

**alight**I  
[ə'laɪt] *a predic*

1. зажённый; горящий, охваченный огнём  
to get smth. alight - зажечь что-л.  
to be alight - гореть  
lamps are alight - лампы зажжены
2. светящийся, сияющий  
faces alight with happiness - сияющие радостью лица

## II

[ə'laɪt] *v (past u p. p. тж. alit)*

1. 1) сходить, выходить (*из поезда, автобуса и т. п.*)  
to alight at a station - выходить на станции  
to assist smb. to alight - помочь кому-л. выйти (*из экипажа и т. п.*)  
don't alight from the moving train! - не прыгайте на ходу! (*надпись в поезде*)  
all passengers for Eton alight here - все пассажиры, едущие в Итон, выходят здесь
- 2) спешиваться
2. (on) опускаться, садиться, спускаться (*на что-л.*)  
birds alight on a tree - птицы садятся на дерево  
snow alights on a roof - снег падает на крышу  
to alight on one's feet - упасть на ноги; встать на ноги (*после падения, прыжка*)
3. приземляться, садиться; совершать посадку
4. остановиться (*в гостинице и т. п.*)
5. *книжн.* (on, upon) случайно обнаружить (*что-л.*); натолкнуться (*на что-л.*)  
to alight upon a collection of manuscripts - случайно натолкнуться на собрание рукописей

**alight****alight** [alight alights alighted alighting] *adjective, verb* BrE [ə'laɪt] <sup>u</sup> NAmE

[ə'laɪt]

*adjective not before noun*

1. on fire
  - A cigarette **set** the dry grass **alight** .
  - A car was overturned and set alight.
  - Her dress **caught alight** in the fire.
2. (formal) (of faces or eyes) showing a feeling of happiness or excitement
  - The children's faces were alight with enthusiasm.

**see** set the world alight **at** ↑worldWord Origin:*v.* Old English ālihtan ā- lihtan 'descend'*n.* late Middle English on a light fireExample Bank:

- The building had been set alight by the killer.
- The children's eyes were alight with excitement.
- The fire should be well alight by now.
- The fire should remain alight overnight
- The fires had to be kept alight each night.
- hoping that the fire would remain alight overnight

Derived ↑alight on something*verb* (formal or literary)

1. *intransitive* ~ (in/on/upon sth) (of a bird or an insect) to land in or on sth after flying to it

**Syn:** ↑land

2. *intransitive* ~ (from sth) to get out of a bus, a train or other vehicle

**Syn:** ↑get off

- Do not alight from a moving bus.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	alight
	BrE /ə'laɪt/
	NAmE /e'laɪt/
he / she / it	alights
	BrE /ə'laɪts/
	NAmE /e'laɪts/
past simple, past participle	alighted
	BrE /ə'laɪtɪd/
	NAmE /e'laɪtɪd/
-ing form	alighting
	BrE /ə'laɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE /e'laɪtɪŋ/

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- n. late Middle English on a light fire

Example Bank:

- A butterfly fluttered by and alighted on a rose.
- Several birds alighted on the branches of the tree.
- Storks alight in the tops of trees to roost.
- Alight here for the National Conference Centre.
- Do not alight while the bus is in motion.
- She alighted at a little station at the foot of the hill.

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I. **alight**<sup>1</sup> /ə'laɪt/ BrE <sup>1</sup> AmE <sup>2</sup> *adjective* [not before noun]

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: Probably from a- + light]

1. burning:

\* The car was set alight and pushed over a hill.

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**Alight** is mostly used in journalism or in literature. In everyday English, people usually say **on fire**:

▪ The car had been deliberately set on fire.

2. *literary* someone whose face or eyes are alight looks excited, happy, etc

*alight with excitement/pleasure/laughter etc*

\* Jed's face was alight with excitement.

3. *literary* bright with light or colour

II. **alight**<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>2</sup> AmE <sup>2</sup> *verb* [intransitive] *formal*

[Language: Old English; Origin: *alihtan*, from *lihtan* 'to alight']

1. if a bird or insect alights on something, it stops flying and stands on it **SYN land**

2. to step out of a vehicle after a journey

*alight from*

\* She alighted from the train at 74th Street.

**alight on/upon something** *phrasal verb formal*

to suddenly think of or notice something or someone:

\* His mind alighted on several possible answers.

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