solve

[sɒlv] *v*

1. решать, разрешать; объяснять; развязывать, распутывать
   - to solve a difficulty - найти выход из затруднения
   - to solve a mystery - постичь /раскрыть/ тайну
   - to solve a riddle - разгадать загадку
   - to solve a problem - решить задачу /проблему/ [*см. тж.* 2]
   - to solve a puzzle - решить головоломку
   - to solve knot - развязать узел
   - to solve tangle - распутать клубок
2. *мат.* решать
   - to solve a problem - решать (математическую) задачу [*см. тж.* 1]
3. выплачивать, платить (*долг*)
4. выполнять
   - to solve one's vows - исполнить обеты
5. прекращать (*что-л.*); класть конец (*чему-л.*)
6. 1) растворять
   2) растворяться

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solve [**solve solves solved solving**] *BrE* [sɒlv]   *NAmE* [sɑːlv   *NAmE* [sɔːlv
   verb

1. **~ sth** to find a way of dealing with a problem or difficult situation
   - Attempts are being made to solve the problem of waste disposal.
   - You can't solve anything by just running away.
2. **~ sth** to find the correct answer or explanation for sth
   - to **solve an equation /a puzzle /a riddle**
   - to **solve a crime /mystery**

Verb forms:

verb forms		
present simple		
I / you / we /they	solve	
	BrE /sɒlv/	
	NAmE /sɑːlv/	
	NAmE /sɔːlv/	
he / she /it	solves	
	BrE /sɒlvz/	
	NAmE /sɑːlvz/	
	NAmE /sɔːlvz/	
past simple, past participle	solved	
	BrE /sɒlvd/	
	NAmE /sɑːlvd/	
	NAmE /sɔːlvd/	
-ing form	solving	
	BrE /sɒlvɪŋ/	
	NAmE /sɑːlvɪŋ/	
	NAmE /sɔːlvɪŋ/	

Word Origin:
late Middle English (in the sense 'loosen, dissolve, untie'): from Latin solvere **'loosen, unfasten'**.

Thesaurus:
   solve verb
   1. T
   - You can't solve your difficulties by running away.
   resolve · · **settle** · · **straighten sb/sth out** · |especially BrE, especially spoken **sort sth out** · · **sort** ·
      solve/resolve/settle/straighten out/sort out **problem /situation/dispute/crisis**
      solve/resolve/settle **things**
      straighten/sort **things out**
   2. T
   - The mystery has not yet been solved.
   do · · **clear sth up** · · **crack** · |especially BrE, especially spoken **work sth out** · |especially AmE, especially spoken **figure sb/sth out** ·
      solve/do/work out a/an **puzzle /equation**
      solve/clear up/crack a **case/mystery**
      solve/clear up a **crime /murder /investigation**

Example Bank:
   - Being with friends does not necessarily solve my problem.
   - Being with peers and friends does not necessarily solve this feeling of loneliness.
   - It doesn't really solve the problem.
   - She's really good at solving problems.
   - The mystery has not yet been completely solved.
   - The problem cannot be solved with spending cuts alone.
   - This question has never been satisfactorily solved.
   - We hope the difficulty can be solved by getting the two sides together to discuss the issues.

- We need to focus on solving the country's problem.
- We were given clues to help us solve the puzzle.
- a plan designed to solve the housing problem
- research aimed at solving the growing problem of child obesity
- their appeal for help in solving the case
- Attempts are being made to solve the problem of waste disposal in the town.
- The Board met several times last week to try to solve the firm's financial crisis.
- Unemployment will not be solved by offering low-paid jobs in call centres.
- You can't solve all your difficulties by running away.

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solve **S2 W3** /sɒlv $ sɑːlv/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive]

[Word Family: noun: ↑solution, ↑solvent, ↑solubility, ↑nsolvency; adjective: ↑soluble ≠ ↑nsoluble, ↑unsolved, ↑solvent ≠ ↑nsolvent, ↑solvable ≠ ↑nsolvable; verb: ↑solve; adverb: ↑nsolvably]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: solvere *'to loosen, solve, dissolve, pay'*]

1. to find or provide a way of dealing with a problem ⇨ **solution**:
- Charlie thinks money will solve all his problems.
- the best way of solving our dilemma

2. to find the correct answer to a problem or the explanation for something that is difficult to understand ⇨ **solution**

solve a crime/mystery/case etc
- More than 70% of murder cases were solved last year.
- attempts to solve a mathematical equation

solve a puzzle/riddle

—solvable *adjective*

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■**nouns**
- **solve a problem** He solved the problem by moving the aggressive fish to a separate tank.
- **solve a crisis** Congress had not been able to solve the financial crisis.
- **solve a dispute/conflict** They have agreed to solve their disputes solely by peaceful means.
- **solve a dilemma** Can you solve my dilemma?
- **solve somebody's difficulties** You can't solve your difficulties by running away.
- **solve a question** Did they really think the Jerusalem question would be solved in a week?

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■**nouns**
- **solve a crime/case** The crime was never solved.
- **solve a murder** Police have called for witnesses to help them solve the murder.
- **solve a mystery** Staff at the library think they have solved the mystery.
- **solve a puzzle** You progress through the game by solving puzzles.
- **solve a riddle** They still haven't really solved the riddle of how the pyramids were built.
- **solve an equation** At the age of six, he could solve complicated mathematical equations.

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solving 5222
solves 552
solved 4708
unsolved 856
unsolvable 124

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