

**linger**['lɪŋgə] **v**

- 1) задерживаться; засиживаться (*тж.* linger about, linger around)  
to linger (around) after others have left - оставаться /задерживаться/ после того, как все остальные ушли  
to linger before the fire - засидеться у камина
- 2) задерживаться, останавливаться (*на каком-л. вопросе и т. п.*)
- ещё удерживаться; не исчезать полностью (*тж.* linger on)  
hope lingered on - надежда ещё теплилась  
the pain lingered on for weeks - боль не проходила ещё несколько недель  
the memory still lingers on - память ещё жива (*о чём-л., ком-л.*)
- 1) медлить, мешкать, делать очень медленно  
to linger over one's work - копаться с работой
- 2) запаздывать (*с чем-л.*)
- владеть жалкое существование, медленно умирать (*тж.* linger on, linger out, to linger out one's days /life/)  
he lingered (on) for nearly two years - он протянул ещё почти два года
- 1) зря терять время; шляться без дела (*тж.* linger about)
- 2) тянуть (*время*); оттягивать (*момент*) (*тж.* linger away, linger out)
- 3) тянуться (*о времени*)
- 4) затягиваться (*о болезни*)

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**linger** [linger lingers lingered lingering] *BrE* ['lɪŋgə(t)] *NAmE* ['lɪŋgə]**verb**

- intransitive** to continue to exist for longer than expected
  - The faint smell of her perfume lingered in the room.
  - ~ **on** The civil war lingered on well into the 1930s.
- intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** to stay somewhere for longer because you do not want to leave; to spend a long time doing sth
  - She lingered for a few minutes to talk to Nick.
  - We lingered over breakfast on the terrace.
- intransitive ~ (on sb/sth)** to continue to look at sb/sth or think about sth for longer than usual
  - His eyes lingered on the diamond ring on her finger.
- intransitive ~ (on)** to stay alive but become weaker
  - He lingered on for several months after the heart attack.

Verb forms:

| verb forms                   |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| present simple               |                           |
| I / you / we / they          | linger                    |
|                              | <i>BrE</i> / 'lɪŋgə(r) /  |
|                              | <i>NAmE</i> / 'lɪŋgə /    |
| he / she / it                | lingers                   |
|                              | <i>BrE</i> / 'lɪŋgəz /    |
|                              | <i>NAmE</i> / 'lɪŋgəz /   |
| past simple, past participle | lingered                  |
|                              | <i>BrE</i> / 'lɪŋgəd /    |
|                              | <i>NAmE</i> / 'lɪŋgəd /   |
| -ing form                    | lingering                 |
|                              | <i>BrE</i> / 'lɪŋgərɪŋ /  |
|                              | <i>NAmE</i> / 'lɪŋgərɪŋ / |

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'dwell, abide'): frequentative of obsolete leng 'prolong', of Germanic origin; related to German *längen* 'make long(er)', also to ↑long.

Example Bank:

- It will linger forever in the minds of many people.
- The feelings of hurt and resentment lingered on for years.
- The smell of lavender lingered faintly in the room.
- They stayed in the restaurant, lingering over coffee.

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**linger** /'lɪŋgə -ər/ *BrE* *AmE* **verb** [intransitive]

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: leng 'to lengthen, delay' (11-16 centuries), from Old English lengan]

- (also **linger on**) to continue to exist, be noticeable etc for longer than is usual or desirable:

- a taste that lingers in your mouth
- Unfortunately the tax will linger on until April.

- (also **linger on**) to stay somewhere a little longer, especially because you do not want to leave

**linger over**

- They lingered over coffee and missed the last bus.
- I spent a week at Kandersteg and could happily have lingered on.

- [always + **adverb/preposition**] to continue looking at or dealing with something for longer than is usual or desirable

**linger on/over**

- Mike let his eyes linger on her face.

There's no need to linger over this stage of the interview.

4. (also **linger on**) to continue to live although you are slowly dying:

He surprised all the doctors by lingering on for several weeks.

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## THESAURUS

- **stay** to not leave a place, or to be in a place for a particular period of time: Stay where you are and don't move. | John only stayed at the party for a couple of hours.
- **remain** *formal* to stay somewhere. In written English, people often prefer to use **remain** rather than **stay**, because it sounds more formal: Some 2,000 protesters remained outside the building and refused to leave. | The judge recommended that he remain in jail for the rest of his life.
- **linger** to stay in a place a little longer than you need to, because you are enjoying yourself, or because you hope to see someone or something: He lingered outside the lecture hall, hoping for a chance to talk to her. | There are plenty of small cafés where you can linger over a cappuccino.
- **loiter** to stay in a place not doing anything – used when you think someone is waiting for the chance to do something bad or illegal: The two men had been seen loitering in the area on the day that the car was stolen.
- **hang around** *informal* to stay somewhere not doing anything: There are gangs of boys hanging around on street corners. | I don't mind hanging around for a few minutes. | The boss doesn't like being kept hanging around.
- **stick around** *informal* to stay in the same place or situation for a period of time, especially while you are waiting for something to happen or someone to arrive: I decided to stick around and see how it all turned out. | Make up your mind. I'm not going to stick around forever.

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