела успех
4. **показывать; демонстрировать**
to prove oneself - проявлять себя, показывать себя
he proved himself (to be) a coward - он вёл себя как трус, он оказался трусом
to prove one's skill - проявить своё умение
5. **мат.** проверять
the correctness of the subtraction has been proved - правильность вычитания проверена
6. **полигр.** получать пробный оттиск
7. **горн.** разведывать
8. **кул.** производить расстойку (*места*)
9. **испытывать, переживать**
to prove the extreme depths of poverty and sorrow - испытать крайнюю нужду и горе

prove

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prove [prove proves proved proving proven] *BrE* [pru:v] ^u *NAmE* [pru:v] ^u*verb* (proved, proved or proved, proven *BrE* ['pru:v] ^u ; *NAmE* ['pru:v] ^u (especially in *NAmE*)) In *BrE* **proved** is the more common form. Look also at **proven**.**SHOW STH IS TRUE**

1. **transitive** to use facts, evidence, etc. to show that sth is true
 - ~ **sth** They hope this new evidence will prove her innocence.
 - 'I know you're lying.' 'Prove it!'
 - He felt he needed to **prove his point** (= show other people that he was right) .
 - Are you just doing this to **prove a point** ?
 - **What are you trying to prove** ?
 - I certainly **don't have anything to prove** — my record speaks for itself.
 - ~ **sth to sb** Just give me a chance and I'll prove it to you.
 - ~ **(that)...** This proves (that) I was right.
 - ~ **sb/sth/yourself + adj./noun** She was determined to prove everyone wrong.
 - In this country, you are innocent until proved guilty.
 - ~ **sb/sth/yourself to be/have sth** You've just proved yourself to be a liar.
 - ~ **what, how, etc...** This just proves what I have been saying for some time.
 - **it is proved that...** **Can it be proved that** he did commit these offences?

Opp: ↑disprove**see also** ↑proof**BE**

2. **linking verb** if sth proves dangerous, expensive, etc. or if it proves to be dangerous, etc, you discover that it is dangerous, etc. over a period of time

Syn: ↑turn out

- **+ adj.** The opposition proved too strong for him.
- It was proving extremely difficult to establish the truth.
- **+ noun** Shares in the industry proved a poor investment.
- His lack of experience may prove a problem in a crisis.

- ~ **to be sth** The promotion proved to be a turning point in his career.
- Their fears proved to be groundless.

YOURSELF

- 3. transitive ~ yourself (to sb)** to show other people how good you are at doing sth or that you are capable of doing sth
 - He constantly feels he has to prove himself to others.
- 4. transitive ~ yourself + adj/noun | ~ yourself to be sth** to show other people that you are a particular type of person or that you have a particular quality
 - He proved himself determined to succeed.

OF BREAD

- 5. intransitive** to swell before being baked because of the action of ↑**yeast**

Syn: ↑rise

see the exception proves the rule **at** ↑**exception**

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	prove
I / you / we / they	prove
	BrE /pruːv/
	NAmE /pruːv/
he / she / it	proves
	BrE /pruːvz/
	NAmE /brʊnz/
past simple	proved
	BrE /pruːvd/
	NAmE /brʊnd/
past participle	proved
	BrE /pruːvd/
	NAmE /brʊnd/
past participle	(especially NAmE) proven
	BrE /pruːvɪn/
	NAmE /pruːvɪn/
-ing form	proving
	BrE /pruːvɪŋ/
	NAmE /brʊvɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **prover**, from Latin **probare** 'test, approve, demonstrate', from **probus** 'good'.

Thesaurus:

prove verb T

- New evidence proved his innocence.

show • • **demonstrate** • • **illustrate** • • **indicate** •

Opp: disprove

prove/show/demonstrate/indicate sth **to sb**

prove/show/demonstrate/illustrate/indicate **that/what/how...**

figures/studies prove/show/demonstrate/illustrate/indicate sth

research proves/shows/demonstrates/illustrates/indicates sth

Prove or show? Prove is often preferred to show to give a stronger sense of justice being done.

Word Family:

prove verb (≠disprove)

proof noun

proven adjective (≠unproven)

Language Bank:

evidence

Giving proof

There is clear evidence that ▪ TV advertising influences what children buy.

It is clear ▪ from numerous studies **that** ▪ TV advertising influences what children buy.

▪ Recent research **demonstrates** ▪ that TV advertising influences children's spending habits.

▪ Many parents think that TV advertising influences their children. This view **is supported by** ▪ the findings of a recent study, which **show** ▪ a clear link between television advertisements and children's spending habits.

▪ The findings also **reveal** ▪ that most children are unaware of the persuasive purpose of advertising.

There is little evidence that ▪ children understand the persuasive intent of advertising.

▪ The results **contradict** ▪ claims that advertising is unrelated to children's spending habits.

▪ Manufacturers argue that it is difficult to **prove** ▪ that advertising alone influences what children buy.

Language Banks at ↑**argue**, ↑**e.g.**, ↑**illustrate**

Example Bank:

- He tried to prove his theory to his friends.
- I certainly don't have anything to prove— my record speaks for itself.
- I was determined to prove my critics wrong.
- The deaths are being treated as suspicious until we can prove otherwise.
- Their behaviour just proves my point.
- This theory cannot be proved scientifically.
- What are you trying to prove?

- 'I know you're lying.' 'Prove it!'
- Are you just doing this to prove a point?
- Can it be proved that he did commit these offences?
- He felt he needed to prove his point.
- Just give me a chance and I'll prove it to you.

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prove **S2 W1** /pruːvBrE ˈAmE ˈ verb (past tense **proved**, past participle **proved** or

proven /'pruːvən/ *especially American English*)

[Word Family: verb: ↑prove ≠ ↑disprove; noun: ↑proof; adjective: ↑proven ≠ ↑unproven]

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: prover; from Latin probare; ⇒ ↑probe²]

1. **SHOW SOMETHING IS TRUE** [transitive] to show that something is true by providing facts, information etc ⇒ **proof**:

▪ You're wrong, and I can prove it.

prove (that)

▪ Tests have proved that the system works.

prove something to somebody

▪ I knew he had done it, but there was no way I could prove it to Eddie.

prove sb's guilt/innocence

▪ He claims the police destroyed records that could prove the officer's guilt.

prove somebody wrong/innocent etc

▪ They say I'm too old, but I'm going to prove them all wrong.

▪ To prove his point (=show that he was right), he mentioned several other experiments which had produced similar results.

▶ You **prove** something to someone: *I will prove to you (NOT prove you) that I'm right.*

2. **BE** [linking verb] if someone or something proves difficult, helpful, a problem etc, they are difficult, helpful, a problem etc:

▪ The recent revelations may prove embarrassing to the President.

prove to be something

▪ The design proved to be a success.

3. **prove yourself/prove something (to somebody)** to show how good you are at doing something:

▪ When I first started this job, I felt I had to prove myself.

4. **prove yourself (to be) something** to show other people that you are a particular type of person:

▪ She's proved herself to be a very reliable worker.

5. **what is somebody trying to prove?** *spoken* said when you are annoyed by someone's actions and do not understand them

6. **prove a point** if someone does something to prove a point, they do it to show that they are right or that they can do something:

▪ I'm not going to run the marathon just to prove a point.

7. **BREAD** [intransitive] if ↑dough (=unbaked bread mixture) proves, it rises and becomes light because of the ↑yeast in it

8. **LAW** [transitive] *law* to show that a ↑will has been made in the correct way

—**provable** adjective

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COLLOCATIONS

nouns

- **prove somebody's guilt/innocence** There was no way she could prove her innocence.
- **prove the existence of something** These pictures do not prove the existence of water on Mars.
- **prove a theory** No evidence emerged to prove either theory.
- **prove your case** The state had failed to prove its case.
- **prove your point** To prove her point, Dr Hurdal showed her audience a scan of a patient's brain.

phrases

- **prove somebody wrong/right** See if you can prove me wrong.
- **prove somebody guilty/innocent** The law states that you are innocent until proved guilty.

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THESAURUS

- **confirm** if a piece of new information confirms an idea or belief that people already have, it shows that it is definitely true: Police have found new evidence that confirms his story. | The discovery seems to confirm that people lived here over 10,000 years ago.
- **prove** to show that something is definitely true by providing facts: DNA tests proved that he was the father of the child. | I think we've proved that we are a good team.
- **back up** to provide additional information to help prove that a statement, belief, or explanation is correct: When you write a history essay, you should back up all your points with facts. | Wright was accused of pretending to be injured, and this was backed up by video evidence.
- **support** to help to prove that a belief, idea etc is probably true: Do you have any evidence to support these claims? | The notion that women are worse drivers than men is simply not supported by the facts.
- **bear something out** if facts or information bear out a claim or opinion, they suggest that something is likely to be true: Most of the available evidence bears out the view that students learn better in small classes. | Marriage is not always easy; a fact that is clearly borne out in divorce statistics.
- **corroborate** *formal* to provide additional information which supports or agrees with something – used in scientific and legal contexts: Levine claims that a third car was involved in the accident and witnesses have corroborated this. | Professor Carling's findings have been corroborated by more recent research.
- **substantiate** *formal* to provide additional information that helps to prove that a statement is correct, especially if the statement is difficult to believe: A police investigation failed to substantiate the claim that he had been sexually abused.
- **validate** *formal* to prove that information or results are correct by using scientific tests or very careful checking – used in scientific or technical contexts: All the information used in this report has been validated by an independent panel of experts.

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