

warn [wɔ:n] *v*

1. 1) (against, of) предупреждать

he was warned of /against/ the danger - его предупредили об опасности
 you have been warned against smoking here - вам говорили /вас предупреждали/, что здесь курить нельзя
 we warned them not to go skating on such thin ice - мы предупредили их, что кататься на коньках по такому тонкому льду нельзя

2) (against) предостеречь

the doctor warned him against working too hard - врач предостерёг его против слишком напряжённой работы

3) (заранее) извещать, оповещать; предвещать; информировать (официально) доводить до сведения; обращать чье-л. внимание на что-л.

the gong warned us that it was time to dress for dinner - гонг известил нас, что пора переодеваться к обеду

2. (off, away) отдать приказ не подходить к какому-л. месту, держаться поодаль от какого-л. места

the road was closed to traffic, and the police were warning everyone off - дорога была перекрыта, и полицейские приказывали всем объезжать

3. (to, for) *воен.* вызывать; извещать о необходимости явки

to warn to duty - назначать на дежурство
 to warn to a place - вызывать куда-л.
 officers and men are warned for guard - офицеров и солдат вызывают в караул

4. *дуал., амер.* предвещать, предупреждать (шумом) (о гремячей змее, часах и т. п.)

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warn [warn warns warned warning] *BrE* [wɔːn] *NAmE* [wɔːrɪn] *verb*

1. **transitive, intransitive** to tell sb about sth, especially sth dangerous or unpleasant that is likely to happen, so that they can avoid it

- ~ **sb** I tried to warn him, but he wouldn't listen.
- If you're thinking of getting a dog, **be warned** — they take a lot of time and money.
- ~ **(sb) about/against sb/sth** He warned us against pickpockets.
- ~ **(sb) of sth** Police have warned of possible delays.
- ~ **(sb) that...** She was warned that if she did it again she would lose her job.
- ~ **sb what, how, etc...** I had been warned what to expect.
- ~ **(sb) + speech** 'Beware of pickpockets,' she warned (him).

2. **intransitive, transitive** to strongly advise sb to do or not to do sth in order to avoid danger or punishment

Syn: ↑advise

- ~ **(sb) against/about sth** The guidebook warns against walking alone at night.
- ~ **sb (to do sth)** He warned Billy to keep away from his daughter.
- They were warned not to climb the mountain in such bad weather.
- 'I'm warning you!' said James, losing his patience.

3. **transitive** ~ **sb (for sth)** (in sport, etc.) to give sb an official warning after they have broken a rule

- The referee warned him for dangerous play.

Derived ↑warn somebody off

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	warn
	BrE /wɔːn/
	NAmE /wɔːrn/
he / she /it	warns
	BrE /wɔːnz/
	NAmE /wɔːrnz/
past simple, past participle	warned
	BrE /wɔːnd/
	NAmE /wɔːmd/
-ing form	warning
	BrE /wɔːnɪŋ/
	NAmE /wɔːrnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English war(e)nian, wearnian, from a West Germanic base meaning 'be cautious'.

Example Bank:

- Having been duly warned that I would get nowhere with my application, I went right ahead and applied anyway.
- I did try to warn you.
- I must warn you that some of these animals are extremely dangerous.
- I thought I should warn her about it.
- My mother constantly warned me not to go into teaching.
- No one had warned us about the unbearable heat.
- She claimed doctors had failed to warn her of the risks involved
- The chancellor bluntly warned the Cabinet to axe public spending or face higher taxes.
- The report warns of the dangers of obesity.
- They warned us of the risks involved
- We were specifically warned against buying the house.
- We were warned against drinking the local water.

- You will get better— but be warned, it may be a long process.
- 'I'm warning you!' said James, losing his patience.
- I tried to warn him, but he wouldn't listen.
- If you're thinking of getting a dog, be warned — they take a lot of time and money.
- She warned Billy to keep away from her daughter.
- The commander had been warned of the attack.

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warn **S3 W2** /wɔːn\$ wɔːn BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb [intransitive and transitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: warnian]

1. to tell someone that something bad or dangerous may happen, so that they can avoid it or prevent it:

• 'Be careful, the rocks are slippery,' Alex warned.

warn somebody about something

• Travellers to Africa are being warned about the danger of HIV infection.

warn (somebody) of something

• Salmon farmers are warning of the severe crisis facing the industry.

warn somebody (not) to do something

• I warned you not to walk home alone.

• Motorists are being warned to avoid the centre of London this weekend.

warn somebody (that)

• We warned them that there was a bull in the field.

2. to tell someone about something before it happens so that they are not worried or surprised by it

warn somebody (that)

• Warn her you're going to be back late.

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In everyday English, people often use the expression **let** someone **know** rather than **warn** someone:

• Let me know if you're not going to finish on time.

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- **warn** to tell someone about something bad or dangerous that might happen, so that they can avoid it or prevent it: I warned you about sitting out in the sun too long. | We were warned that there could be delays on the motorway, so we took another route.
- **give somebody a warning** to tell someone that if they continue to behave in an unsatisfactory way, they will be punished: He's already been given several warnings about handing in his essays late. | The US gave a warning that if the hostages were not released, it would be forced to take military action.
- **alert** to officially or publicly warn people of possible danger so that they can prevent it or be ready to deal with it: a campaign to alert people to the dangers of smoking | An anonymous caller alerted the police that a bomb was due to go off.
- **tip somebody off** *informal* to secretly warn someone about something that is going to happen – used especially about warning the police about a crime: The police found the drugs after being tipped off by local residents. | Informants tipped the FBI off.
- **caution** *formal* to warn someone to do or not to do something in order to avoid a dangerous or bad result: People are being cautioned against using credit cards abroad, in case of fraud. | Health officials have cautioned the public to wash fruit thoroughly before eating it.
- **forewarn** /fɔːwɔːn\$ fɔːwɔːn/ [*usually passive*] *formal* to warn someone about something that is going to happen, so that you are expecting it or ready for it: We had been forewarned that the roads weren't very good.

warn (somebody) against something *phrasal verb*

to advise someone not to do something because it may have dangerous or unpleasant results:

• Her financial adviser warned her against such a risky investment.

warn (somebody) against doing something

• The police have warned tourists against leaving the main tourist centres.

warn somebody ↔ away *phrasal verb*

to tell someone that they should not go near something, especially because it may be dangerous:

• The snake's markings are intended to warn away predators.

warn off *phrasal verb*

1. **warn somebody ↔ off** to tell people that they should not go near something, especially because it might be dangerous:

• Some animals mark their territory to warn off rivals.

2. **warn somebody off (doing) something** *especially British English* to tell someone that they should not do or use something because it might be dangerous:

• Doctors should have warned people off using the drug much earlier than they did.

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