

# lenient

[ˈliːniənt] *a*

1. мягкий, снисходительный; терпимый, кроткий  
 lenient punishment [sentence, measures] - мягкое наказание [-ий приговор, -ие меры]  
 lenient judge - снисходительный судья  
 lenient disposition - кроткий нрав  
 to be lenient towards smb. - быть снисходительным к кому-л.
2. *арх.* смягчающий, успокаивающий, мягчительный

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**le·ni·ent** *BrE* [ˈliːniənt] *NAme* [ˈliːniənt] *adjective*

not as strict as expected when punishing sb or when making sure that rules are obeyed

- a **lenient sentence/fine**
- The judge was far too lenient with him.

Derived Words ↑leniency ▪ ↑leniently

See also: ↑lenience

### Word Origin:

mid 17th cent. (originally meaning mild or soothing): from Latin **lenient-** 'soothing', from the verb **lenire**, from **lenis** 'mild, gentle'.

### Thesaurus:

**lenient** [**leniency lenient leniently**] *adj.*

- The courts were more lenient with female offenders.
- usually disapproving **soft** • [usually approving **forgiving** • [especially written **merciful** •

**Opp:** strict, **Opp:** harsh

- lenient/soft **with** sb
- lenient/merciful **to** sb
- a lenient/soft **approach**

### Example Bank:

- The police are sometimes more lenient with female offenders.
- He hoped that a lenient view would be taken of his misconduct.
- The judge agreed that the sentence was unduly lenient.
- The police and courts may be more lenient with female offenders.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**le·ni·ent** /ˈliːniənt *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*

[**Date:** 1600-1700; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** present participle of lenire 'to soften']

not strict in the way you punish someone or in the standard you expect:

- the lenient sentences handed down by some judges
- School examiners say that marking has become more lenient in recent years.

—**leniently** *adverb*

—**leniency**,

— **lenience** *noun* [uncountable]:

- the trend towards greater leniency for most offenders

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