

sermon1. ['sɜ:mən] *n*

1) проповедь

a sermon on smth. - проповедь о чём-л.

at a sermon - на проповеди

to deliver/to preach/ a sermon - произносить проповедь

the sermon was preached by the dean - проповедь произнёс настоятель

the funeral sermon - надгробное слово (*священника*)

Sermon on the Mount - *Библия*. Нагорная проповедь

2) поучение, нотация

to deliver a sermon - читать нотацию; давать наставления

2. ['sɜ:mən] *v редк.*

наставлять, поучать

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ser·mon [**sermon sermons**] *BrE* ['sɜ:mən] ^ˈ *NAmE* ['sɜ:rmən] ^ˈ **noun**

1. a talk on a moral or religious subject, usually given by a religious leader during a service

2. (*informal, usually disapproving*) moral advice that a person tries to give you in a long talk

• We had to listen to a long sermon on the evils of wasting time.

Word Origin:

Middle English (also in the sense 'speech, discourse'): from Old French, from Latin *sermo(n)-* 'discourse, talk'.

Collocations:**Religion**

Being religious

believe in God/Christ/Allah/free will/predestination/heaven and hell/an afterlife/reincarnation

be/become a believer/an atheist/an agnostic/a Christian/Muslim/Hindu/Buddhist, etc.

convert to/practise/ (especially US) practice a religion/Buddhism/Catholicism/Christianity/Islam/Judaism, etc.

go to church/ (NAmE) temple (= the synagogue)

go to the local church/mosque/synagogue/gurdwara

belong to a church/a religious community

join/enter the church/a convent/a monastery/a religious sect/the clergy/the priesthood

praise/worship/obey/serve/glorify God

Celebrations and ritual

attend/hold/conduct/lead a service

perform a ceremony/a rite/a ritual/a baptism/the Hajj/a mitzvah

carry out/perform a sacred/burial/funeral/fertility/purification rite

go on/make a pilgrimage

celebrate Christmas/Easter/Eid/Ramadan/Hanukkah/Passover/Diwali

observe/break the Sabbath/a fast/Ramadan

deliver/preach/hear a sermon

lead/address the congregation

say/recite a prayer/blessing

Religious texts and ideas

preach/proclaim/spread the word of God/the Gospel/the message of Islam

study/follow the dharma/the teachings of Buddha

read/study/understand/interpret scripture/the Bible/the Koran/the gospel/the Torah

be based on/derive from divine revelation

commit/consider sth heresy/sacrilege

Religious belief and experience

seek/find/gain enlightenment/wisdom

strengthen/lose your faith

keep/practise/practice/abandon the faith

save/purify/lose your soul

obey/follow/keep/break/violate a commandment/Islamic law/Jewish law

be/accept/do God's will

receive/experience divine grace

achieve/attain enlightenment/salvation/nirvana

undergo a conversion/rebirth/reincarnation

hear/answer a prayer

commit/confess/forgive a sin

do/perform penance

Synonyms:**speech**

lecture • address • talk • sermon

These are all words for a talk given to an audience.

speech • a formal talk given to an audience: ▪ Several people made speeches at the wedding.

lecture • a talk given to a group of people to tell them about a particular subject, often as part of a university or college course: ▪ a lecture on the Roman army ◇▪ a course/series of lectures
address • a formal speech given to an audience: ▪ a televised presidential address
speech or address?
 A **speech** can be given on a public or private occasion; an **address** is always public: He gave an address at the wedding.
talk • a fairly informal session in which sb tells a group of people about a subject: ▪ She gave an interesting talk on her visit to China.
sermon • a talk on a moral or religious subject, usually given by a religious leader during a service: ▪ to preach a sermon
 a **long/short** speech/lecture/address/talk/sermon
 a **keynote** speech/lecture/address
 to **write/prepare/give/deliver/hear** a(n) speech/lecture/address/talk/sermon
 to **attend/go to** a lecture/talk

Example Bank:

- He gave a long sermon against abortion.
- She preached a sermon on forgiveness.
- He preached a long sermon against the war.

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sermon /'sɜːmən/\$'sɜːr-BrE[Ⓜ] AmE[Ⓜ] noun [countable]

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin sermo 'speech, conversation']

1. a talk given as part of a Christian church service, usually on a religious or moral subject

give/preach/deliver a sermon (on something)

▪ The vicar gave a sermon on charity.

2. **informal** a long talk in which someone tries to give you moral advice that you do not want – used to show disapproval **SYN lecture**

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- **speech** a talk, especially a formal one about a particular subject, given to a group of people: The bridegroom usually makes a speech after the wedding. | In her speech, she proposed major changes to the welfare system. | the opening speech of the conference
- **address formal** a speech that a very important person gives to a large group of people: the President's address to the nation | He was surrounded by security officers as he made his address.
- **talk** an occasion when someone speaks to a group of people giving them information about a particular subject or about their experiences: I went to an interesting talk on the wildlife of Antarctica. | He's been asked to give a talk about his trip to India.
- **lecture** a talk, especially on an **↑academic** subject and given to students in a university: a lecture on 17th century French literature | Professor Black is giving the lecture.
- **presentation** a talk in which you describe or explain a new product or idea, especially one you give for your company: I had to give a presentation to the board of directors. | He's making a presentation to the management of a well-known manufacturing company.
- **sermon** a talk given by a priest or a religious leader: The vicar preached a sermon about the need for forgiveness.
- **statement** a spoken or written announcement that someone makes in public, often to **↑journalists**: The minister issued a short statement in which he said he had no plans to resign.

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