

cease

1. [si:s] *n*

перерыв, остановка; прекращение
 without cease - непрерывно
 to work without cease - работать не покладая рук

2. [si:s] *v*

1) прекращать, останавливать, приостанавливать (*что-л.*); положить конец (*чему-л.*)
 to cease one's efforts - отказаться от попыток
 to cease talking - замолчать
 to cease - обанкротиться
 the snow never ceased falling - снегопад не прекращался
 he ceased going there - он перестал туда ходить
 she ceased driving a car - она бросила /перестала/ водить машину
 cease fire /firing! - **воен.** прекратить огонь!
 to cease to be - исчезнуть, прекратить существование

2) прекращаться, переставать; останавливаться
 the rain has ceased - дождь перестал
 when will this quarrelling cease? - когда наконец кончатся эти раздоры?
 ◇ to cease and desist - **юр.** прекратить продолжение противоправных действий

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cease **AW** [cease ceases ceased ceasing] **BrE** [si:s] **NAmE** [si:s] **verb**
 intransitive, transitive (formal)

to stop happening or existing; to stop sth from happening or existing

- Welfare payments cease as soon as an individual starts a job.
- ~ **to do sth** You never cease to amaze me!
- ~ **sth** They voted to cease strike action immediately.
- He ordered his men to cease fire (= stop shooting).
- ~ **doing sth** The company ceased trading in June.

see also ↑cessation, **see** wonders will never cease **at** ↑wonder *n.*

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	cease
	BrE /si:s/
	NAmE /si:s/
he / she / it	ceases
	BrE /si:sɪz/
	NAmE /si:sɪz/
past simple, past participle	ceased
	BrE /si:st/
	NAmE /si:st/
-ing form	ceasing
	BrE /si:sɪŋ/
	NAmE /si:sɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **cesser**, from Latin **cessare** 'stop', from **cedere** 'to yield'.

Thesaurus:

cease **verb** I, T (formal)
 • The company ceased trading in May.
stop • **give sth up** • **abandon** • **drop** • |informal **leave off** • **knock off (sth)** • |especially AmE, informal **quit** • |formal **discontinue** •
Opp: start, Opp: continue
 cease/stop/give up/leave off/quit **doing sth**
 cease/stop/give up/abandon/drop/leave off/quit **what** you are doing
 cease/stop/give up/abandon/leave off/knock off/quit **work**

Example Bank:

- Building ceased with the outbreak of war.
- My job had effectively ceased to exist.
- Prayer was made without ceasing.
- The bird's song ceased abruptly.
- The company ceased trading.
- The conversation had long ceased to interest me.
- The factory has now ceased production of the toys.
- The factory will cease operations this autumn.
- The flow slowed, then ceased altogether.

- The noise faded, then ceased altogether.
- These violations of the code must cease forthwith.
- He ordered his men to cease fire.

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I. **cease**¹ **W3 AC** /siːz/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

[Word Family: noun: ↑cessation, ↑cease; verb: ↑cease; adverb: ↑ceaselessly; adjective: ↑ceaseless]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: cesser, from Latin cessare 'to delay'; from cedere; ⇨ ↑cede]

1. **formal** to stop doing something or stop happening

cease to do something

- He ceased to be a member of the association.
- The things people will do for charity never cease to amaze me (=I am always surprised by them).

cease doing something

- the decision to cease using CFCs in packaging
- The rain ceased and the sky cleared.

cease trading/production/operations etc (=stop operating a business)

- The company ceased production at their Norwich plant last year.

cease fire! (=used to order soldiers to stop shooting)

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In everyday English, people usually use **stop** rather than **cease**:

- They have stopped using CFCs in packaging.
- The rain stopped just as the fireworks began.

2. **cease and desist** *law* to stop doing something

⇨ ↑ceasefire, ⇨ **wonders will never cease** at ↑wonder²(5)

II. **cease**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

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without cease *formal* without stopping

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15000 **3403**^{COCA}

RANGE: **4k CEASE** 6752

cease 2435

ceased 2608

ceaseless 384

ceaselessly 234

ceases 674

ceasing 240

unceasing 177

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780 **22419**⁹⁰⁶ *vv0*

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