

# avenge

[ə'vendʒ] **v**

МСТИТЬ

to **avenge** insult [wrong] (up) on smb. - отомстить за оскорбление [за зло] кому-л.

to **avenge** oneself on one's enemy for the insult - отомстить своему врагу за (это) оскорбление

I am **avenged** - я от(о)мщён

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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**avenge** [ **avenge** **avenges** **avenged** **avenging** ] **BrE** [ə'vendʒ] <sup>u</sup> **NAmE** [ə'vendʒ]

**verb** (formal)

to punish or hurt sb in return for sth bad or wrong that they have done to you, your family or friends

- ~ **sth** He promised to **avenge** his father's murder.
- ~ **yourself on sb** She was determined to **avenge** herself on the man who had betrayed her.

Derived Word † **avenger**

Verb forms: verb forms

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	avenge
	BrE /ə'vendʒ/
	NAmE /ə'vendʒ/
he / she / it	avenges
	BrE /ə'vendʒɪz/
	NAmE /ə'vendʒɪz/
past simple, past participle	avenged
	BrE /ə'vendʒd/
	NAmE /ə'vendʒd/
-ing form	avenging
	BrE /ə'vendʒɪŋ/
	NAmE /ə'vendʒɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **avengier**, from **a-** (from Latin **ad** 'to') + **vinger**, from Latin **vindicare** 'vindicate'.

Grammar Point:

**avenge** / **revenge**

**Avenge** is a verb; **revenge** is (usually) a noun.

People **avenge** something or **avenge** themselves **on** somebody: ▫ She vowed to **avenge** her brother's death. ▫ He later **avenged** himself on his wife's killers. You **take revenge on** a person.

In more formal or literary English, **revenge** can also be a verb. People **revenge** themselves **on** somebody or **are revenged on** them (with the same meaning): ▫ He was later **revenged on** his wife's killers. You cannot **revenge** something: She vowed to **revenge** her brother's death.

Example Bank:

- In time, perhaps, these deaths will be **avenged**.
- They were out to **avenge** last season's defeat.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Origin:** venge 'to **avenge**' (13-20 centuries), from Old French **venger**, ⇒ † **vengeance**]

**literary** to do something to hurt or punish someone because they have harmed or offended you ⇒ **revenge** :

He wanted to **avenge** his brother's death.

—**avenger** **noun** [countable]

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