

avoid[ə'vɔɪd] *v*

- избегать, сторониться, уклоняться**
to avoid smb. - избегать /сторониться/ кого-л.
to avoid danger [an accident] - избежать опасности [уберечься от несчастного случая]
to avoid doing smth. - избегать чего-л. /делать что-л./, уклоняться от чего-л.
he couldn't avoid uttering his opinion - ему пришлось высказать своё мнение
to avoid some place - стараться не бывать где-л.
- юр.** отменять, аннулировать; делать недействительным
to avoid a sentence - отменять приговор
to avoid an agreement [a document] - аннулировать соглашение [документ]
- устр.** опорожнять, освобождать

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avoid [avoid avoids avoided avoiding] *BrE* [ə'vɔɪd] ^m *NAmE* [ə'vɔɪd] ^m *verb*

- to prevent sth bad from happening
 - ~ **sth** The accident could have been avoided
 - They **narrowly avoided** defeat
 - The name was changed to avoid confusion with another firm.
 - ~ **doing sth** They built a wall to avoid soil being washed away.
- to keep away from sb/sth; to try not to do sth
 - ~ **sb/sth** He's been avoiding me all week.
 - She kept avoiding my eyes (= avoided looking at me) .
 - I left early to avoid the rush hour.
 - ~ **doing sth** I've been avoiding getting down to work all day.
 - You should avoid mentioning his divorce.
- ~ **sth** to prevent yourself from hitting sth
 - The car swerved to avoid a cat.

more at to fall into/avoid the trap of doing sth **at** ↑ **trap** *n.***Idiom:** ↑ **avoid somebody like the plague****Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	avoid
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'vɔɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'vɔɪd/
he / she / it	avoids
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'vɔɪdz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'vɔɪdz/
past simple, past participle	avoided
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'vɔɪdɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'vɔɪdɪd/
-ing form	avoiding
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'vɔɪdɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'vɔɪdɪŋ/

Word Origin:late Middle English: from Old French **evuider** 'clear out, get rid of', from **vuide** 'empty', related to Latin **vacare** 'vacate' .**Thesaurus:****avoid** *verb* **T**

- The accident could have been avoided

prevent • • **stop** • |**formal preclude** • |**written avert** •
avoid/prevent sb/stop/preclude **doing sth**
avoid/prevent/stop/avert a/an **crisis/accident**
avoid/prevent/avert a **disaster/catastrophe/tragedy/conflict**
- T**
 - He's been avoiding me all week.

stay away • • **boycott** • • **steer clear** • • **keep your distance** • |**written shun** •
avoid/shun **publicity/the limelight**
deliberately avoid/stay away from/steer clear of sb/sth

Example Bank:

- Getting involved in a court case is something to be avoided at all costs.
- He braked hard and narrowly avoided a parked van.
- He deftly avoided answering the question.
- He failed in his attempt to avoid having to pay.
- He was careful to avoid any sentimentality in his speech.
- I scrupulously avoid artificial additives when I buy food.
- It is sometimes impossible to avoid conflict altogether.
- Most of these problems could have been easily avoided

- She pointedly avoided looking at him when she spoke.
- She swerved to avoid a bicycle.
- The two men carefully avoided one another.
- They are anxious to avoid any further misunderstandings.
- They ducked to avoid a low branch.
- They narrowly avoided defeat in the semi-final.
- He's been avoiding me all week.
- I hate office parties— I avoid them like the plague.
- She kept avoiding my eyes.
- The authorities are eager to avoid bad publicity.
- They built a wall to avoid the soil being washed away.

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a **void** **S2 W1** /ə'vɔɪd/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ verb [transitive]

[**Word Family**: verb: ↑avoid; noun: ↑avoidance; adverb: ↑unavoidably; adjective: ↑avoidable ≠ ↑unavoidable]

[**Date**: 1300-1400; **Language**: Old French; **Origin**: esvuidier, from vuidier 'to empty']

1. to prevent something bad from happening:

- Road safety is taught to young children to avoid road accidents.
- It is important to take measures to avoid the risk of fire.

avoid doing something

- The refugees left to avoid getting bombed.
- Alan narrowly avoided an accident.

2. to stay away from someone or something, or not use something:

- Everyone seemed to be avoiding Nick.
- She carefully avoided his eyes (=did not look directly at his face).
- Pregnant women should avoid certain foods such as raw eggs.
- Why did you speak to him? You usually avoid him like the plague (=try hard to avoid him).

3. to deliberately not do something, especially something wrong, dangerous, or harmful:

- There are ways of legally avoiding taxes.

avoid doing something

- You should avoid over-spending in the first half of the year.

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THESAURUS

to avoid a person or place

- **avoid** to deliberately not go near a person or place: Why have you been avoiding me? | We avoided Park Street because of the traffic.
- **stay away/keep away** to avoid a person or place, especially a dangerous one: She walked along the path, keeping well away from the edge of the cliff. | That man is trouble – I'd stay away from him.
- **steer clear of somebody/something** *informal* to avoid a person or place, because there could be problems if you do not: I usually steer clear of the kitchen when Alan's cooking. | I'd steer clear of Matthew if I were you.
- **make a detour** to avoid a place by travelling around it instead of through the centre: We had to make a long detour because of the floods.

to avoid doing something

- **avoid** to find a way of not doing something that you should do: Some people will do anything to avoid work.
- **get out of something** to avoid doing something you should do or something you promised to do. **Get out of** is more common than **avoid** in everyday spoken English: We promised we'd go – we can't get out of it now.
- **wriggle out of something** (*also wiggle out of something American English*) to avoid doing something you should do by making up excuses. Used to show disapproval: He always seems to wriggle out of helping with the kids.
- **evade** *formal* to avoid doing something that legally or morally you should do – used especially about taxes or responsibilities: It is an offence to evade taxes. | The US cannot evade its responsibility for the war.

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