

govern

[ˈgʌvən] *v*

1. **править, управлять**
 to govern a country [a people] - править страной [народом]
 to govern one's estate - управлять собственным имением
2. **1) руководить, направлять; регулировать**
 to govern wisely [skilfully, with justice] - руководить разумно [искусно, справедливо]
 to govern public opinion - формировать общественное мнение
 governed by common sense - руководимый здравым смыслом
 don't let your passions govern you - не поддавайтесь страстям [*ср. тж.* 4]
 I will be governed by you in what I do - я буду делать всё так, как вы мне скажете
- 2) **обыкн. pass** оказывать влияние
 to be governed by circumstances - действовать под влиянием обстоятельств
3. **определять, обуславливать**
 laws that govern chemical reactions - законы, которые управляют химическими реакциями / которым подчиняются химические реакции
 considerations that governed the choice of a representative - соображения, которые оказались решающими при выборе представителя
 similar principles govern these two phenomena - эти явления обуславливаются одними и теми же принципами
4. **владеть (собой); сдерживать (себя)**
 to govern one's passions - обуздывать свои страсти [*ср. тж.* 2, 1)]
 to govern one's tongue - не давать воли языку, следить за тем, что говоришь
 you must govern your temper - ты должен держать себя в руках
5. **юр.** определять смысл; быть определяющим (фактором)
 the sense of the whole document is governed by the introductory clause - смысл всего документа определяется вступительной частью
6. **грам.** управлять
 to govern the dative [the accusative] - управлять дательным [винительным] падежом
7. **тех.** регулировать; управлять
8. **уст.** заботиться, ухаживать

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gov·ern [govern governs governed governing] *BrE* [ˈgʌvən] *NAmE* [ˈgʌvərn]

verb

1. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to legally control a country or its people and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing public services, etc
 - The country is governed by elected representatives of the people.
 - He accused the opposition party of being unfit to govern
2. **transitive, often passive ~ sth** to control or influence sb/sth or how sth happens, functions, etc
 - Prices are governed by market demand.
 - All his decisions have been entirely governed by self-interest.
 - We need changes in the law governing school attendance.
3. **transitive ~ sth (grammar)** if a word governs another word or phrase, it affects how that word or phrase is formed or used

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	govern
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈgʌvən/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈgʌvərn/
he / she / it	governs
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈgʌvɪnz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈgʌvərnz/
past simple, past participle	governed
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈgʌvnd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈgʌvənd/
-ing form	governing
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈgʌvɪnz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈgʌvərnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *gouverner*, from Latin *gubernare* 'to steer, rule', from Greek *kubernan* 'to steer'.

Thesaurus:

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- The Liberals had governed the country for 11 years.

rule • • **be in power** • • **reign** •

govern/rule a **country**
 a (political) **party** governs/rules/is in power
 the governing/ruling **party/coalition/class/elite**

Govern or rule? Elected parties and governments **govern**; non-elected groups or individuals such as kings, queens and dictators **rule**.

Example Bank:

- The colony was governed directly from Paris.
- All his decisions had been entirely governed by self-interest.
- He could not implement his radical policies without a long-term mandate to govern
- It is these springs that govern how firm or soft the mattress is.
- Prices are very much governed by market demand.
- Special regulations govern the operation of such businesses.
- The PCP had governed the province for 23 years.
- The governing New Democracy party dismissed calls for an early election.
- There were four parties governing in coalition.

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[**Word Family:** **noun:** †government, †governor, †governess, †governorship **adjective:** †governmental, †governing, †gubernatorial; **verb:** †govern; **adverb:** governmentally]

[**Date:** 1200-1300; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** govern; from Latin gubernare, from Greek kybernan *'to control the direction of something'*]

1. [intransitive and transitive] to officially and legally control a country and make all the decisions about taxes, laws, public services etc **SYN rule:**

- ^m the leaders who govern the country
- ^m The party had been governing for seven months.

2. [transitive] if rules, principles etc govern the way a system or situation works, they control how it happens:

- ^m legislation governing the export of live animals
- ^m The universe is governed by the laws of physics.

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