

depend

[dɪ'pend] *v*

1. (on, upon) **зависеть; обуславливаться**

to depend on /upon/ the size [smb.'s conduct] - зависеть от размера [от чьего-л. поведения]
 depending on the situation - в зависимости от обстоятельств смотря по обстоятельствам
 sciences depend upon one another - точные науки взаимосвязаны
 prices depend on supply and demand - цены обуславливаются спросом и предложением
 it depends on whether you are in a hurry or not - это зависит от того, насколько вы спешите

2. (on, upon) **полагаться, рассчитывать, надеяться**

to depend upon what one can earn - рассчитывать на свой собственный заработок
 you may depend upon him - на него можно положиться, он не подведёт
 depend upon it (that), you may depend upon it (that) - **разг.** будьте уверены (что); я вам говорю /уверю вас/ (что)
 you can never depend on what he says - тому, что он говорит, совершенно нельзя доверять
 you can never depend on his being on time - надо привыкнуть к тому, что он вечно опаздывает
 you can depend on him to help you - вы можете твёрдо рассчитывать, на его помощь

3. (on, upon) **получать помощь от (кого-л.); зависеть от (кого-л.), находиться на (чьём-л.) иждивении**

to depend upon one's parents - находиться на иждивении родителей
 to depend on oneself - самому зарабатывать на жизнь, ни от кого не зависеть
 the country depends on imports from abroad - страна живёт (исключительно) за счёт импорта
 he depends on his pen for a living - он зарабатывает себе на жизнь пером

4. **ждать, ожидать решения (о вопросе, деле); находиться на рассмотрении (суда или парламента)**

the bills were still depending - решение по законопроектам всё ещё не было принято
 ◇ it /that/ depends, it all depends - как сказать; смотря по тому (как)

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de·pend [depend depends depended depending] *BrE* [dɪ'pend] ¹ *NAmE*

[dɪ'pend] ² *verb*

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Idioms: ↑depending on ▪ ↑it depends ▪ ↑that depends

Derived ↑depend on somebody ▪ ↑depend on something

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	depend
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'pend/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'pend/
he / she / it	depends
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'pendz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'pendz/
past simple, past participle	depended
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'pendɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'pendɪd/
-ing form	depending
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'pendɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'pendɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English originally meaning 'to hang down'; also in the sense 'wait or be in suspense': from Old French *dependre*, from Latin *dependere*, from *de-* 'down' + *pendere* 'hang'.

Grammar Point:

depend on

In informal English, it is quite common to say **depend** rather than **depend on** before words like what, how or whether: ▪ It depends what you mean by 'hostile'. In formal written English, **depend** should always be followed by on or upon: ▪ It depends on how you define the term 'hostile'. Upon is more formal and less frequent than on.

Synonyms:

trust

depend on sb/sth • rely on sb/sth • count on sb/sth • believe in sb

These words all mean to believe that sb/sth will do what you hope or expect of them or that what they tell you is correct or true.

trust • to believe that sb is good, honest, sincere, etc. and that they will do what you expect of them or do the right thing; to believe that sth is true or correct: ▪ You can trust me not to tell anyone. ◇▪ Don't trust what you read in the newspapers!

depend on/upon sb/sth • (often used with *can/cannot/could/could not*) to trust sb/sth to do what you expect or want, to do the right thing, or to be true or correct: ▪ He was the sort of person you could depend on. ◇▪ Can you depend on her version of what happened?

rely on/upon sb/sth • (used especially with *can/cannot/could/could not* and *should/should not*) to trust sb/sth to do what you expect or want, or to be honest, correct or good enough: ▪ Can I rely on you to keep this secret? ◇▪ You can't rely on any figures you get from them.

trust, depend or rely on/upon sb/sth?

You can **trust** a person but not a thing or system. You can **trust** sb's *judgement* or *advice*, but not their support. You can **depend on** sb's *support*, but not their judgement or advice. **Rely on/upon sb/sth** is used especially with *you can/could* or *you should* to give advice or a promise: I don't really rely on his judgement. ◇▪ You can't really rely on his judgement.

count on sb/sth • (often used with *can/cannot/could/could not*) to be sure that sb will do what you need them to do, or that sth will happen as you want it to happen: ▪ I'm counting on you to help me. ◇▪ We can't count on the good weather lasting.
believe in sb • to feel that you can trust sb and/or that they will be successful: ▪ They need a leader they can believe in.
to trust/depend on/rely on/count on sb/sth **to do sth**
to trust/believe **in** sb/sth
to trust/rely on **sb's advice/judgement**
to depend on/rely on/count on **sb's support**
to **completely** trust/depend on/rely on/believe in sb/sth

Example Bank:

- The future of the company will depend crucially on how consumers respond.
- The outcome seems to depend on the type of soil used.
- Whether or not we can go ultimately depends on the weather.

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de **pend** **S1 W2** /dɪ'pend/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb*

[**Word Family:** **noun:** †dependant, †dependence ≠ †independence, †dependency; **adverb:** †dependably, †independently; **adjective:** †dependable, †dependent ≠ †independent; **verb:** †depend]

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it/that depends spoken used to say that you cannot give a definite answer to something because your answer will be affected by something else:

▪ 'How long are you staying?' 'I don't know; it depends.'

it depends who/what/how/whether etc

▪ You may take several months to reach your target weight – it depends how much you want to lose.

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THESAURUS

- **depend on something/somebody** to need something or someone in order to exist, or be healthy, successful etc: The island's economy depends on tourism. | The two industries depend on each other. | Many people depend on the sport for their livelihood (=they need it in order to make money to live).
- **rely on something/somebody** to depend on something or someone to do or provide what you need, especially because you have no choice: In rural areas, many people rely on public transport. | She'd never wanted to rely on a man for money.
- **count on something** to depend on something that you expect to happen: Their government was counting on American support. | I'm counting on getting a pay rise next year.
- **lean on somebody** to depend on someone for support and encouragement, especially at a difficult time: We all need a good friend that we can lean on. | When her husband died, she leant on Mike for support.

depend on/upon somebody/something phrasal verb

1. if something depends on something else, it is directly affected or decided by that thing:

▪ The length of time spent exercising depends on the sport you are training for.

depend on how/what/whether etc

▪ Choosing the right bike depends on what you want to use it for.

depending on something

▪ The expenses you claim can vary enormously, depending on travel distances involved.

▶ Do not say that one thing 'is depend on' another. Say that one thing **depends on** or **is dependent on** another.

2. to need the support, help, or existence of someone or something in order to exist, be healthy, be successful etc **SYN rely on:**

▪ The country depends heavily on its tourist trade.

▪ We depend entirely on donations from the public.

depend on somebody/something for something

▪ Many women have to depend on their husbands for their state pension.

depend on somebody/something to do something

▪ I'm depending on you to tell me everything.

depend on somebody/something doing something

▪ We're depending on him finishing the job by Friday.

3. to trust or have confidence in someone or something:

▪ You can depend on Jane – she always keeps her promises.

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