

undertake

[ˌʌndə'teɪk] *v* (undertook; undertaken)

1. **предпринимать**
to undertake a journey - предпринять поездку
2. **брать на себя (определённые обязательства, функции и т. п.)**
to undertake a responsible post - принять ответственный пост
to undertake responsibility for smb. - взять на себя ответственность за кого-л.
he has undertaken too much - он взял на себя слишком много
will you undertake to let him know what has happened? - вы возьмётесь сказать ему о случившемся?
lawyers who undertook the case - адвокаты, взявшиеся за это дело
he undertook to finish the job by Friday - он обещал /взялся/ закончить работу к пятнице
3. **ручаться, гарантировать**
I will undertake that he has not heard a word - ручаюсь, что он не слышал ни единого слова
4. [**ʌndə'teɪk**]**разг.** **быть содержанием похоронного бюро**
5. **арх.** **обязаться, ручаться (за кого-л.)**
to undertake for another - ручаться за другого
she undertook for her brother's good behaviour - она поручилась, что брат её будет хорошо вести себя

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under-take **AW** [**undertake undertakes undertook undertaking undertaken**]
BrE [ˌʌndə'teɪk] ^m **NAME** [ˌʌndər'teɪk] ^m **verb** (**under-took** **BrE** [ˌʌndə'tʊk] ^m; **NAME** [ˌʌndər'tʊk] ^m **under-taken** **BrE** [ˌʌndə'teɪkən] ^m; **NAME** [ˌʌndər'teɪkən] ^m) (formal)

1. **~ sth** to make yourself responsible for sth and start doing it
 - to **undertake a task/project**
 - University professors both teach and **undertake research**.
 - The company has announced that it will undertake a full investigation into the accident.
2. **~ to do sth | ~ that...** to agree or promise that you will do sth
 - He undertook to finish the job by Friday.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	undertake
	BrE /ˌʌndə'teɪk/
	NAME /ˌʌndər'teɪk/
he / she / it	undertakes
	BrE /ˌʌndə'teɪkz/
	NAME /ˌʌndər'teɪkz/
past simple	undertook
	BrE /ˌʌndə'tʊk/
	NAME /ˌʌndər'tʊk/
past participle	undertaken
	BrE /ˌʌndə'teɪkən/
	NAME /ˌʌndər'teɪkən/
-ing form	undertaking
	BrE /ˌʌndə'teɪkɪŋ/
	NAME /ˌʌndər'teɪkɪŋ/

Example Bank:

- The directors of the company refused to undertake such a risky venture
- The research initiative is being undertaken by a group of environmentalists.
- They have undertaken a reappraisal of students' needs.
- They undertook to finish the job by Friday.
- University professors both teach and undertake research.

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un**der****take** **W3 AC** /ˌʌndə'teɪk \$ -dər-/ **BrE** ^m **AmE** ^m **verb** (past tense **undertook** /-tʊk/, past participle **undertaken** /-t'eɪkən/) [**transitive**] **formal**

[Word Family: noun: ↑takings, ↑undertaking, ↑take, ↑taker; verb: ↑take, ↑overtake, ↑undertake]

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1. to accept that you are responsible for a piece of work, and start to do it
undertake a task/a project/research/a study etc
" Dr Johnson undertook the task of writing a comprehensive English dictionary.
2. **undertake to do something** to promise or agree to do something:
" He undertook to pay the money back in six months.

COLLOCATIONS

■ **nouns**

- **undertake a task/project** Every task he undertook was tackled with great determination.
- **undertake work** The work is being undertaken by team of experts.
- **undertake research/a study** Students may undertake full-time supervised research leading to the award of a Ph.D.
- **undertake a review/analysis** The Court of Appeal decided to undertake a review of the Law.
- **undertake a journey/voyage** You should not undertake a long journey if you are unwell.
- **undertake duties (=do things as part of your job)** I'm rarely asked to undertake teaching duties these days.

■ **phrases**

- **something is not to be undertaken lightly** (=not to be started without serious thought, for example because it is difficult)
It was not a voyage to be undertaken lightly.

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- **promise** to tell someone that you will definitely do something, or that something will happen: He promised to give the book back. | The organisers have promised that this year's event will take place.
- **swear** to make a very serious and sincere promise, for example in a law court: He had sworn to tell the truth. | I would never do that, I swear.
- **give somebody your word** *especially spoken* to promise sincerely that you will do something or that something is true – often used when you are trying to persuade someone that they can trust you: I give you my word that your money is safe with me. | I'll let you go out tonight if you give me your word that you'll be home by 11.
- **vow** to make a very serious promise, often to yourself: She vowed that she would never drink alcohol again. | They vowed to carry on their campaign for justice.
- **assure** to promise someone that something will happen or that something is true, in order to try to make them feel less worried: Police have assured the public that they are doing everything they can to find the killer.
- **guarantee** to promise that you will make sure that something will definitely happen, so that there is no question of it not happening: I guarantee that you will have the documents by tomorrow. | How can you guarantee that this won't happen again?
- **pledge** to promise publicly or officially that you will do something, for example to give help or money: The government has pledged to increase overseas aid to \$4 billion over the next five years.
- **undertake** *formal* to make an official or legal promise to do something: The government undertook to keep price increases to a minimum. | The two sides undertook to respect each other's territory.
- **commit to something** *formal* to make a firm and definite promise to do something important, which will affect you for a long time and which could result in serious effects if you fail: Bobby felt unready to commit to a romantic relationship. | A group of 11 companies has committed to developing a new passenger plane.

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