

lean

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1. [li:n] *n*
 1. 1) постное мясо, постная часть мясной туши
 - 2) что-л. невыгодное; низкооплачиваемая работа
2. *полигр.* светлый шрифт
2. [li:n] *a*
 1. худой, тощий
lean stock - *с.-х.* ненагульный скот
lean as a rake - худой как щепка
 2. нежирный, постный (о мясе)
 3. скудный, бедный
lean harvest - плохой урожай
lean diet - скудное питание
lean years - неурожайные годы
 4. непромышленный, тощий, убогий (о руде)
lean clay - тощая /непластичная/ глина
lean mixture - *авт.* бедная смесь
 5. *полигр.* светлый (о шрифте)
 6. скупой, сдержанный (о стиле, слоге); без излишеств

II

1. [li:n] *n*
 - 1) наклон
a tower with a slight lean - башня с незначительным наклоном
lean back - *спорт.* отклон
 - 2) *спорт.* упор
knee lean - упор на колени
2. [li:n] *v* (*leaned* [-[li:n]d], *leant*)
 1. 1) наклоняться, нагибаться; сгибаться
to lean to the right - наклоняться вправо
to lean over a fence - наклониться над изгородью
to lean out of the window - высунуться из окна
to lean forward - наклониться /податься/ вперёд
the tower leans slightly - башня слегка покосилась
the Leaning Tower - Падающая башня (в Пизе)
the trees are leaning in the wind - деревья клонятся от ветра
 - 2) наклонять
 2. (on)
 - 1) опираться
to lean on a stick - опираться на палку
to lean on smb.'s arm [shoulder] - опираться на чью-л. руку [чьё-л. плечо]
to lean on an elbow - облокотиться
lean off the table! - не облакачивайтесь на стол!
 - 2) полагаться, опираться (на кого-л., что-л.)
to lean on a friend's advice - положиться на совет друга
to lean on others for support - надеяться на помощь со стороны
 3. (against)
 - 1) прислоняться
to lean against a wall [against a tree] - прислоняться к стене [к дереву]
she leant against his shoulder - она привалилась к его плечу
 - 2) прислонять
to lean a ladder against a wall - прислонить /приставить/ лестницу к стене
to lean one's back against a tree - прислониться спиной к дереву
lean your arm against the railing - положи руку на перила
 4. склоняться (к чему-л.)
to lean towards staying where one is - быть склонным оставаться на своём месте
I rather lean to your view - я, пожалуй, склоняюсь к вашей точке зрения /согласуюсь с вашей точкой зрения/
the judge leant towards clemency - судья имел склонность к снисхождению /к вынесению мягких приговоров/
some philosophies lean towards fatalism - некоторые философские системы имеют фаталистический уклон
 5. 1) налегать, наваливаться
to lean upon the oars - налечь /навалиться/ на вёсла
 - 2) оказывать давление, нажим
we had to lean on them to make them agree - нам пришлось нажать на них, чтобы добиться их согласия
I had to lean on him to get results - мне пришлось выжимать из него результаты

lean

lean [lean leans leaned leant leaning] *verb, adjective, noun* BrE [liːn] ^m NAmE

[liːn]

verb (leaned, leaned) (BrE also leant, leant BrE [lent] ^m; NAmE [lent] ^m)

- 1. intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** to bend or move from a vertical position
 - I leaned back in my chair.
 - The tower is leaning dangerously.
 - A man was leaning out of the window.
- 2. intransitive** to rest on or against sth for support
 - ~ **against sth** A shovel was leaning against the wall.
 - ~ **on sth** She walked slowly, leaning on her son's arm.
- 3. transitive ~ sth against/on sth** to make sth rest against sth in a sloping position
 - Can I lean my bike against the wall?

see bend/lean over backwards at ↑backwards

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	lean
	BrE /liːn/
	NAmE /liːn/
he / she / it	leans
	BrE /liːnz/
	NAmE /liːnz/
past simple, past participle	leaned
	BrE /liːnd/
	NAmE /liːnd/ (BrE also) leant
	BrE /lent/
	NAmE /lent/
-ing form	leaning
	BrE /iːniŋ/
	NAmE /ˈliːniŋ/

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

lean verb

1. I (usually used with an adverb or preposition)

- I leaned back in my chair.

tilt • • tip • • angle • • slant • • slope • • bank •

lean/tilt/tip/angle/slant/slope (sth) **towards/away** from sth

lean/angle/slant (sth) **across** sth

lean/tilt/tip (sth) **forwards/back/backwards/to one side**

2. I, T

- Lean your bike against the wall.

rest • • prop • • stand • • balance • • steady • • poise •

lean/rest/prop/stand/balance (sth) **on** sth

lean/rest/prop/stand/steady (sth) **against** sth

Example Bank:

- Britain leans heavily on Europe for trade.
- He leaned back in his chair.
- He leaned closer, lowering his voice.
- He leaned into the open doorway.
- He leaned towards her.
- Kate leaned comfortably against the wall.
- She leaned casually over the railings.
- She leaned forward eagerly to listen to him.
- She leaned her head against his shoulder.
- She leaned precariously out of the window.
- She leaned to one side.
- She was leaning confidentially across the table.
- The old man was leaning heavily on a stick.
- The taxi driver leaned through his window.
- Women and children leaned from the windows of the surrounding tenements.
- A shovel was leaning against the fence.
- She walked slowly, leaning on her son's arm.

Derived Word ↑leanness

Derived ↑lean on somebody = ↑lean to something

adjective (**lean-er**, **lean-est**)

1. (usually approving) (of people, especially men, or animals) without much flesh; thin and fit

- a lean, muscular body
- He was tall, lean and handsome.

2. (of meat) containing little or no fat

- a lean, tender piece of beef

3. usually before noun (of a period of time) difficult and not producing much money, food, etc

- a **lean period/spell**
 - The company recovered well after going through several **lean years**.
 - This is the leanest time of the year for the tourist industry.
 - Many animals have a lean time of it in winter.
4. (of organizations, etc.) strong and efficient because the number of employees has been reduced
- The changes made the company leaner and more competitive.

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Example Bank:

- The Frenchman's body looked lean and hard.
- These were very lean years for the company.
- They have a rather lean time through the winter months.
- He had a lean, muscular body.
- He's tall, lean and handsome

noun uncountable

the part of meat that has little or no fat

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I. **lean**¹ S3 /liːn BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ verb (past tense and past participle **leaned** or **leant** /lent/ especially British English)

[Language: Old English; Origin: hleonian]

1. [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to move or bend your body in a particular direction

lean forward/back/over etc

- They were leaning forward, facing each other.
- Lean back and enjoy the ride.
- She leant towards him and listened.

2.



[intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to support yourself in a sloping position against a wall or other surface

lean against/on

- He was leaning on the bridge, watching the boats go by.

3. [intransitive, transitive always + adverb/preposition] to put something in a sloping position where it is supported, or to be in that position

lean (something) against/on something

- A huge mirror was leaning against the wall.
- He leant his bicycle against the fence.

4. [intransitive] to slope or bend from an upright position:

- trees leaning in the wind

lean on somebody phrasal verb

1. to depend on someone for support and encouragement, especially at a difficult time:

- The couple lean on each other for support.

2. **informal** to try to influence someone, especially by threatening them:

- He won't pay unless you lean on him.

lean towards something phrasal verb

to tend to support, or begin to support, a particular set of opinions, beliefs etc:

- Canada, the UK and Japan leant towards the US view.

II. **lean**² BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ adjective

[Language: Old English; Origin: hlæne]

1. thin in a healthy and attractive way:

- He was lean, tall, and muscular.

- lean meat does not have much fat on it **OPP fatty**
- a lean organization, company etc uses only as much money and as many people as it needs, so that nothing is wasted
- a lean period is a very difficult time because there is not enough money, business etc:

His wife was a source of constant support during the lean years.

—leanness *noun* [uncountable]

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THESAURUS

person

- **thin** having little fat on your body: a tall, thin man
- **slim** thin in an attractive way: her slim figure | a slim woman in her fifties | Magazines are always full of advice about how to stay slim.
- **slender** *written* thin in an attractive and graceful way – used especially about parts of the body, and used especially about women: her long, slender legs | She is slender, with very fair hair.
- **lean** thin and looking healthy and fit: his lean body | He was lean and looked like a runner.
- **skinny** very thin in a way that is not attractive: a skinny teenager | Your arms are so skinny!
- **slight** *written* thin and delicate: a small, slight girl with big eyes
- **scrawny** /'skrɔːni/\$ 'skrɒ-/ very thin, small, and weak-looking: a scrawny kid in blue jeans
- **underweight** below the usual weight for someone of your height, and therefore too thin: He had no appetite and remained underweight.
- **gaunt** /gɔːnt/\$ gɒnt *written* very thin and pale, especially because of illness or continued worry: He looked gaunt and had not shaved for days.
- **emaciated** /i'meɪʃieɪtəd, i'meɪʃieɪtɪd, -si-/ *written* extremely thin and weak, because you are ill or not getting enough to eat: The tents were filled with emaciated refugees.
- **skeletal** *written* used about someone who is so thin that you can see the shape of their bones: The soldiers were shocked by the skeletal figures of the camp's prisoners.
- **anorexic** used about someone who is extremely thin because they have a mental illness that makes them stop eating: Her daughter is anorexic. | anorexic teenagers

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