

leave

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1. [li:v] n

1. разрешение, позволение

by /with/ your leave - с вашего позволения

leave of court - разрешение суда

to ask /to beg/ leave to do smth. - спрашивать /просить/ разрешения /позволения/ сделать что-л

to give /to grant/ smb. leave to do smth. - дать кому-л. разрешение /позволение/ сделать что-л.; позволить /разрешить/ кому-л. сделать что-л.

who gave you leave to go? - кто разрешил вам уйти?

2. (мж. leave of absence)

1) отпуск

on leave - в отпуске

sick leave - отпуск по болезни

six months' leave - шестимесячный отпуск

research leave - *амер.* творческий отпуск

2) *воен.* увольнение

leave pass - увольнительная записка; отпускное свидетельство

leave allowance - отпускное денежное содержание

compassionate leave - увольнение по семейным обстоятельствам

3. прощание; расставание

to take (one's) leave - прощаться, уходить

to take leave of one's friends - попрощаться с друзьями

4. исходная позиция (для бильярдных шаров)

◇ to take leave of one's senses - сойти с ума, рехнуться

2. [li:v] v (left)

1. 1) уходить, уезжать

to leave the room - выйти из комнаты

to leave Moscow - уехать из Москвы

when does the train leave? - когда отходит поезд?

2) (for) направляться, уезжать (куда-л.)

to leave for London - уезжать в Лондон

2. 1) оставлять

to leave one's coat [one's hat] in the hall - повесить /оставить/ пальто [шляпу] в прихожей

to leave smth. for smb. to eat - оставить что-л. кому-л. поесть

we left room in the car for your sister - мы оставили в машине место для вашей сестры

•to be left until called for• - «до востребования» (*надпись на конверте*)

2) оставлять после себя

the wound left an ugly scar - после раны остался некрасивый шрам

the train left a trail of smoke - поезд оставил за собой хвост дыма

3) (по)забыть

I've left my notebook at home [on the subway] - я забыл тетрадь дома [в метро]

3. покидать; бросать

to leave one's job - бросить работу, уйти с работы

to leave school - а) бросить школу; б) окончить школу

to leave society - удалиться от общества, покинуть общество

to leave one's wife - оставить /бросить/ жену

to leave the track /the rails/ - сойти с рельсов

his cold did not leave him for weeks - он долго не мог избавиться от простуды

4. оставлять в каком-л. положении или состоянии

to leave the door open [fastened] - оставить дверь открытой [запертой]

to leave a question open - оставить вопрос открытым, не выносить окончательного решения

to leave oneself open - открываться (*бокс*)

to leave oneself wide open - *амер.* ставить себя под удар

to leave smth. undone [unsaid] - оставить что-л. незавершенным [невысказанным]

some things are better left unsaid - есть вещи, о которых лучше не говорить

to leave smb. cool /cold, unmoved/ - не производить впечатления на кого-л.

his illness has left him weak - он ослабел после болезни

her words left him furious - её слова привели его в бешенство

his behaviour leaves much to be desired - его поведение оставляет желать (много) лучшего

5. откладывать, переносить

to leave smth. until tomorrow - оставить /отложить/ что-л. на /до/ завтра

6. 1) завещать

to leave smb. £100 - завещать кому-л. 100 фунтов

to be badly /poorly/ [well] left - получить маленькое /скудное/ [хорошее] наследство

2) оставлять после смерти

he left a widow and two children - после него осталась вдова и двое детей

he left many water-colour sketches - после него осталось много акварелей

7. оставлять неиспользованным

give what is left to the dog - остатки отдай собаке

8. получать, оставаться в остатке

seven from ten leaves three - десять минус семь равняется трём, от десяти отнять семь, получится /будет/ три

9. предоставить, поручить

to leave smth. to chance /to accident/ - предоставить дело случаю

to leave the matter in smb.'s hands - передать дело в чьи-л. руки

he left his relative in charge of the house - он поручил родственнику присматривать за домом

leave it to me - предоставьте это (дело) мне

10. передавать, оставлять

to leave a card on smb. - оставить кому-л. свою визитную карточку

to leave word for smb. (that) - велеть передать кому-л. (что)

did he leave any message for me? - он не оставил мне записки?; он ничего не велел мне передать?

11. 1) позволять, разрешать

to leave smb. to do smth. - позволять кому-л. делать что-л.

to leave smb. to go - отпускать кого-л.

to leave smb. to attend to the matter - позволить кому-л. заняться этим делом

leave him to do it! - не мешайте ему!

2) отпускать, выпускать, не держать; не удерживать

to leave go /hold/ of smth. - выпустить что-л. из рук, перестать держаться за что-л.

leave go of my hair! - не тяни меня за волосы!

12. проходить мимо, миновать

to leave the church on the left - оставить церковь по левую руку, обойти церковь с правой стороны

◇ to leave smb. alone - оставить кого-л. в покое, не трогать кого-л.

leave me alone! - отстань от меня!

I should leave that question alone if I were you - я бы на вашем месте не поднимал этого вопроса

leave well alone, *амер.* leave well enough alone - не трогайте (уже сделанную работу); не пытайтесь улучшить (картину и т. п.); [см. *тж.* leave alone]

to leave smb. be *см.* to leave smb. alone

leave him be! - не приставай /не лезь/ к нему!

the baby is crying, but leave him. be, he'll soon stop - ребёнок плачет, но ты его не трогай /не обращай внимания/, он скоро перестанет

to get /to be/ (nicely) left - а) быть покинутым /обманутым, одураченным/; б) быть побеждённым

let's leave it at that! - не будем больше (говорить) об этом!

to leave smb. to himself /to one's own devices/ - предоставить кого-л. самому себе

II
[li:v] = leaf 1 1

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leave [leave leaves left leaving] verb, noun BrE [li:v] NAmE [li:v]
verb (left, left BrE [left] ; NAmE [left])

PLACE/PERSON

1. intransitive, transitive to go away from a person or a place

- Come on, it's time we left.
- ~ **for...** The plane leaves for Dallas at 12.35.
- ~ **sth** I hate leaving home.
- The plane leaves Heathrow at 12.35.

HOME/JOB/SCHOOL

2. intransitive, transitive to stop living at a place, belonging to a group, working for an employer, etc

- My secretary has threatened to leave.
- ~ **sth** (BrE) Some children leave school at 16.

WIFE/HUSBAND

3. transitive ~ **sb** (for **sb**) to leave your wife, husband or partner permanently

- She's leaving him for another man.

STH TO DO LATER

4. transitive to not do sth or deal with sth immediately

- ~ **sth** Leave the dishes— I'll do them later.
- ~ **sth until...** Why do you always leave everything until the last moment?

SB/STH IN CONDITION/PLACE

5. transitive to make or allow sb/sth to remain in a particular condition, place, etc

- ~ **sb/sth (+ adj.)** Leave the door open, please.
- The bomb blast left 25 people dead.
- ~ **sb/sth doing sth** Don't leave her waiting outside in the rain.
- ~ **sb/sth to do sth** Leave the rice to cook for 20 minutes.

6. transitive to make sth happen or remain as a result

- ~ **sth** Red wine leaves a stain.
- ~ **sb with sth** She left me with the impression that she was unhappy with her job.
- ~ **sb sth** I'm afraid you leave me no choice.

7. be left transitive to remain to be used, sold, etc

- Is there any coffee left?
- How many tickets do you have left?
- ~ **of sth** (figurative) They are fighting to save what is left of their business.
- ~ **to sb** The only course of action left to me was to notify her employer.

8. transitive to go away from a place without taking sth/sb with you

- ~ **sth/sb (+ adv./prep.)** I've left my bag on the bus.
- ~ **sth/sb behind** Don't leave any of your belongings behind.
- He wasn't well, so we had to leave him behind.

MATHEMATICS

9. transitive ~ sth to have a particular amount remaining

- Seven from ten leaves three.

AFTER DEATH

10. transitive ~ sb to have family remaining after your death

- He leaves a wife and two children.

11. transitive to give sth to sb when you die

Syn: †bequeath

- ~ **sth (to sb)** She left £1 million to her daughter.
- ~ **sb sth** She left her daughter £1 million.

RESPONSIBILITY TO SB

12. transitive to allow sb to take care of sth

- ~ **sb/sth + adv./prep.** You can leave the cooking to me.
- She left her assistant in charge.
- **Leave it with me** — I'm sure I can sort it out.
- 'Where shall we eat?' 'I'll leave it entirely (up) to you (= you can decide).'
- They left me with all the clearing up.
- ~ **sb/sth to do sth** I was left to cope on my own.

DELIVER

13. transitive to deliver sth and then go away

- ~ **sth (for sb)** Someone left this note for you.
- ~ **sb sth** Someone left you this note.

Rem: Most idioms containing leave are at the entries for the nouns and adjectives in the idioms, for example leave sb in the lurch is at lurch.

more at sb can take it or leave it **at** †take

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	leave
	BrE /li:v/
	NA.mE /li:v/
he / she / it	leaves
	BrE /li:vz/
	NA.mE /li:vz/
past simple, past participle	left
	BrE /left/
	NA.mE /left/
-ing form	leaving
	BrE /'li:vɪŋ/
	NA.mE /'li:vɪŋ/

Word Origin:

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n. Old English læaf 'permission' West Germanic †lief †love

Thesaurus:

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1. I, T

- Come on— it's time we left.

go •• go away •• get away •• go off •• set off •• take off •• start • |especially BrE **be/go on your way** • |especially BrE, spoken **be off** • |especially AmE, spoken **get out of here** • |formal **depart** •• **exit** •

Opp: arrive **Opp:** enter

leave/go/go away/get away/set off/take off/start/depart/exit **from** sb/sth

leave/go/go away/get away/go off/set off/take off/start/be on your way/depart **at** 9 a.m./midnight, etc.

be ready/about/going to leave/go/go away/set off/take off/start/depart

Leave or go away? **Leave** is used in ways that emphasize the act or time of leaving sb/sth; **go away** emphasizes the need or

desire of the speaker to be somewhere else or for another person to be somewhere else.

2. T, I

• Villagers left to seek work in the towns.

move • • **move out** • • **quit** • • **relocate** • • **emigrate** • • **migrate** •

Opp: stay on

move/move out/relocate/emigrate/migrate **from ... to ...**

leave/quit your **home/school/college/job**

threaten to leave/move out/quit

decide/plan/want to leave/move/move out/quit/relocate/emigrate

3. I, T

• Workers are threatening to leave.

resign • • **give in/hand in your notice** • • **retire** • • **step down** • • **stand down** • |informal **quit** • |AmE **business depart** •

Opp: stay on

leave/resign from/retire from/step down from/stand down from/quit/depart a **post/position**

decide to leave/resign/hand in your notice/retire/step down/stand down/quit

be **ready/going to** leave/resign/retire/step down/stand down/quit

4. T

• She's leaving him for another man.

abandon • • **desert** • • **strand** • • **turn your back on sb/sth** • • **neglect** • |informal **dump** • • **walk out (on sb)** •

leave/desert/dump sb **for** sb else

leave/abandon/desert/neglect/dump/walk out on a **husband/wife**

leave/abandon/desert/dump a **lover**

abandon/desert/neglect a **child**

5. T

• I left my bag on the bus.

lose • • **forget** • |especially BrE, formal **mislaid** •

leave/lose/forget/mislaid your **keys/wallet/bag**

6. T

• She left £1 million to her daughter in her will.

pass sth on • |formal **bequeath** •

leave/pass on/bequeath sth **to** sb

leave/pass on/bequeath a/an **legacy/property/estate**

leave/bequeath (sb) your **money/art collection**

7. T

• Leave the cooking to me.

hand sth over • • **refer sb/sth to sb/sth** • • **delegate** • |especially AmE **turn sth over to sb** • |formal **entrust** •

leave/hand over/turn over/refer/delegate/entrust sth **to** sb

leave/entrust sb **with** sth

leave/hand over/turn over/delegate the **task/job/responsibility/management** of sth to sb

Example Bank:

- Did you want something? I was just about to leave.
- I wanted to leave but they wouldn't let me.
- They left for Scotland this morning.
- They were being extremely rowdy and the manager had to ask them leave.
- They were caught trying to leave the country.
- We were all packed and ready to leave.
- Are you ready to leave yet?
- Come on— it's time we left.
- Don't leave any of your belongings behind.
- He had left the organization some years before.
- He wasn't well, so we had to leave him behind.
- Hundreds of villagers have already left to seek work in the towns.
- I leave it to you to decide what order to do things in.
- I left my bag on the bus.
- I worked in Hong Kong after I left university.
- I've left my phone somewhere but I can't remember where.
- If we leave now, we should make it in time.
- John says he left the restaurant at around midnight.
- Leave it with me — I'm sure I can sort it out.
- My assistant is threatening to leave.
- She claims she was forced to leave her job after she became pregnant.
- She left school at 14 with no qualifications.
- She refused to leave until she had talked to an officer.
- She's leaving him for another man.
- The family had left in a hurry, leaving all their belongings behind.
- They got into an argument and were asked to leave.
- Too many teachers are leaving the profession for higher-paid jobs.

Idioms: ↑**by your leave** ▪ ↑**leave go** ▪ ↑**leave it at that** ▪ ↑**leave it out** ▪ ↑**take leave** ▪ ↑**take leave of your senses** ▪ ↑**without a by your**

leave; without so much as a by your leave

Derived ↑leave off ▪ ↑leave somebody behind ▪ ↑leave somebody off ▪ ↑leave somebody out ▪ ↑leave something aside ▪ ↑left over

noun uncountable

1. a period of time when you are allowed to be away from work for a holiday/vacation or for a special reason

- to take a month's **paid/unpaid leave**
- soldiers home **on leave**
- to be on **maternity/study leave**
- How much **annual leave** do you get?

see also ↑compassionate leave, ↑sick leave

2. (formal) official permission to do sth

- to be absent **without leave**
- ~ **to do sth** The court granted him leave to appeal against the sentence.
- She asked for **leave of absence** (= permission to be away from work) to attend a funeral.

more at beg leave to do sth **at** ↑beg, take French leave **at** ↑French

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Example Bank:

- I still have some leave left this year.
- I still have some leave to use up.
- I'm saving all my leave to have a long holiday later in the year.
- No application may be made without the leave of the court.
- She handed in her resignation and was put on three months' gardening leave.
- She spent most of her leave with her family.
- She's on leave until the end of the month.
- The appeal can only be brought by leave of the trial judge.
- When the war broke out all leave was cancelled.
- A single justice has power to grant leave to bring proceedings in certain cases.
- An application for leave to appeal must be made within four weeks.
- Benefits include 28 days' annual leave.
- Fathers are allowed a week's paternity leave.
- He applied for study leave to write the book.
- He was on sick leave following a heart attack.
- Her husband is in the army and was due home on leave.
- In May the officer went absent without leave.
- She was given compassionate leave to attend the funeral.
- Sylvia's on maternity leave.
- The firm allowed her to take a month's unpaid leave.
- The school gave him leave of absence to play in the final.
- There are new provisions for parental leave.
- They applied for asylum and were granted temporary leave to stay in the country.

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1. **leave** ¹ **S1 W1** /liːv/ *NBrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb* (past tense and past participle **left** /left/)

[Language: Old English; Origin: læfan]

1. **GO AWAY** [intransitive and transitive] to go away from a place or a person:

- My baby gets upset when I leave the room.
- Before leaving the train, make sure you have all your belongings with you.
- Leave the motorway at Junction 7.

leave at

- The plane leaves at 12.30.

leave for

- I tried calling him, but he'd already left for work.

leave (something/somebody) soon/now/later etc

- If he left immediately, he'd catch the 7.30 train.

leave (something/somebody) to do something

- Frances left work early to meet her mother.

leave somebody doing something

- Never leave children playing near water unattended.

leave somebody to something

- I'll leave you to it (=go away and let you continue with what you are doing).
- My youngest boy has not left my side (=has stayed near me) since his daddy was killed.

leave somebody in peace (=go away from someone so that they can think, work etc alone)

- Just a few more questions, then we'll leave you in peace.

2. **STOP** [intransitive and transitive] if you leave your job, home, school etc, you permanently stop doing that job, living at home etc:

Over the past two years, 20 staffers have left.

leave home/school/college etc

How old were you when you left home (=your parents' home)?

My daughter got a job after she left school.

The lawsuit will be postponed until the president leaves office.

leave a job/country/Spain etc

Many missionaries were forced to leave the country.

It seems that Tony has left the band for good (=permanently).

leave (somebody/something) to do something

Laura left her native England to live in France.

3. leave somebody/something alone

a) to stop annoying or upsetting someone:

Oh, just leave me alone, will you?

Leave the boy alone, he can make up his own mind.

b) to go away from someone so that they are on their own:

Six-year-old Gemma had been left alone in the house.

c) to stop touching something:

Leave that alone. You'll break it.

d) (also leave well (enough) alone) to stop being involved in or trying to change a situation:

Why can't they just leave well alone and let us concentrate on teaching?

4. LET SOMETHING/SOMEBODY STAY [transitive always + adverb/preposition] to make or allow something or someone to stay in a place when you go away

leave something/somebody in/with/behind etc

Are you leaving the kids with Grandma on Saturday?

As soon as I'd shut the door, I realized I'd left the keys inside.

Did anybody leave a jacket behind last night?

She left her son in the care of a friend.

leave somebody to do something

He left Ruth to find her own way home.

Students were left to their own devices (=left alone and allowed to do whatever they wanted) for long periods.

leave somebody for dead

The girl had been attacked and left for dead.

5. NOT CHANGE/MOVE SOMETHING [transitive] to let something remain in a particular state, position, or condition

leave something on/off/out etc

You've left your lights on.

She must have left the phone off the hook.

leave something open/empty/untidy etc

I wish you'd stop leaving the door open.

The trial left many questions unanswered.

leave a space/gap etc

Leave the next two lines blank for the tutor's comments.

Drivers should always leave room for cyclists.

leave something doing something

I'll just leave the engine running while I go in.

Don't leave tools lying about.

leave something to do something

Leave the pots to soak overnight.

6. RESULT OF ACCIDENT/ILLNESS/EVENT [transitive] if an event, accident, illness etc leaves you in a particular condition, you are in that condition because of it:

An explosion at a chemical plant has left one worker dead and four injured.

leave somebody with something

Although the infection cleared up, he was left with a persistent cough.

leave somebody doing something

The incident left her feeling confused and hurt.

The announcement has left shareholders nursing huge losses.

7. be left (also have something left) if something is left, it remains after everything else has gone, been taken away, or used:

I've only got a few dollars left.

There were a couple of seats left at the back.

We don't have much time left.

He pointed to what was left of the house (=used when very little is left).

All that was left was a pile of bones.

be left over

After we've paid the bills, there's never much left over.

They ate some bread rolls left over from the night before.

8. LETTER/MESSAGE/THING [transitive] to deliver a message, note, package etc for someone or put it somewhere so that they will get it later:

She left a message on his answerphone.

leave somebody something

Can you leave me some money for the bus?

leave something with somebody

Ian left this note with me.

leave something for somebody

" A guy left these flowers for you.

9. DELAY [transitive] to not do something or to do it later than you intended:

" Leave the dishes. I'll do them later.

" So much had been left undone.

leave something until the last minute/until last

" If you leave your preparation until the last minute, you'll reduce your chances of passing.

" I left the best bit until last.

" I want to think about it. Can I leave it for now?

" I'm afraid you've left it too late to change your ticket.

leave it at that (=used to say that you will not do any more of something, because you have done enough)

" Let's leave it at that for today.

10. LET SOMEBODY DECIDE/BE RESPONSIBLE [transitive] to let someone else decide something or be responsible for something

leave something to somebody

" Leave it to me. I'll make sure it gets posted.

" The choice of specialist subject is left entirely to the students.

leave it (up) to somebody to do something

" I'll leave it up to you to decide.

" She leaves it to the reader to draw their own conclusions.

leave doing something to somebody

" Is it okay if I leave writing the results to you?

leave something with somebody

" Leave it with me, I'll fix it for you.

" He's not the sort to leave things to chance (=take no action and just wait to see what happens).

leave somebody with no choice/option (=force someone to take a particular action)

" You leave me with no choice but to fire you.

leave somebody to do something British English:

" Clive moved to London, leaving Edward to run the Manchester office.

11. HUSBAND/WIFE ETC [intransitive and transitive] to stop living with or having a relationship with your husband, partner etc:

" Martha was always threatening to leave, but I never believed her.

leave somebody for somebody

" Mr Rushworth left his partner of 10 years for a younger woman.

12. WHEN YOU DIE [transitive]

a) to arrange for someone to receive your money, property etc after you die SYN bequeath :

" Aunt Alice died, leaving almost \$5 million.

leave somebody something

" Hugo left me his mother's ring.

" In his will, he had left all his children a small sum of money.

leave something to somebody/something

" Have you thought of leaving a gift to charity after you die?

b) leave a wife/children etc used when someone dies before their wife, children etc:

" PC Davis leaves a wife and three small children.

13. MARK [transitive] to make a mark that remains afterwards

leave a mark/stain/scar etc

" The wine had left a permanent mark on the tablecloth.

" He staggered to the door, leaving a trail of blood.

" Make sure that you don't leave any footprints.

14. NOT EAT/DRINK [transitive] if you leave food or drink that you have been given, you do not eat or drink it:

" 'I'm really hungry now.' 'That's because you left half your lunch.'

" He rose from the table, leaving his brandy untouched.

15. leave somebody/something standing (also leave somebody/something in the dust American English) informal to be much better, quicker, more successful etc than someone or something else:

" In terms of fitness, he discovered that Kate left him standing.

16. leave a lot/something/much to be desired to be very unsatisfactory:

" Inspectors say health and safety procedures at the factory leave a lot to be desired.

17. MATHEMATICS [transitive] in a sum, to have a particular amount remaining:

" Three from seven leaves four.

18. leave something aside/to one side to not think about or consider one part of something for a time, so that you can consider another part of it:

" Leaving aside for a moment the question of expense, what would your view be of the suggested changes?

19. leave somebody/something be old-fashioned to not upset, speak to, or annoy someone or to not touch something

20. leave go/hold of something British English spoken informal to stop holding something

21. leave it to somebody (to do something) American English spoken informal used to say that no one should be surprised that someone does something, because it is typical or expected of them:

" Leave it to you to have the whole day planned out!

22. Elvis/somebody/something has left the building especially American English informal used humorously to emphasize that something is definitely over or that someone has gone and will not return

⇒ somebody can take it or leave it at ↑take¹(21), ⇒ be left holding the baby/bag at ↑hold¹(26)

THESAURUS

■ to leave a place

- **leave** : Just as I was leaving the house, the phone rang. | We left early to avoid the traffic.
- **go especially spoken** to leave somewhere: Come on, boys, it's time to go. | When does the next bus go?
- **set off especially British English** to leave somewhere and begin a journey: The following day we set off for Vienna.
- **take off** if a plane takes off, it leaves the ground at the beginning of a flight: Our plane took off late because of the fog.
- **emigrate** to leave your own country in order to live permanently in another country: In 2002, his family emigrated to New Zealand.
- **depart formal** to leave – used especially about trains, buses, planes etc: Coaches depart for the airport every 30 minutes.

■ to leave school/college etc

- **leave especially British English** to finish studying at school or college, usually at the age or time when people normally finish: When James left school, he worked for a while with his father. | She found it hard to get a job after leaving university.
- **graduate** to successfully finish your studies at a college or university, or at an American high school: Kelly graduated from Harvard with a degree in East Asian Studies. | Approximately 80% of Americans graduate from high school.
- **drop out** to leave school, college, or university before your course of study has finished, because you do not want to continue with it: I failed my first year exams and decided to drop out and get a job.
- **quit American English** to leave school without finishing your course of study: He quit school at fourteen to work and help support his family.

■ leave your job

- **leave** : I left my last job because the salary was so low. | Why don't you just leave?
- **quit** to leave your job permanently because you are not happy with it: After enduring months of harassment, Mrs Collins decided to quit her job. | I've told them I'm quitting.
- **resign** to officially announce that you have decided to leave your job: The company director was forced to resign over the scandal.
- **hand in your notice/resignation** to write an official letter to your employer saying that you are going to leave your job on a particular date: You have to hand in your notice at least four weeks before you leave.
- **retire** to leave your job in order to stop working permanently, usually because you have reached the age when most people stop working: After forty years of working for the bank, Karl retired in May. | He had to retire because of ill health.

leave somebody/something ↔ behind phrasal verb

1. to not take someone or something with you when you leave a place:
 - I think I might have left my wallet behind.
 - He departed for Washington, leaving the children behind with their mother.
2. if a person, country, or organization is left behind, they do not develop as quickly or make as much progress as other people, countries etc:
 - In class, a child with poor eyesight can soon get left behind.
 - a fear of being left behind by better-organized rivals
3. (also **leave somebody/something behind you**) to permanently stop being involved with a person, place or situation:
 - It's time to leave the past behind.
 - Although Armstrong overcame the circumstances of his birth, he never really left New Orleans behind.
4. (also **leave somebody/something behind you**) to move away from someone or something:
 - They had left the city behind and were heading into open country.
 - Sarah, with her long legs, soon left the rest of us far behind.
5. (also **leave something behind you**) to produce a thing or situation that remains after you have gone:
 - He drove off, leaving behind him a trail of blue smoke.
 - the mess the previous government left behind

leave off phrasal verb

1. to stop doing something
take up/pick up/continue (something) etc where somebody left off (=continue something that has stopped for a short time)
 - Barry took up the story where Justine had left off.**leave off doing something British English informal:**
 - 'Will you leave off nagging?' he snarled.
2. **leave somebody/something off (something)** to not include something such as someone's name in a list or other document:
 - Why was her name left off the list?

leave somebody/something ↔ out phrasal verb

1. to not include someone or something:
 - She outlined the case to him, being careful not to leave anything out.**leave somebody/something out of something**
 - Kidd has been left out of the team.
2. **be/feel left out** to feel that you are not accepted or welcome in a situation:
 - New fathers often feel left out when baby arrives.
3. **leave it out! British English spoken** used to tell someone to stop lying, pretending, or being annoying

II. leave ² S3 W2 BrE ¹ AmE ¹ noun

[Language: Old English; Origin: læf]

1. **HOLIDAY [uncountable]** time that you are allowed to spend away from your work, especially in the armed forces:
 - I've applied for three days' leave.

on leave

- navy officers home on leave
- Your basic annual leave is 20 days.

2. **maternity/sick/compassionate leave** time that you are allowed to spend away from work because you have had a baby,

because you are ill, or because of a personal problem such as the death of a relative

3. **leave of absence** a period of time that you are allowed to spend away from work for a particular purpose:

" She's been given leave of absence to attend a computer course.

4. **PERMISSION** [uncountable] *formal* permission to do something:

" All this was done entirely without my leave.

leave to do something

" a petition for leave to appeal to the European court

grant/obtain/ask/seek etc leave (to do something)

" He asked leave to speak to her in private.

5. **without so much as a by your leave** *old-fashioned* without asking permission, in a way that seems very rude:

" He marched into my office without so much as a by your leave.

6. **take leave of your senses** to suddenly start behaving in a strange way:

" You want to marry him? Have you taken leave of your senses?

7. **take leave of somebody/take your leave** *formal* to say goodbye to someone

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + leave

- **annual leave** (=an amount of time that you are allowed away from work for holidays etc) Annual leave is 22 days plus public holidays.
- **maternity leave** (=time that a mother is allowed away from work to have and take care of a new baby) Two teachers were off on maternity leave.
- **paternity leave** (=time that a father is allowed away from work to take care of a new baby) He got five days' paternity leave.
- **parental leave** (=time that a parent is allowed away from work to take care of a child) Parental leave is often unpaid.
- **sick leave** (also **medical leave** *American English*) (=time that you are allowed away from work because you are ill) The form must be filled in as soon as you return from sick leave.
- **compassionate leave** (=time that you are allowed away from work because someone in your family is very ill or has died) Eileen was given compassionate leave to go to the funeral.
- **paid/unpaid leave** She took three days unpaid leave in order to help her daughter.
- **home leave** (=time that you are allowed to spend at home from a job that is far away, for example in the army, or from prison) Roberts had failed to return from home leave, and there was a warrant out for his arrest.
- **shore leave** (=time that a sailor is allowed to spend on land and away from work) Hong Kong was a popular place for shore leave.
- **special leave** (=time that you are allowed away from work for a special reason) Some firms grant special leave when you move house.
- **study leave** *British English* (=time that you are allowed away from work because you are taking a course) The company offers study leave for staff development.
- **sabbatical leave** (=time that a teacher is allowed away from work to study or travel) Headteachers can take sabbatical leave every five years.
- **indefinite leave** (=leave without a time limit) She has gone on indefinite leave, suffering from exhaustion.

■ nouns

- **leave entitlement** (=the amount of time that you are allowed to spend away from work on holidays etc) The normal paid leave entitlement is 20 days.

■ verbs

- **have/get leave** How much annual leave do you get?
- **be entitled to leave** (=be allowed to have as leave) After five years, employees are entitled to 25 days' leave.
- **go on leave** (=start your time away from work) I'll get the report to you before you go on leave.
- **take leave** (=use the time you are allowed) I don't think I'll be able to take any leave in January because we're too busy.
- **use (up) leave** I used all my leave in the summertime.
- **give/grant somebody leave** He was given compassionate leave.
- **cancel sb's leave** (=stop people taking leave) The Police Department cancelled all leave because of the emergency.

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- **vacation** *especially American English*, **holiday** *especially British English* time you spend away from school or work: Are you taking a vacation this summer? | We met on holiday in Cyprus. | What are you doing in the school holidays?
- **holiday** a day that is set by law, when no one has to go to work or school: the Thanksgiving holiday | New Year's Day is a national holiday. | In 2002, there was an extra public holiday to mark the Queen's golden jubilee. | the August bank holiday (=day when all the banks and shops are closed – used in British English)
- **break** a time when you stop working or studying in order to rest, or a short vacation from school: a ten-minute coffee break | Lots of college kids come to the beaches during the spring break.
- **leave** a time when you are allowed not to work: We get four weeks' annual leave (=paid time off work each year). | He has been taking a lot of sick leave (=time off work because you are ill) recently. | Angela is on maternity leave (=time off work when having a baby). | He was given compassionate leave (=time off work because someone close to you has died, is very ill etc) to go to his father's funeral.
- **sabbatical** [usually singular] a period when someone, especially a teacher, stops doing their usual work in order to study or travel: She was on sabbatical for six months. | I'm thinking of taking a sabbatical.
- **furlough** a period of time when a soldier or someone working in another country can return to their own country as a holiday:

While on furlough, he and his girlfriend got married.

- **R & R (rest and relaxation)** a holiday, especially one given to people in the army, navy etc after a long period of hard work or during a war: Soldiers in Vietnam were taken to Hawaii for R & R.

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