

begin[bɪˈɡɪn] *v* (*began; begun*)**1. начинать; приступать (к чему л.)**

to begin at the beginning - начинать с самого начала

to begin again - начать снова /сначала/

that's wrong, let's begin again - это неправильно, давайте начнём сначала /повторим/

to begin on - а) браться за (*что-л.*); б) брать начало от (*чего-л.*)

to begin over - начинать сызнова

to begin upon = to begin on

to begin with - начать с (*чего-л.*) [*см. тж. 2 и ◇*]to begin the score - *спорт.* открывать счёт

he began studying /to study/ English - он начал изучать английский язык

he began his breakfast - он принялся за завтрак

we begin at page three - начнём с третьей страницы

where to begin? - с чего начать?

where do we begin? - с чего мы начнём?

I do not know how to begin - а) не знаю, с чего начать; б) не знаю, за что взяться; ≅ работы по горло

2. начинатьсяto begin with - начинаться с (*чего-л.*) [*см. тж. 1 и ◇*]

the word begins with a capital letter - слово начинается с заглавной буквы

the play begins with a prologue - пьеса начинается с пролога /открывается прологом/

the performance begins at seven - представление начинается в 7 часов

it is beginning to rain - начинается дождь

when did life begin on Earth? - когда возникла жизнь на Земле?

3. основывать, создавать

they began the club a year ago - клуб открыли год назад

4. (обыкн. с отрицанием) амер. эмоц.-усил. быть далёким от, даже не приближаться к

the machine does not begin to meet the specifications - машина ни в коей мере не отвечает техническим условиям

I do not begin to understand you - отказываюсь вас понимать; я совершенно вас не понимаю

they do not begin to compare - их совершенно нельзя сравнивать; ≅ одному далеко до другого

the statement does not begin to be comprehensible enough - заявление крайне невразумительно

◇ to begin with - а) во-первых, прежде всего; начать с того, что ...; to begin with, I did not see him - во-первых, я его не видел;

б) сначала, на первых порах; [*см. тж. 1, 2 и ◇*]

to begin at the wrong end - начать не с того конца, неудачно взяться за дело

to begin the world - начинать самостоятельную жизнь

well begun is half done - *посл.* хорошее начало полдела откачало**begin**

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begin [begin begins began beginning begun] *BrE* [bɪˈɡɪn] ^m *NAmE* [bɪˈɡɪn]^m *verb* (**be-gin-ning**, **began** *BrE* [bɪˈɡæɪn] ^m; *NAmE* [bɪˈɡæɪn] ^m **begun** *BrE* [bɪˈɡʌn] ^m; *NAmE* [bɪˈɡʌn] ^m)**1. intransitive, transitive** to start doing sth; to do the first part of sth

• Shall I begin?

• ~ **at/with sth** Let's begin at page 9.• ~ **by doing sth** She began by thanking us all for coming.• ~ **sth** We began work on the project in May.

• I began (= started reading) this novel last month and I still haven't finished it.

• ~ **sth at/with sth** He always begins his lessons with a warm-up exercise.• ~ **sth as sth** He began his political career as a student (= when he was a student) .• ~ **to do sth** I began to feel dizzy .

• At last the guests began to arrive

• She began to cry.

• It was beginning to snow.

• I was beginning to think you'd never come.

• ~ **doing sth** Everyone began talking at once.

• When will you begin recruiting?

2. intransitive to start to happen or exist, especially from a particular time

• When does the concert begin?

• Work on the new bridge is due to begin in September.

• The evening began well.

3. intransitive ~ **as sth** to be sth first, before becoming sth else

• He began as an actor, before starting to direct films.

• What began as a minor scuffle turned into a full-scale riot.

4. intransitive to have sth as the first part or the point where sth starts

• Where does Europe end and Asia begin?

• ~ **with sth** Use 'an' before words beginning with a vowel

• 'I'm thinking of a country in Asia.' 'What does it begin with (= what is the first letter) ?'

• Each chapter begins with a quotation.

• ~ **at...** The path begins at Livingston village.**5. transitive + speech** to start speaking

• 'Ladies and gentlemen,' he began, 'welcome to the Town Hall.'

6. intransitive, transitive to start or make sth start for the first time

- The school began in 1920, with only ten pupils.
- ~ **sth** He began a new magazine on post-war architecture.

7. transitive not ~ to do sth to make no attempt to do sth or have no chance of doing sth

- I **can't begin to** thank you enough.
- He didn't even begin to understand my problem.

more at charity begins at home **at** ↑charity

Idiom: ↑begin with

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	begin
	BrE /bɪˈɡɪn/
	NAmE /bɪˈɡɪn/
he / she / it	begins
	BrE /bɪˈɡɪnz/
	NAmE /bɪˈɡɪnz/
past simple	began
	BrE /bɪˈɡɛn/
	NAmE /bɪˈɡɛn/
past participle	begun
	BrE /bɪˈɡʌn/
	NAmE /bɪˈɡʌn/
-ing form	beginning
	BrE /bɪˈɡɪnɪŋ/
	NAmE /bɪˈɡɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English *beginnan*, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch and German *beginnen*.

Thesaurus:

begin verb T, I

- We began work on the project in May.
- What time does the concert begin?

start • • **open** • • **take sth up** • • **set about sth** • • **go about sth** • • **start off** • • **set/put sth in motion** • |informal **kick off** • |formal **embark on/upon sth** • • **commence** • • **initiate** • • **institute** • |especially business journalism **launch** •

Opp: end

begin/start/take up/set about/go about/commence **doing sth**

begin/start **to do sth**

begin/start/open/start off/kick off/commence **by doing sth**

begin/start/open/start off/kick off/commence **with sth**

Begin or start? Compare:

- 'Ladies and gentlemen,' he began.

✗ 'Ladies and gentlemen,' he started.:

- Who started the fire?
- I can't start the car

✗ Who began the fire?

- ✗ I can't begin the car.

Language Bank:

first

Ordering your points

▪ This study has **the following** ▪ aims: **first** ▪, to investigate how international students in the UK use humour; **second** ▪, to examine how jokes can help to establish social relationships; and, **third** ▪, to explore the role that humour plays in helping overseas students adjust to life in the UK.

Let us begin by ▪ identifying some of the popular joke genres in the UK.

Next, let us turn to ▪ / **Next, let us consider** ▪ the question of gender differences in the use of humour.

Finally ▪ / **Lastly** ▪, let us briefly examine the role of humour in defining a nation's culture.

notes at ↑**firstly**, ↑**lastly**

Language Banks at ↑**conclusion**, ↑**process**

Synonyms:

start

begin • **start off** • **kick off** • **commence** • **open**

These words are all used to talk about things happening from the beginning, or people doing the first part of sth.

start • to begin to happen or exist; to begin in a particular way or from a particular point: ▪ When does the class start?

begin • to start to happen or exist; to start in a particular way or from a particular point; to start speaking: ▪ When does the concert begin?

start or begin?

There is not much difference in meaning between these words. **Start** is more frequent in spoken English and in business contexts; **begin** is more frequent in written English and is often used when you are describing a series of events: ▪ The story begins on the island of Corfu. **Start** is not used to mean 'begin speaking': 'Ladies and gentlemen,' he started.

start off • (rather informal) to start happening or doing sth; to start by doing or being sth: ▪ The discussion started off mildly

enough.

kick off • (informal) to start an event or activity, especially in a particular way; (of an event, activity, etc.) to start, especially in a particular way: ▀ Tom will kick off with a few comments. ◇ ▀ The festival kicks off on Monday, September 13.

commence • (formal) to start happening: ▀ The meeting is scheduled to commence at noon.

open • to start an event or activity in a particular way; (of an event, film/movie or book) to start, especially in a particular way: ▀ The story opens with a murder.

to start/begin/start off/kick off/commence/open **with** sth

to start/begin/start off/kick off/commence/open **by** doing sth

to start/begin/start off/commence **as** sth

a **campaign/season/meeting** starts/begins/starts off/kicks off/commences/opens

a **film/movie/book** starts/begins/starts off/opens

Which Word?:

begin / start

There is not much difference in meaning between begin and start, though start is more common in spoken English: ▀ What time does the concert start/begin? ◇ ▀ She started/began working here three months ago. **Begin** is often used when you are describing a series of events: ▀ The story begins on the island of Corfu. **Start**, but not **begin**, can also mean 'to start a journey', 'to start something happening' or 'to start a machine working': ▀ We'll need to start at 7.00. ◇ ▀ Who do you think started the fire? ◇ ▀ The car won't start.

You can use either an infinitive or a form with **-ing** after begin and start, with no difference in meaning: ▀ I didn't start worrying/to worry until she was 2 hours late.

After the forms beginning and starting, the **-ing** form of the verb is not normally used: ▀ It's starting/beginning to rain. ◇ ▀ It's starting/beginning raining.

Example Bank:

- Begin your story at the beginning, and carry on to the end.
- Can you think of a word beginning with V?
- He took a deep breath and slowly began.
- Let's begin by writing down a few ideas.
- OK, let's just begin at the beginning.
- Once it has finished, the DVD automatically begins again.
- Research into the problem began immediately.
- The concert will begin shortly.
- The entertainment was due to begin at 8.30.
- Their troubles are only beginning.
- We had to begin all over again.
- We will begin with a brief discussion of the problems.
- Work on the building finally began in the summer.
- He began his political career as a student.
- I began this novel last month and I still haven't finished it.
- I was beginning to think you'd never come.
- The story begins on the island of Corfu.

begin

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be **gin** **S1** **W1** /bɪ'ɡɪn/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **verb** (past tense **began** /-ˈɡæn/, past participle

begun /-ˈɡʌn/, present participle **beginning**)

[**Word Family**: noun: **beginner** , **beginning** ; verb: **begin**]

[**Language**: Old English; **Origin**: **beginnan**]

1. START DOING SOMETHING [**intransitive and transitive**] to start doing something:

- ▀ As everybody's here, let's begin.
- ▀ In the third year students begin the study of classical Chinese.
- ▀ The president begins talks with the prime minister tonight.

begin to do something

- ▀ She began to feel a sense of panic.

begin doing something

- ▀ I began teaching in 1984.

2. START HAPPENING [**intransitive and transitive**] if something begins, or you begin something, it starts to happen or exist from a particular time:

- ▀ It was the coldest winter since records began.

begin at

- ▀ The meeting begins at 10.30 am.

3. DO FIRST [**intransitive**] if you begin with something or begin by doing something, this is the first thing you do

begin with

- ▀ Shall we begin with a prayer?

begin by doing something

- ▀ I'll begin by thanking you all for being here tonight.

4. BOOK/WORD ETC [**intransitive**] if a book, film, or word begins with something, it starts with a particular event or letter

begin with

- ▀ 'Psychosis' begins with a P.

REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say **start** rather than **begin** :

- The movie starts at 7.45.
- Let's start by introducing ourselves.
- Not many English names start with X.

5. SPEECH [intransitive and transitive] to start speaking:

" 'Ladies and gentlemen,' he began. 'I am delighted to be here.'

6. to begin with

a) *spoken* used to introduce the first and most important point you want to make:

" Well, to begin with, he shouldn't even have been driving my car.

b) used to say that something was already in a particular condition before something else happened:

" I didn't break it! It was like that to begin with.

c) during the first part of a process or activity:

" The kids helped me to begin with, but they soon got bored.

7. can't begin to understand/imagine etc *spoken* used to emphasize how difficult something is to understand etc:

" I can't begin to imagine how awful it was.

begin (something) as something *phrasal verb*

to be a particular thing at the start of your existence, working life etc:

" Roger began his career as an office boy.

begin

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