

prevent

[pri'vent] v

1. предотвращать, предупреждать; предохранять
to prevent a disaster [an accident] - предотвратить несчастье [несчастный случай]
to prevent the spread of disease - предупредить распространение болезни
to prevent crime - предупреждать преступность
2. (часто from) мешать, препятствовать, не допускать
to prevent war - не допустить развязывания войны
my cold prevents me from going out - из-за простуды я не могу выйти из дому
nothing shall prevent me from doing my duty - ничто не помешает мне выполнить (мой) долг
a sense of delicacy prevented me from speaking my mind - из деликатности я не смог высказаться откровенно
3. *рел.*, *арх.* вести, руководить, направлять
4. *арх.* предупреждать (*желание, вопросы и т. п.*)
5. *арх.* предшествовать

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pre-vent [prevent prevents prevented preventing] BrE [pri'vent] NAmE

[pri'vent] verb

to stop sb from doing sth; to stop sth from happening

- ~ **sth/sb** The accident could have been prevented
- The government took steps to prevent a scandal.
- ~ **sb/sth from doing sth** He is prevented by law from holding a licence.
- Nothing would prevent him from speaking out against injustice.
- ~ **(sb/sth) doing sth** (BrE) Nothing would prevent him/his speaking out against injustice.

Derived Word ↑ **preventable**

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	prevent
	BrE /pri'vent/
	NAmE /pri'vent/
he / she / it	prevents
	BrE /pri'vents/
	NAmE /pri'vents/
past simple, past participle	prevented
	BrE /pri'ventɪd/
	NAmE /pri'ventɪd/
-ing form	preventing
	BrE /pri'ventɪŋ/
	NAmE /pri'ventɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'act in anticipation of'): from Latin **praevent** 'preceded, hindered', from the verb **praevenire** from **prae** 'before' + **venire** 'come'.

Thesaurus:

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- These strategies are aimed at preventing crime.
- stop** • **avoid** • **keep sb from sth** • **rule sb/sth out** • **thwart** • **frustrate** • **formal preclude** • **written avert** • **restrain** • **especially journalism foil** •

Opp: allow

prevent/stop/keep/preclude/restrain **sb from doing sth**

prevent sb/stop (sb)/avoid (sb)/preclude (sb) **doing sth**

prevent/stop/avoid/avert a/an **crisis/accident**

Prevent or stop? **Prevent** is a more formal word. It suggests action that sb plans in advance so that sth does not even start; **stop** often suggests action taken to end sth already in progress.

Example Bank:

- A good sunscreen will help prevent sunburn.
- Action must be swift in order to prevent further damage.
- Better intelligence could have possibly prevented the attack.
- No one can prevent you from attending this meeting.
- The drug inhibits the replication of cancer cells, thereby preventing their spread.
- The whole affair is an outrage and the authorities have done nothing to prevent it.
- There was nothing to prevent him setting up in business on the premises.
- There's nothing to prevent these guys from copying our idea.
- These barriers completely prevent new companies from entering the market.
- They took action to prevent the disease from spreading.
- This new legislation effectively prevents us from trading.
- a study to determine whether the brace can reliably prevent knee injuries

- new measures aimed at preventing accidents
- Is there a total sun block which prevents tanning altogether?
- These strategies are aimed at preventing crime.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

pre **vent** **S2 W1** /pri'vent/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive]

[Word Family: adjective: ↑preventable PREVENTIVE/PREVENTATIVE; verb: ↑prevent, noun: ↑prevention, adverb PREVENTIVELY/PREVENTATIVELY]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of praevenire 'to come before']

to stop something from happening, or stop someone from doing something:

▪ The rules are intended to prevent accidents.

prevent somebody/something (from) doing something

▪ His back injury may prevent him from playing in tomorrow's game.

▪ We were prevented from entering the site.

▪ Wrap small ornaments in paper to prevent them being damaged.

—**preventable** *adjective*:

▪ preventable diseases

▪ Every one of these deaths is preventable.

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In everyday English, people usually say **stop somebody/something (from) doing something** rather than **prevent somebody/something (from) doing something**:

▪ This barrier is to stop people from coming in without a ticket.

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prevented 4963

preventing 5057

prevention 8255

prevents 2823

preventable 633

preventative 438

unpreventable 9

preventive 2642

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15833 **1930**²²²⁸⁶ *vvi*

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