

**differ**

1) **отличаться, различаться**  
 to differ from each other - отличаться друг от друга  
 to differ in appearance - быть непохожими  
 to differ from smb. in age - отличаться от кого-л. по возрасту

2) **редк. отличать, различать**  
 2. 1) **расходиться во мнениях, не соглашаться**  
 the witnesses differed - свидетели не соглашались друг с другом; показания свидетелей расходились  
 to differ from /with/ smb. - не соглашаться с кем-л., оспаривать чье-л. мнение  
 to differ in opinion - расходиться во мнениях  
 to differ about the issue /on the point/ - расходиться (во мнениях) по этому вопросу  
 to agree to differ - оставить попытки убедить друг друга; остаться при своём мнении (*о спорящих*)  
 I beg to differ - позволю себе не согласиться

2) **спорить, ссориться**  
 ◇ tastes differ - *посл.* ≅ о вкусах не спорят; у каждого свой вкус

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**dif-fer** [differ differs differed differing] BrE ['dɪfə(r)]<sup>m</sup> NAmE ['dɪfər]<sup>m</sup> verb

1. **intransitive** to be different from sb/sth
  - They hold differing views.
  - **A ~s from B** French differs from English in this respect.
  - **A and B ~ (from each other)** French and English differ in this respect.
  - **~ between A and B** Ideas on childcare may differ considerably between the parents.
2. **intransitive** to disagree with sb
  - **~ (with sb) (about/on/over sth)** I have to differ with you on that.
  - **~ (as to sth)** Medical opinion differs as to how to treat the disease.

**see** agree to differ **at** ↑agree, I beg to differ **at** ↑beg

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	differ
	BrE / 'dɪfə(r) /
	NAmE / 'dɪfər /
he / she /it	differs
	BrE / 'dɪfəz /
	NAmE / 'dɪfərz /
past simple, past participle	differed
	BrE / 'dɪfəd /
	NAmE / 'dɪfərd /
-ing form	differing
	BrE / 'dɪfərɪŋ /
	NAmE / 'dɪfərɪŋ /

Word Origin:

late Middle English (also in the sense 'put off, defer'): from Old French **differer** 'differ, defer', from Latin **differre**, from **dis-** 'from, away' + **ferre** 'bring, carry'. Compare with ↑defer 'put off'.

Thesaurus:

**differ** verb  
 • The two languages differ in this respect.  
**vary** • • **range** • |**formal diverge** •  
**Opp:**  
 differ/vary/range/diverge **in** size, shape, etc.  
 differ/diverge **from** sth  
 differ/vary/range **between** things/A and B

Language Bank:

**contrast**

*Highlighting differences*

- This survey **highlights a number of differences in** ▪ the way that teenage boys and girls in the UK spend their free time.
- One of the main differences between** ▪ the girls **and** ▪ the boys who took part in the research was the way in which they use the Internet.
- Unlike** ▪ the girls, who use the Internet mainly to keep in touch with friends, the boys questioned in this survey tend to use the Internet for playing computer games.
- The girls **differ from** ▪ the boys **in that** ▪ they tend to spend more time keeping in touch with friends on the telephone or on social networking websites.
- Compared to** ▪ the boys, the girls spend much more time chatting to friends on the telephone.
- On average the girls spend four hours a week chatting to friends on the phone. **In contrast** ▪, very few of the boys spend more than five minutes a day talking to their friends in this way.
- The boys prefer competitive sports and computer games, **whereas** ▪ / **while** ▪ the girls seem to enjoy more cooperative activities, such as shopping with friends.

▪ When the girls go shopping, they mainly buy clothes and cosmetics. The boys, **on the other hand** ▪, tend to purchase computer games or gadgets.

Language Banks at ↑generally, ↑illustrate, ↑proportion, ↑similarly, ↑surprising

### Example Bank:

- His ideas differ little from those of his father.
- I beg to differ.
- In the end we agreed to differ.
- It didn't seem right that I should differ with him.
- Opinions differ widely on this issue.
- Social organization differs significantly between the different groups.
- The models differ in size and shape.
- The rates of violent crime differed greatly among the four cities.
- The two approaches differ markedly
- The two parties differ on all the major issues.
- The two sides still differ over details of the plan.
- I think you're wrong. Let's just agree to differ.

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**differ** **W3** /ˈdɪfə \$ -ər/ *BrE* " *AmE* " verb [intransitive]

[Word Family: verb: ↑differ, ↑differentiate; noun: ↑difference, ↑differentiation; adverb: ↑differently; adjective: ↑different]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: différencier 'to delay, be different', from Latin differre, from ferre 'to carry']

1. to be different from something in some way:

" The two systems differ in many respects.

### differ from

" People differ from one another in their ability to handle stress.

### differ between

" The symptoms did not differ between the two groups.

### differ widely/greatly/significantly etc

" We soon found that prices differed enormously.

" Experts have differing views on the subject.

2. if two people or groups differ about something, they have opposite opinions **SYN disagree**

### differ about/on/over

" The two lawyers differed about how to present the case.

3. **agree to differ** to stop arguing with someone and accept that you will never agree

4. **I beg to differ** *spoken formal* used to say that you disagree with someone

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ differ + ADVERB

- **differ greatly/enormously** Modern teaching methods differ greatly from those fifty years ago.
- **differ significantly** (=in an important way) The second set of test results did not differ significantly from the first.
- **differ considerably/widely/substantially** (=greatly) Opinions differ widely on the best way to do this.
- **differ sharply/noticeably/markedly** (=in a very noticeable way) Ways of negotiating differ markedly across the Atlantic.
- **differ radically** (=very greatly) The new car differed radically from the earlier model.
- **differ fundamentally** (=in a very basic way) These paintings differed fundamentally from his earlier work.
- **differ slightly** Prices differ slightly from one shop to another.

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## THESAURUS

- **disagree/not agree** to have a different opinion from someone else about something: Scholars disagree about the meaning of the poem. | I don't agree with a word of what she says.
- **be divided/split** if a group of people is divided or split on something, some of them have one opinion and others have a completely different opinion: The party is divided on this issue.
- **differ** if two or more people differ about something, they have different opinions from each other about it: The two men differed on how to handle the crisis.
- **not see eye to eye** used to say that two people have different opinions and ideas so that it is difficult for them to be friends or work together: Some of the teachers don't see eye to eye with the principal of the school.
- **be mistaken** used to say that you disagree with someone's opinion and that you think they are wrong: People are mistaken if they think that this problem will go away on its own.
- **take issue with somebody/something** *formal* to express strong disagreement with an idea or with what someone has said or done: A number of people took issue with the mayor's decision.
- **dissent** *formal* to say publicly that you disagree with an official opinion or one that most people accept: Two members of the jury dissented from the majority verdict.

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RANGE: **4k DIFFER** 13666

differ 6785

differs 2135

differing 2378

differed 2368

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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