

**defend**

[dɪˈfend] v

1. 1) защищать, оборонять (*тж. спорт.*); охранять  
 to defend one's country - встать на защиту своей страны  
 to defend a post [a town] - оборонять пост [город]  
 to defend oneself from a dog with a stick - защищаться от собаки палкой  
 to defend one's children from evil influence - защищать своих детей от дурных влияний  
 the unit defended the fortified post - эта часть обороняла укрепленный пункт  
 God defend! - *учм.* боже упаси!, боже сохрани!
- 2) защищаться, обороняться (*тж. спорт.*)
2. отстаивать, поддерживать (*мнение и т. п.*)  
 to defend the general principles - поддерживать общие принципы
3. *юр.*
- 1) защищать на суде, выступать в качестве защитника
- 2) защищаться, отрицать свою виновность или причастность к преступлению (*об обвиняемом*)
- 3) отрицать, оспаривать права жалобщика, истца

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**de-fend** [defend defends defended defending] BrE [dɪˈfend] <sup>u</sup> NAmE [dɪˈfend]  
<sup>u</sup> verb

**PROTECT AGAINST ATTACK**

1. **transitive, intransitive** to protect sb/sth from attack
  - ~ **sb/yourself/sth** Troops have been sent to defend the borders.
  - ~ **sb/yourself/sth from/against sb/sth** All our officers are trained to defend themselves against knife attacks.
  - The male ape defends his females from other males.
  - ~ **against sb/sth** It is impossible to defend against an all-out attack.

**SUPPORT**

2. **transitive** to say or write sth in support of sb/sth that has been criticized
  - ~ **sth** How can you defend such behaviour?
  - He defended his decision to punish the boy.
  - ~ **sb/yourself/sth from/against sb/sth** Politicians are skilled at defending themselves against their critics.

**IN SPORT**

3. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)** (*in sports*) to protect your own goal to stop your opponents from scoring  
**Opp:** ↑attack

**IN COMPETITIONS**

4. **transitive ~ sth** to take part in a competition that you won the last time and try to win it again
  - He is **defending champion**.
  - She will be **defending her title** at next month's championships.
  - (*politics*) He intends to defend his seat in the next election.

**LAW**

5. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sb/yourself)** to act as a lawyer for sb who has been charged with a crime
  - He has employed one of the UK's top lawyers to defend him.
  - Smith has announced that she will defend herself in the case.

**compare** ↑prosecute

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	defend
	BrE /dɪˈfend/
	NAmE /dɪˈfend/
he / she / it	defends
	BrE /dɪˈfendz/
	NAmE /dɪˈfendz/
past simple, past participle	defended
	BrE /dɪˈfendɪd/
	NAmE /dɪˈfendɪd/
-ing form	defending
	BrE /dɪˈfendɪŋ/
	NAmE /dɪˈfendɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **defendre**, from Latin **defendere**, from **de-** 'off' + **-fendere** 'to strike'. Compare with ↑offend

Thesaurus:

**defend** verb T, I

1.

• He had to defend himself against a knife attack.  
**protect** • • **guard** • • **shield** • • **shelter** • • **save** • • **preserve** • • **secure** • |formal **safeguard** •

**Opp: attack**

defend/protect/guard/shield/shelter/save/preserve/secure/safeguard sb/sth **from** sth

defend/protect/guard/secure/safeguard sth **against** sth

defend/protect/save **yourself**

**heavily** defended/protected/guarded

## 2. T

• She defended herself against the criticisms.

**justify** • • **explain** • • **stand up for sb/sth** • • **account for sth** • |informal **stick up for sb/sth** •

**Opp: attack**

defend/justify/explain/account for sth **to** sb

defend/justify/stand up for/stick up for/explain **yourself**

defend/justify/explain/account for a/your/sb's **decision/behaviour**

defend/stand up for/stick up for sb's **rights**

### Example Bank:

- She defended her department against accusations of incompetence.
- She successfully defended herself against an attack from someone larger and stronger.
- The champion successfully defended his title against the American challenger.
- The city was heavily defended against attack.
- The company has strenuously defended its decision to reduce the workforce.
- They attacked the left flank, which was only lightly defended.
- He has announced that he will defend himself in the case.
- She has employed one of the UK's top lawyers to defend her.
- She was quick to defend her husband's actions.
- The minister vigorously defended the policy.
- Who's defending?

## defend

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

de fɛnd S3 W3 /dɪˈfend/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> verb

[Word Family: noun: DEFENCE/DEFENSE, ↑defendant, ↑defender, ↑defensiveness; adjective: DEFENCELESS/DEFENSELESS, ↑defensible ≠ ↑indefensible, ↑defensive; adverb: ↑defensibly ≠ ↑indefensibly, ↑defensively; verb: ↑defend]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: defendre, from Latin defendere, from fendere 'to hit']

1. [intransitive and transitive] to do something in order to protect someone or something from being attacked:

▪ a struggle to defend our homeland

**defend something against/from something**

▪ the need to defend democracy against fascism

**defend yourself (against/from somebody/something)**

▪ advice on how women can defend themselves from sex attackers

**defend against**

▪ We need to defend against military aggression.

2. [transitive] to use arguments to protect something or someone from criticism, or to prove that something is right **OPP attack**:

▪ She was always defending her husband in front of their daughter.

▪ Students should be ready to explain and defend their views.

**defend somebody against/from somebody/something**

▪ He defended his wife against rumours and allegations.

**defend yourself (against/from something)**

▪ Cooper wrote to the journal immediately, defending himself.

### REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say **stand up for** someone rather than **defend** someone:

▪ She was the only person who stood up for me at the meeting.

3. [transitive] to do something in order to stop something from being taken away or in order to make it possible for something to continue:

▪ the workers' attempts to defend their interests

▪ We are defending the right to demonstrate.

4. [intransitive and transitive] to protect your own team's end of the field in a game such as football, in order to prevent your opponents from getting points **OPP attack**:

▪ Bournemouth defended well throughout the game.

5. [transitive] to take part in a competition that you won the last time it was held, and try to win it again:

▪ The world champion was defending his title.

▪ the defending champion

▪ He is defending a Labour majority of 5,000.

6. [intransitive and transitive] to be a lawyer for someone who has been charged with a crime **OPP prosecute**:

▪ He had top lawyers to defend him.

▪ Howard, defending, said Thompson had been drinking heavily.

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### THESAURUS

▪ **defend** to say something to support an idea or person when other people are criticizing them: The mayor defended the action,

saying that it was the best option.

▪ **stand up for somebody/something** to strongly defend someone who is being criticized, or strongly defend your ideas or your rights: My grandfather would always stand up for what was right. | I don't want him fighting, but I do want him to stand up for himself.

▪ **stick up for somebody** *informal* to strongly defend someone who is being criticized, especially when no one else will defend them: The other kids tease her, but Sarah often sticks up for her.

▪ **come to somebody's defence** *British English* (also **come to somebody's defense** *American English*) to say something to defend someone who is being criticized: Aitken's colleagues quickly came to his defence.

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## defend

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defending 6382

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defended 3846

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