

decline**1. [dɪˈklaɪn] n****1. 1) падение, упадок, спад**

the decline of art [of civilization] - упадок искусства [цивилизации]

decline of business - спад деловой активности

on the decline, in decline - в состоянии упадка [см. тж. 2]

culture in decline - культура в состоянии упадка

the family was definitely in a decline - не было сомнений, что счастье изменило этой семье

to suffer moral and spiritual decline - переживать нравственный и духовный упадок

2) убыль; истощение, падение

decline of a well - **горн.** истощение скважины

3) понижение

decline in prices - понижение цен

these shares have experienced a decline - курс этих акций понизился

4) ухудшение (здоровья)

decline of /in/ strength - упадок сил

gradual decline - постепенное одряхление

5) период затихания (болезни)

the decline of a fever - понижение температуры /жара/

2. склон, конец, закат

the decline of the moon - ущерб луны

the decline of day - закат

on the decline - на ущербе [см. тж. 1, 1])

the decline of life - закат жизни, старость

3. 1) изнурительная болезнь, **особ. чахотка**

to die of a decline - умереть от чахотки

to be in a decline - а) чахнуть; б) болеть чахоткой

to go /to fall/ into a decline - а) зачахнуть; б) подхватить чахотку

2) хандра, депрессия

he was going into one of his declines - им снова овладевала депрессия, он снова погружался в хандру

4. **бот. увядание, вилт****5. **редк.** уклон, понижение, скат****2. [dɪˈklaɪn] v****1. 1) опускаться; идти вниз, под уклон**

the road declines - дорога идёт под уклон

2) наклоняться; клониться**3) заходить (о солнце)**

the sun is declining - солнце заходит

the day begins to decline (to its close) - день склоняется к вечеру

2. 1) уменьшаться, убывать, идти на убыль

to decline considerably - значительно сокращаться

the prices began to decline - цены стали падать

his fortune declined - его состояние уменьшилось

his years are beginning to decline - (его) годы идут на убыль, старость не за горами

2) угасать

the earlier fervour is declining - пыл прежних лет постепенно угасает

3) спадать (о температуре)

the fever has declined - жар спал (у больного)

3. 1) приходить в упадок

the arts declined - ремёсла пришли в упадок

business declined - в делах наступил застой; дела шли всё хуже

2) приходить в расстройство; ухудшаться; ослабевать; чахнуть

his health declined considerably - его здоровье сильно расстроилось /расшаталось/; он очень сдал

his courage began to decline - мужество стало изменять ему

their strength has declined - их силы шли на убыль

4. 1) отклонять, отводить, отвергать

to decline an offer [an invitation] - отклонить предложение [приглашение]

to decline a discussion - уклониться от участия в дискуссии

to decline battle - уклониться от боя, не принять бой

to decline to answer questions - отказаться отвечать на вопросы

to decline satisfying smb.'s curiosity - отказаться удовлетворить чьё-л. любопытство

his novel was declined - его роман отклонили /не приняли/

I decline to be intimidated - я не позволю запугать себя; вам меня не запугать

2) отказываться

to decline with thanks - отказаться с благодарностью

3) **шахм. отклонять (жертву), не принимать (гамбит)****5. наклонять, склонять**

to decline one's head on one's breast - склонить /уронить/ голову на грудь

6. *грам.* СКЛОНЯТЬ

7. *уст.* ОТКЛОНЯТЬСЯ, ОТХОДИТЬ, ОТСТУПАТЬ (от принятого образца)

to decline from virtue - сойти со стези добродетели

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decline

de-cline **AW** [**decline declines declined declining**] **noun, verb** *BrE* [dɪ'klaɪn] ⁴

NAmE [dɪ'klaɪn] ⁴

noun **countable**, usually **singular**, **uncountable** ~ (in sth) | ~ (of sth)

a continuous decrease in the number, value, quality, etc. of sth

- a **rapid/sharp/gradual decline**
- **urban/economic decline**
- The company reported a small decline in its profits.
- An increase in cars has resulted in the decline of public transport.
- The town **fell into (a) decline** (= started to be less busy, important, etc.) after the mine closed.
- Industry in Britain has been **in decline** since the 1970s.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **decliner**, from Latin **declinare** 'bend down, turn aside', from **de-** 'down' + **clinare** 'to bend'.

Thesaurus:

decline **noun** **C**, usually **sing.**, **U**

• the country's continuing economic decline

fall • • **drop** • • **decrease** • • **downturn** • • **slump** • • **reduction** •

Opp: rise, **Opp:** increase

a decline/fall/drop/decrease/downturn/slump/reduction **in** sth

a **20%** decline/fall/drop/decrease/reduction

a decline/fall/drop/decrease/reduction **of 20%**

see a decline/fall/drop/decrease/downturn/reduction

Decline, fall or drop? These words all describe a process that happens, not a deliberate action by sb: **We've seen a steady decline in profits this year.** **Fall** and **decline** can happen overtime, but a **drop** cannot:

• a gradual decline/fall

✗ a gradual drop

Example Bank:

- Most of the decline occurred in the 1990s.
- The cloth trade went into gradual decline.
- The increased gold price led to the decline of his jewellery business.
- The industry is still in decline.
- They lament the decline of old-fashioned communities.
- This area has been on the decline for some years now.
- We have seen a sharp decline in educational standards over recent years.
- We must halt this decline in health services.
- a steady decline in manufacturing
- a steep decline in sales
- an industry in terminal decline
- the decline and fall of a great civilization
- the decline of British farming
- the decline of small farming communities
- the moral decline of the nation
- The town fell into (a) decline after the mine closed.
- These measures have failed to reverse the country's economic decline.

Idiom: ↑ **somebody's declining years**

verb

1. intransitive (rather formal) to become smaller, fewer, weaker, etc

- Support for the party continues to decline.
- The number of tourists to the resort declined by 10% last year.
- Her health was declining rapidly.

2. intransitive, transitive (formal) to refuse politely to accept or to do sth

Syn: ↑ refuse

- I offered to give them a lift but they declined.
- ~ **sth** to **decline an offer/invitation**
- She declined a second glass of wine and called for a taxi.
- ~ **to do sth** Their spokesman declined to comment on the allegations.

3. intransitive, transitive ~ (sth) (grammar) if a noun, an adjective or a pronoun declines, it has different forms according to whether it is the subject or the object of a verb, whether it is in the singular or plural, etc. When you decline a noun, etc, you list these forms.

compare ↑ conjugate

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	decline
	BrE /dɪˈklaɪn/
	NAme /dɪˈklaɪn/
he / she / it	declines
	BrE /dɪˈklaɪnz/
	NAme /dɪˈklaɪnz/
past simple, past participle	declined
	BrE /dɪˈklaɪnd/
	NAme /dɪˈklaɪnd/
-ing form	declining
	BrE /dɪˈklaɪnɪŋ/
	NAme /dɪˈklaɪnɪŋ/

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decline verb

1. I

- Factory output declined by 10% last year.

fall • • **drop** • • **come down** • • **diminish** • | **formal decrease** • | **especially business sink** • • **slump** • • **plunge** • • **plummet** • • **tumble** •

Opp: rise, **Opp:** increase

decline/fall/drop/come down/diminish/decrease/sink/slump/plunge/plummet/tumble **by** 100, 25%, a half, etc.

decline/fall/drop/come down/diminish/decrease/sink/slump/plunge/plummet/tumble **from** 1 500 **to** 1 000

decline/diminish/decrease **with** age, time, experience, etc.

prices decline/fall/drop/come down/decrease/sink/slump/plunge/plummet/tumble

decline/fall/drop/decrease/slump/plunge **dramatically**

Decline, fall or drop? All these words can be used about numbers, levels, prices, profits and sales. Use **decline** to talk about a loss of economic strength in an area:

- The city/industry has declined (in importance).

A person's health or people's support for sth **declines**. Voices and temperatures **fall** or **drop**. Things can **fall** or **decline** over a period of time, but **drop** cannot be used in the progressive tenses:

- Sales have been falling/declining.

✗ Sales have been dropping.

2. I (formal)

- Her health is gradually declining.

weaken • • **fail** • • **worsen** • • **deteriorate** • • **degenerate** • • **relapse** • | **especially spoken get worse** • | **especially business slip** •

Opp: improve

sb's **health** declines/fails/worsens/deteriorates/gets worse

sales decline/weaken/deteriorate/slip

decline/weaken/worsen/deteriorate **significantly/steadily**

3. T, I (formal)

- We politely declined her invitation.

refuse • • **reject** • • **turn sb/sth down** • | **formal, often disapproving rebuff** •

Opp: accept

decline/refuse/reject/turn down/rebuff a/an **offer/request**

decline/refuse/reject/turn down a/an **chance/opportunity/invitation**

politely decline/refuse/reject sth

Example Bank:

- I absolutely decline to discuss my dealings with him or anyone.
- Profits declined by 6% this year.
- The economy has declined sharply in recent years.
- The market for these products is declining fast.
- The number of full-time staff has declined from 300 to just 50.
- This section of the market has slowly declined in importance.
- I offered to drive them there but they declined.
- Manufacturing industry has slowly declined in importance.
- Patients of course have the right to decline treatment.
- She declined a second glass of wine.
- The minister declined to be interviewed.
- The number of tourists visiting the resort declined by 10% last year.
- We politely declined her invitation.

decline**I. de** **cline**¹ **W2 AC** /dɪˈklaɪn/ **BrE** " **AmE** " **noun** [singular, uncountable]

a decrease in the quality, quantity, or importance of something

decline in

" There has been a decline in the size of families.

decline of

" the decline of manufacturing

rapid/sharp/steep/dramatic decline

" a rapid decline in unemployment

steady/gradual/long-term decline

" The island's population initially numbered 180, but there was a gradual decline until only 40 people were left.

" the economic decline faced by many cities

in decline/on the decline (=falling)

" the widely held belief that educational standards are in decline

fall/go etc into decline (=become less important, successful etc)

" The port fell into decline in the 1950s.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)**adjectives**

▪ **sharp/steep** (=by a large amount) The higher prices caused a sharp decline in sales.

▪ **rapid** (=fast) We noticed a rapid decline in his health.

▪ **dramatic** (=extremely fast, and by a large amount) The last three years have seen a dramatic decline in the number of tigers in the area.

▪ **marked** (=very noticeable) Hunting led to a marked decline in bird numbers.

▪ **gradual** After 1870, there was a gradual decline of the disease.

▪ **steady/progressive** (=gradual but continuous) There has been a steady decline in club membership.

▪ **a long-term decline** (=happening for a long time) The long-term decline in the manufacturing industry is still continuing.

▪ **economic/industrial etc decline** This area has been severely affected by long-term industrial decline.

verbs

▪ **cause/lead to a decline** The use of agricultural chemicals has led to a decline in water quality.

▪ **go/fall into decline** (=become less important, successful etc) At the beginning of the century the cloth trade was going into decline.

▪ **suffer a decline** The firm suffered a sharp decline in its profits.

▪ **stop/halt a decline** (=stop it from continuing) These measures are intended to halt the decline in fish populations.

▪ **reverse a decline** (=make something start to improve again) The main aim is to reverse the decline of the world's environment.

▪ **see a decline** (=used to say that a decline happens at a particular time or in a particular place) The 20th century saw a steady decline in the rural population.

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THESAURUS

▪ **decrease** used when the number, amount, or level of something becomes less than it used to be: There has been a significant decrease in the number of deaths from lung cancer. | a 5% decrease in housing prices

▪ **reduction** used when the price, amount, or level of something is made lower: There will be further price reductions in the sales. | A small reduction in costs can mean a large increase in profits.

▪ **cut** used when a government or company reduces the price, amount, or level of something: a 1% cut in interest rates | tax cuts | It is possible that there will be further job cuts.

▪ **drop/fall** used when the number, amount, or level of something goes down, especially by a large amount: The figures showed a sharp fall in industrial output. | There was a dramatic drop in temperature.

▪ **decline** used when the number, amount, level, or standard of something goes down, especially gradually: During the 1970s, there was a gradual decline in the birthrate. | a decline in educational standards

II. decline² **W3 AC** **BrE** " **AmE** " **verb**

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1. DECREASE [intransitive] to decrease in quantity or importance:

" Spending on information technology has declined.

" Car sales have declined by a quarter.

" After the war, the city declined in importance.

2. SAY NO [intransitive and transitive] **formal** to say no politely when someone invites you somewhere, offers you something, or wants you to do something:

" Offered the position of chairman, Smith declined, preferring to keep his current job.

" Mary declined a hot drink and went to her room.

decline an offer/invitation etc

" Mary declined Jay's invitation to dinner.

decline to do something

" The court declined to review her case.

" The minister declined to comment (=refused to speak to people who report the news) about the progress of the peace talks.

3. BECOME WORSE [intransitive] to become gradually worse in quality **SYN deteriorate** :

" Her health has been declining progressively for several months.

" Qualified staff are leaving and standards are declining.

4. sb's declining years **formal** the last years of someone's life

5. GRAMMAR

a) [intransitive] if a noun, ↑pronoun, or adjective declines, its form changes according to whether it is the ↑subject, ↑object etc of a sentence

b) [transitive] if you decline a noun, ↑pronoun, or adjective, you show the various forms that it can take

—declining adjective:

" declining attendance at baseball games

decline

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