

- follow**
1. ['fɒləv] *n*
удар накатом, накат (*бильярд*)
 2. ['fɒləv] *v*
 - 1) 1) следовать, идти (*за кем-л., чем-л.*)
follow me - идите за мной
a verb followed by a preposition - глагол с последующим предлогом
following is the full text of ... - ниже даётся /приводится, напечатан/ полный текст ...
 - 2) сопровождать; сопутствовать
this thought follows me everywhere - эта мысль не оставляет меня
to follow smb. in [out] - входить [выходить] вслед за кем-л.
 2. 1) следовать за, наступать после
night follows day - за днём наступает ночь
meat followed the soup - после супа подали мясо
dinner was followed by a dance - после обеда были танцы
 - 2) следовать (*за кем-л.*), быть преемником
he followed his father as head of the firm - он сменил своего отца на посту главы фирмы
 3. 1) преследовать (*кого-л.*)
to follow a retreating enemy - преследовать отступающего врага
 - 2) следить (*за кем-л.*)
he thinks he's being followed - ему кажется, что за ним следят
 - 3) следить взглядом
they followed all his movements closely - они пристально следили за всеми его движениями
 4. идти, придерживаться (*какого-л.*) направления
to follow the right road - идти по правильной дороге
follow this road, then turn left - идите по этой дороге, затем поверните налево
to follow the scent - идти по следу
 5. придерживаться, следовать; соблюдать
to follow a policy - придерживаться (*какой-л.*) политики
to follow the custom - следовать обычаю
to follow regulations - соблюдать правила
to follow a strict diet - соблюдать строгую диету
to follow directions [instructions, advice] - действовать по указаниям [инструкциям, совету]; выполнять указания [инструкции, совет]
 6. 1) понимать; внимательно следить (*за ходом мысли, словами*); слушать
I don't quite follow you - я не совсем понимаю вас, не совсем улавливаю смысл ваших слов
he followed the argument easily - ход рассуждения был ему понятен
 - 2) следить, интересоваться
he follows French politics very carefully - он очень интересуется французской политикой
 7. следовать примеру, быть последователем
following the best authorities - следуя крупнейшим авторитетам
to follow the old masters - подражать старым мастерам
to follow the conservative party - быть сторонником консерваторов /членом консервативной партии/
I am unable to follow you in all your views - я не могу согласиться со всеми вашими взглядами
 8. 1) следовать, логически вытекать из; явствовать
from what I have said it follows that - из сказанного мною следует, что
that doesn't follow - отсюда не следует, это не доказано /ещё не ясно/
 - 2) зависеть, соответствовать
the condition of the ionosphere has followed the course of the sun's activity - состояние ионосферы зависит от солнечной активности
 9. заниматься (*чем-л.*); избирать (*что-л.*) своей профессией
they follow the same profession - у них одна и та же профессия; они занимаются одним и тем же
to follow the drum - быть *или* стать солдатом
to follow the law - быть *или* стать юристом
to follow the sea - быть /стать/ моряком
 10. (*with*) подавать (*после чего-л.*)
they followed dinner with a liqueur - в конце обеда подали ликёр
to follow a tragedy with a light comedy - показать после трагедии лёгкую комедию
◇ as follows - как следует ниже; следующим образом, как, как-то
the terms are as follows - условия следующие
his plan was as follows - его план был таков
to follow a lead - подыгрывать
to follow suit - а) *карт.* ходить в масть; б) подражать
to follow smb. to his grave - провожать кого-л. в последний путь, хоронить кого-л.
to follow home - доводить до конца
to follow in smb.'s tracks - а) идти по пятам; б) следовать примеру
to follow one's nose - а) идти прямо вперёд; б) руководствоваться чутьём /инстинктом/

follow [follow follows followed following] *BrE* ['fɒləʊ] ^m *NAmE* ['fɑːloʊ] ^m
verb

GO AFTER

1. transitive, intransitive ~ (sb/sth) to come or go after or behind sb/sth

- He followed her into the house.
- Follow me please. I'll show you the way.
- I think we're being followed.
- (figurative) She followed her mother into the medical profession.
- Wherever she led, they followed.
- Sam walked in, with the rest of the boys following closely behind.

HAPPEN/DO AFTER

2. transitive, intransitive ~ (sth/sb) to come after sth/sb else in time or order; to happen as a result of sth else

- The first two classes are followed by a break of ten minutes.
- I remember little of the days that followed the accident.
- A period of unrest followed the president's resignation.
- A detailed news report will follow shortly.
- **There followed** a short silence.
- The opening hours are **as follows** ...
- A new proposal followed on from the discussions.

3. transitive to do sth after sth else

- ~ **sth with sth** Follow your treatment with plenty of rest.
- ~ **sth up with sth** They follow up their March show with four UK dates next month.

BE RESULT

4. intransitive, transitive (not usually used in the progressive tenses) to be the logical result of sth

- ~ **(from sth)** I don't see how that follows from what you've just said.
- **it follows that...** If a = b and b = c it follows that a = c.

OF PART OF MEAL

5. transitive, intransitive ~ (sth) to come or be eaten after another part

- The main course was followed by fresh fruit. This pattern is usually used in the passive.
- I'll have soup and fish **to follow** .

ROAD/PATH

6. transitive ~ sth to go along a road, path, etc

- Follow this road until you get to the school, then turn left.

7. transitive ~ sth (of a road, path, etc.) to go in the same direction as sth or parallel to sth

- The lane follows the edge of a wood for about a mile.

ADVICE/INSTRUCTIONS

8. transitive ~ sth to accept advice, instructions, etc. and do what you have been told or shown to do

- to **follow a diet/recipe**
- He has trouble **following** simple **instructions** .
- Why didn't you **follow** my **advice** ?

ACCEPT/COPY

9. transitive ~ sth to accept sb/sth as a guide, a leader or an example; to copy sb/sth

- They followed the teachings of Buddha.
- He always followed the latest fashions (= dressed in fashionable clothes) .
- I don't want you to follow my example and rush into marriage.
- The movie follows the book faithfully.

UNDERSTAND

10. intransitive, transitive to understand an explanation or the meaning of sth

- ~ **(sb)** Sorry, I don't follow.
- Sorry, I don't follow you.
- ~ **sth** The plot is almost impossible **to follow** .

WATCH/LISTEN

11. transitive ~ sb/sth to watch or listen to sb/sth very carefully

- The children were following every word of the story intently.
- Her eyes followed him everywhere (= she was looking at him all the time) .

BE INTERESTED IN

12. transitive ~ sth to take an active interest in sth and be aware of what is happening

- Have you been following the basketball championships?
- Millions of people followed the trial on TV.

OF BOOK/MOVIE

- 13. transitive ~ sth** to be concerned with the life or development of sb/sth
- The novel follows the fortunes of a village community in Scotland.

PATTERN/COURSE

- 14. transitive ~ sth** to develop or happen in a particular way
- The day followed the usual pattern.

more at a hard/tough act to follow **at** ↑act n.

Idioms: ↑follow in somebody's footsteps ▪ ↑follow suit ▪ ↑follow your nose

Derived ↑follow on ▪ ↑follow somebody about ▪ ↑follow something through ▪ ↑follow something up ▪ ↑follow through

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	follow
	BrE / 'fɒləʊ/
	NAme / 'fɑ:ləʊz/
he / she / it	follows
	BrE / 'fɒləʊz/
	NAme / 'fɑ:ləʊz/
past simple, past participle	followed
	BrE / 'fɒləʊd/
	NAme / 'fɑ:ləʊd/
-ing form	following
	BrE / 'fɒləʊɪŋ/
	NAme / 'fɑ:ləʊɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English folgian, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch volgen and German folgen.

Thesaurus:

follow verb

1. T, I

- I think we're being followed.

chase • **tail** • **trail** • **track** • **stalk** • **hunt** • |formal **pursue** •

Opp: lead

follow/chase/pursue sb/sth **into** sth

follow/chase/tail/trail/track/stalk/pursue a **person**

follow/chase/tail/track/stalk/hunt/pursue an **animal**

2. T, I (not used in the progressive tenses)

- A new proposal followed on from the discussions.

result • **stem from sth** • |formal **ensue** • **arise** •

follow/result/stem/ensue/arise **from** sth

follow/result/arise **out of** sth

sth follows/results/stems/arises **from the fact that...**

3. T

- He has trouble following instructions.

obey • **carry sth out** • **act on/upon sth** • **respect** • **comply** • |formal **adhere to sth** • **abide by sth** • **observe** •

follow/obey/carry out/act on **instructions/orders**

follow/carry out/act on a **recommendation**

follow/obey/respect/comply with/adhere to/abide by/observe the **conventions/rules/regulations/law**

4. T, I

- Don't follow my example and rush into marriage.

copy • **imitate** • **follow in sb's footsteps** • **model yourself on sb/sth** • |formal **emulate** • **mimic** • |especially **business journalism follow suit** •

follow/copy/imitate/emulate a **style**

follow/copy/mimic sb/sth **exactly**

follow/copy sb/sth **faithfully/slavishly**

5. I, T (not used in the progressive tenses)

- Sorry— I don't quite follow.

- The plot is almost impossible to follow.

understand • **grasp** • |especially **spoken see** • **get** • |formal **comprehend** •

follow/understand/grasp/see/get/comprehend **what/why/how...**

follow/understand **instructions**

be **easy/difficult/hard** to follow/understand/grasp/see/comprehend

Synonyms:

understand

see • get • follow • grasp • comprehend

These words all mean to know or realize sth, for example why sth happens, how sth works or what sth means.

understand • to know or realize the meaning of words, a language, what sb says, etc; to know or realize how or why sth happens, how it works or why it is important: ▫ I don't understand the instructions. ◇ ▫ Doctors still don't understand much about the disease.

see • to understand what is happening, what sb is saying, how sth works or how important sth is: ▫ 'It opens like this.' ' Oh, ▫ I see ▫.' ◇ ▫ Oh yes, ▫ I see what you mean ▫.

get • (informal) to understand a joke, what sb is trying to tell you, or a situation that they are trying to describe: ▫ She didn't get the joke. ◇ ▫ I don't get you.

follow • to understand an explanation, a story or the meaning of sth: ▫ Sorry— I don't quite follow. ◇ ▫ The plot is almost impossible to follow.

grasp • to come to understand a fact, an idea or how to do sth: ▫ They failed to grasp the importance of his words.

understand or grasp?

You can use **understand** or **grasp** for the action of realizing the meaning or importance of sth for the first time: ▫ It's a difficult concept for children to understand/grasp. Only **understand** can be used to talk about languages, words or writing: I don't grasp French/the instructions.

comprehend • (often used in negative statements) (formal) to understand a fact, idea or reason: ▫ The concept of infinity is almost impossible for the human mind to comprehend.

to understand/see/get/follow/grasp/comprehend **what/why/how...**

to understand/see/grasp/comprehend **that...**

to understand/see/get/grasp **the point/idea** (of sth)

to be **easy/difficult/hard** to understand/see/follow/grasp/comprehend

to **fully** understand/see/grasp/comprehend sth

Example Bank:

- As she walked home, she had the feeling she was being followed.
- Banks are expected to follow the building societies in raising mortgage rates.
- Follow my instructions very carefully.
- He wanted to follow in his mother's footsteps and be a ballroom dancer.
- His argument was difficult to follow.
- How do you feel your writing follows in the tradition of the South?
- I'm sorry, but I don't quite follow you.
- It does not necessarily follow that sleep loss would cause these symptoms.
- It wasn't in his nature to follow blindly.
- Johnson finished first, closely followed by Stevens and Higgins.
- More information will follow shortly.
- Other companies are likely to follow Z-Quest in applying for an exemption.
- Ray came out of the bedroom, Mary following close behind.
- Several conclusions follow on from his statement.
- She beckoned him to follow her.
- She followed blindly, stumbling over stones in her path.
- The dog followed obediently at her heels.
- The film follows the book faithfully.
- The next programme will follow shortly.
- You go ahead and we'll follow on later.
- in the period immediately following the election
- slavishly following the views of his teachers
- the workers' revolts that followed in the wake of the student uprising
- A period of unrest followed the president's resignation.
- Follow me, please. I'll show you the way.
- He always followed the latest fashions.
- He has trouble following simple instructions.
- I didn't really follow the recipe.
- I don't follow you.
- I don't want you to follow my example and rush into marriage.
- I think we're being followed.
- Our opening hours are as follows...
- She walked in and we all followed.
- Sorry— I don't quite follow.
- The movie can be quite hard to follow in parts.
- The plot is almost impossible to follow.
- There followed a short silence.
- Why didn't you follow my advice?

follow

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follow **S1 W1** /'fɒləʊ \$ 'fɑːloʊ/ **BrE** **AmE** **verb**

[Word Family: noun: †follower, †following; verb: †follow; adjective: †following]

[Language: Old English; Origin: folgian]

1. GO AFTER [intransitive and transitive] to go, walk, drive etc behind or after someone else:

▫ Are those men following us?

▫ The patrol car followed the BMW for a few miles and then lost it.

Tom's already gone out to Rome and his wife and children will follow shortly.

follow somebody into/to etc something

“ Peggy followed her out onto the landing.

2. HAPPEN AFTER [intransitive and transitive] to happen or do something after something else:

“ The agreement followed months of negotiation.

“ The assassination of Martin Luther King in 1968 was followed by that of Robert Kennedy.

there follows something

“ After weeks of intense fighting, there followed a brief period of calm.

“ Most EU countries have signed the agreement and the US is expected to follow shortly (=soon). ⇒ ↑following³

3. COME AFTER [intransitive and transitive] to come directly after something else in a series, list, or order ⇒ following :

“ The chapters that follow deal mainly with mathematics.

“ In English, the letter Q is always followed by U.

“ We had vegetable casserole with a fruit salad to follow (=as part of a meal).

there follows something

“ There followed several pages of incomprehensible statistics.

4. as follows used to introduce a list of things that you will mention next:

“ The winners are as follows: in third place, Mandy Johnson; in second place ...

5. DO WHAT SOMEBODY SAYS [transitive] to do something in the way that someone has told or advised you to do it:

“ He followed the doctor's advice and had no further trouble.

“ Follow the instructions very carefully when filling in the form.

“ They followed the plan that Elizabeth had worked out.

6. follow the signs/sb's directions to go somewhere by a particular way according to road signs or to what someone has told you:

“ Just follow the signs for the airport.

“ I followed Brown's directions and found the farm quite easily.

7. DO THE SAME THING [intransitive and transitive] to do the same thing as someone else:

“ Some state schools follow the example of private schools in asking parents to donate money.

“ Environmentalists are urging the government to follow the lead of Scandinavian countries in this matter.

“ She's just like any young woman who enjoys following the latest fashions (=wearing fashionable clothes).

follow somebody into something (=do the same job as someone else)

“ He does not want to follow his father into a scientific career.

8. BELIEVE IN SOMETHING [transitive] to believe in and obey a particular set of religious or political ideas

9. GO IN PARTICULAR DIRECTION [transitive]

a) to continue along a particular road, river etc:

“ I followed the main road up the mountain.

“ Tom followed the track that leads to the old Roman road.

b) to go in the same direction as something else, or to go parallel to something else:

“ The road follows the line of the river.

10. UNDERSTAND [intransitive and transitive] to understand something such as an explanation or story **SYN grasp:**

“ I didn't quite follow what he was saying.

easy/difficult/hard etc to follow

“ The plot is a little difficult to follow.

11. BE A RESULT [intransitive] to be true as a result of something else that is true

follow from

“ The conclusion that follows from these findings is that inner city schools need more investment, not less.

“ It doesn't necessarily follow that you're going to do well academically even if you're highly intelligent.

12. BE INTERESTED [transitive] to be interested in something and in the way it develops:

“ Have you been following that crime series on TV?

“ I've been following his progress very closely.

“ She just doesn't understand people who follow football or any other kind of sport.

13. follow a pattern/course/trend etc to continue to happen or develop in a particular way, especially in a way that is expected:

“ In Australia, the weather follows a fairly predictable pattern.

14. follow suit to do the same as someone else has done:

“ Budget companies have been so successful that other airlines have had to follow suit and lower their fares.

15. follow in sb's footsteps to do the same job or to work or live in the same way as someone else before you, especially someone in your family:

“ He is a doctor and expects his son to follow in his footsteps.

16. BE ABOUT [transitive] to show or describe someone's life or a series of events, for example in a film or book:

“ The book follows the plight of an orphaned Irish girl who marries into New York society.

17. be a hard act to follow to be so good or successful at something that it will be difficult for the next person, team etc to be as good:

“ We're looking for a replacement for Sue, but she's going to be a hard act to follow.

18. WATCH CAREFULLY [transitive] to carefully watch someone do something:

“ She followed Simon with her eyes as he walked to the gate.

19. THINK ABOUT/STUDY [transitive] to study or think about a particular idea or subject and try to learn something from it:

“ It turned out we were both following the same line of research.

“ If you follow that idea to its logical conclusion, we'd have to ban free speech altogether.

20. follow your instincts/feelings/gut reaction etc to do the thing that you immediately feel is best without needing to stop and think about it

21. follow the herd/crowd to do the same thing that most other people are doing, without really thinking about it for yourself – used

in order to show disapproval

22. **follow your nose** *informal*

a) to go straight forward or continue in the same direction:

Just follow your nose until you come to a small bridge.

b) to go to the place from where there is a particular smell coming:

I followed my nose to the kitchen, where Marcie was making coffee.

c) to do something in the way that you feel is right:

After a few years in the detective game, you learn to follow your nose.

23. **follow a profession/trade/way of life etc** to do a particular job or have a particular way of life

...

THESAURUS

- **follow** to walk, drive etc behind or after someone, for example in order to see where they are going: The man had followed her home to find out where she lived. | Follow that car! | He hired a detective to follow her.
- **chase** to quickly run or drive after someone or something in order to catch them when they are trying to escape: Police chased the car along the motorway at speeds of up to 90 mph.
- **run after somebody/go after somebody** to quickly follow someone or something in order to stop them or talk to them: I ran after him to say sorry, but he'd already got on the bus.
- **stalk** /stɔ:k\$ stɔ:k to secretly follow an animal in order to kill it, or to secretly follow a person in order to attack them: a tiger stalking its prey | He had a long history of stalking women in his neighbourhood.
- **pursue** /pə'sju:\$ pə'su:ɪ *written* to chase someone in a very determined way: The ship was being pursued by enemy submarines.
- **give chase** *written* to chase someone or something who is trying to escape from you: One of the officers gave chase and arrested the man. | The calf ran away and the lion gave chase.
- **tail** to secretly follow someone in order to watch what they do and where they go: Apparently, the police had been tailing the terrorists for months.
- **track** to follow and find a person or animal by looking at the marks they leave on the ground: The bushmen were tracking antelope in the Kalahari desert.

follow somebody around (also **follow somebody about** *British English*) *phrasal verb*

to follow someone everywhere they go, especially when this is annoying:

She told him to go away and stop following her around.

follow on *phrasal verb*

1. to happen after something else and be connected with it ⇒ **follow-on**

follow on from

The discussion sessions are supposed to follow on from this morning's lecture.

2. to go to the same place as someone else at a later time:

You go ahead – I'll follow on later.

follow through *phrasal verb*

1. to do what needs to be done to complete something or make it successful:

The project went wrong when the staff failed to follow through.

follow something ↔ through

If you have followed through all the exercises in this book, you should be ready for the second year course.

2. to continue moving your arm after you have hit the ball in tennis, ↑golf etc ⇒ **follow-through**

follow something ↔ up *phrasal verb*

1. to find out more information about something and take action if necessary:

The police take people's statements and then follow them up.

2. to do something in addition to what you have already done in order to make it more likely to succeed ⇒ **follow-up**

follow something ↔ up with

If there is no response to your press release, follow it up with a phone call.

This experiment was quickly followed up by others using different forms of the drug.

⇒ ↑follow-up

follow

12500 **191**^{MCW}

15000 **286**^{COCA}

RANGE: **1k** FOLLOW 163057

follow 37010

followed 43061

unfollowed 0

follower 569

followers 4461

following 63047

ff 326

follows 14583

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

18005 **1861**²³¹⁹³ *vvi*

10464 **3118**¹³⁴³² *vv0*

268 **41506**³¹⁴ *nn121*

³⁴132663³⁴ *nnu*
²⁵156268²⁵ *nn1*
¹²232589¹² *jj*
