

1. [lu:s] n**свободный выход; открытое проявление**

to give (a) loose to one's tongue - дать волю языку: развязать язык

to give (a) loose to one's feelings - дать волю /выход/ своим чувствам

◇ on the loose - а) в разгуле, в загуле; б) на свободе, на воле

to be on the loose - а) кутить; разгуляться; б) распуститься, опуститься

2. [lu:s] a**1. свободный**to let loose - а) выпускать, освобождать; children let loose from school - дети, отпущенные из школы; б) давать волю (*воображению, чувству и т. п.*)

to let loose one's indignation - дать волю своему негодованию, открыто выразить свой гнев

to let loose at smb. - набрасываться на кого-л. с руганью

to let a dog loose on smb. - спустить /натравить/ на кого-л. собаку

to get /to break/ loose - а) вырваться на свободу; б) сорваться с цепи

he got one hand loose - он высвободил одну руку

to cut loose - а) оторваться, сбежать; to cut loose from one's family - бросить семью; уйти из семьи; б) разойтись, дать себе волю

after the first game he cut loose and won the match easily - после первого гейма он разошёлся и легко выиграл встречу

the dog is too dangerous to be left loose - эту собаку слишком опасно оставлять непривязанной

2. 1) несвязанный; неупакованный

loose goods - развесные товары

loose flowers - отдельные цветы (*не в букете*)to carry one's small change loose in one's pocket - носить мелкие деньги прямо в кармане (*не в кошельке*)to buy sweets loose - покупать конфеты на вес *или* поштучно**2) несдержанный**

loose bowels - понос

loose tongue - болтливость

to have a loose tongue - не уметь держать язык за зубами; болтать лишнее

3. 1) нетугой

loose belt - свободный /нетугой/ пояс

loose collar - просторный ворот

2) неприлегающий, широкий

loose clothes - широкая /просторная/ одежда

loose coat - свободное пальто без пояса

4. незакреплённый, ненатянутый, болтающийся; шатающийсяloose end - незакреплённый /свободный/ конец (*каната, троса и т. п.*) [*ср. тж.* ◇]

loose tooth - шатающийся зуб

loose nail - расшатавшийся гвоздь

loose window - а) окно, в которое дует; б) дребезжащее окно

loose joint - *мед.* болтающийся сустав

loose thread - висящая нитка

loose cheeks - обвислые щёки

loose knot - слабый узел

loose masonry - сухая кладка (*без раствора*)

loose dye - непрочная окраска

loose part - а) отдельная деталь; запасная часть; б) незатянутая деталь

to come loose - развязаться; открепиться, отделиться

some of the pages have come loose - некоторые страницы оторвались

she wears her hair loose - она не подбирает волосы /ходит с распущенными волосами/

the button is loose - пуговица болтается /вот-вот оторвётся/

5. неопределённый, неточный, расплывчатый

loose translation - а) вольный перевод; б) приблизительный перевод

loose calculations - неточные /приблизительные/ расчёты

loose construction - расширительное толкование (*закона*)

loose statement - расплывчатое заявление

loose meaning of the word - широкий смысл слова

loose thinker - слабый мыслитель

loose style - небрежный стиль; раскованность слога

6. 1) распущенный

loose conduct - распущенность

loose woman - безнравственная женщина

to lead a loose life - вести беспутную жизнь

2) непорядочный, безответственный

loose talk - безответственная болтовня

7. неплотный, рыхлый; редкий

loose fabric - неплотная ткань

loose soil - рыхлая почва

loose rocks - *геол.* слабо сцементированные породы

loose handwriting - размашистый почерк
in loose order - **воен.** в расчленённом строю

8. нескладный, неуклюжий

loose build /make/ - нескладная фигура

9. **тех.** холостой:

loose running - холостой ход

10. **хим.** свободный, несвязанный

11. отбитый (об угле)

◇ loose fish - а) беспутный человек; б) шлюха

at a loose end - а) без определённой работы, без занятий, без дела; б) нерешённый; [**ср. тж.** 4]

at loose hours - в свободное время, на досуге

to have a screw loose - слегка тронуться /помешаться/; ≅ винтика не хватает

there's a screw loose somewhere - что-то здесь не в порядке, что-то не так /неладно/

to ride with a loose rein - а) свободно пустить лошадь; отпустить поводья; б) давать кому-л. много воли, распускать

he is loose in the bean /in the upper story/ - он не в своём уме; ≅ у него крыша поехала

loose as goose - нескладный; неуклюжий; ≅ как медведь

loose cough - мокрый кашель

to play fast and loose **см.** fast2 II ◇

to sit loose to smth. - не проявлять интереса к чему-л., оставаться равнодушным к чему-л.

to hang loose - **сл.** быть совершенно невозмутимым

just hang loose! - не обращай внимания!; плюнь!

loose play - а) зонная защита (**футбол**); б) учебно-тренировочный бой (**фехтование**)

loose cannon - «пушка, сорвавшаяся с лафета», источник повышенной опасности (**о человеке**); человек, от которого можно ожидать всего; ≅ как с цепи сорвался

3. [lu:s] v

1. 1) освобождать, выпускать

to loose one's hold - выпустить из рук, отпустить

2) давать волю

his tongue was loosed by drink - вино развязало ему язык

3) освобождать (**от обязательства**); прощать (**долг и т. п.**)

2. 1) откреплять; отвязывать (**лодку, верёвку**)

2) распускать (**волосы**)

3) **поэт.** развязывать; ослаблять (**пояс и т. п.**)

to loose a knot - развязать узел; ослабить узел

to loose the fetters - а) развязать путы; б) **образн.** разбить оковы

4) **поэт.** сломать (**печать**)

3. пускать, выпускать (**стрелу**); выстрелить

4. **мор.** отдавать (**снасть**)

to loose sails - отдавать паруса

to loose for sea - **разг.** сниматься с якоря

loose

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

loose [loose looses loosed loosing] adjective, verb, noun BrE [lu:z] NAmE

[lu:z]

adjective (loos·er, loos·est)

NOT FIXED/TIED

1. not firmly fixed where it should be; able to become separated from sth

• a loose button/tooth

• Check that the plug has not **come loose**.

2. not tied together; not held in position by anything or contained in anything

• She usually wears her hair loose.

• The potatoes were sold loose, not in bags.

3. not usually before noun free to move around without control; not tied up or shut in somewhere

• The sheep had got out and were loose on the road.

• The horse had **broken loose** (= escaped) from its tether.

• During the night, somebody had cut the boat loose from its moorings.

CLOTHES

4. not fitting closely

• a loose shirt

Opp: ↑tight

NOT SOLID/HARD

5. not tightly packed together; not solid or hard

• loose soil

• a fabric with a loose weave

NOT STRICT/EXACT

- 6. not strictly organized or controlled
 - a **loose alliance /coalition/federation**
 - a loose association of artists, writers and composers
- 7. not exact; not very careful
 - a loose translation
 - loose thinking

IMMORAL

- 8. usually before noun (old-fashioned) having or involving an attitude to sexual relationships that people consider to be immoral
 - a young man of loose morals

BALL

- 9. (sport) not in any player's control
 - He pounced on a **loose ball** .

BODY WASTE

- 10. having too much liquid in it
 - a baby with loose bowel movements

more at play fast and loose **at** [↑]**fast** adv., all hell broke loose **at** [↑]**hell**, have a screw loose **at** [↑]**screw** n.

Word Origin:

Middle English loos 'free from bonds', from Old Norse **lauss**, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch and German **los**.

Example Bank:

- He felt he had to cut loose from his family.
- Her hair hung loose about her shoulders.
- I let my hair fall loose down my back.
- I'm going to let the dogs loose.
- One of the bricks feels slightly loose.
- Shall I wear my hair loose?
- The animals had broken loose from their pens.
- The committees work within fairly loose guidelines.
- The top of the tap has come loose.
- During the night, somebody had cut the boat loose from its moorings.
- The horse had broken loose from its tether.
- This book is an antidote for much of the loose thinking in the world of today.
- This is only a loose translation as I am not fluent in Japanese.

Idioms: [↑]**cut loose from somebody** ▪ [↑]**hang loose** ▪ [↑]**have a loose tongue** ▪ [↑]**let loose** ▪ [↑]**let loose something** ▪ [↑]**let somebody loose** ▪ [↑]**on the loose**

Derived Word [↑]**looseness**

verb (formal)

RELEASE

- 1. ~ **sth (on/upon sb/sth)** to release sth or let it happen or be expressed in an uncontrolled way
 - His speech loosed a tide of nationalist sentiment.

MAKE STH LOOSE

- 2. ~ **sth** to make sth loose, especially sth that is tied or held tightly
 - Syn:** [↑]**loosen**
 - He loosed the straps that bound her arms.

FIRE BULLETS

- 3. ~ **sth (off) (at sb/sth)** to fire bullets, arrows, etc. Do not confuse this verb with **to lose** = 'to be unable to find sth'.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	loose
	BrE /lu:s/
	NAmE /lu:s/
he / she / it	looses
	BrE /lu:stz/
	NAmE /lu:stz/
past simple, past participle	loosed
	BrE /lu:st/
	NAmE /lu:st/
-ing form	loosing
	BrE /lu:stɪŋ/
	NAmE /lu:stɪŋ/

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See also: ↑cut loose

loose

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I. **loose**¹ **S3 W3** /luː/\$ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **adjective**

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old Norse; Origin: *lauss*]

1. **NOT FIRMLY ATTACHED** not firmly fastened in place:

- a loose floorboard
- This tooth feels very loose.
- The screw has come loose (=became loose).

▶ Do not confuse the adjective **loose** /luː/\$ with the verb **lose** /luːz/ (=stop having something, become unable to find something etc): *They thought they might lose their jobs.*

2. **NOT ATTACHED** not attached to anything else:

- loose papers
- His rear wheel spun on the loose stones.
- The potatoes are sold loose (=not packed in a container).
- The driver had forgotten to fasten the safety chain and the trailer came loose (=became unattached).

3. **NOT TIED TIGHTLY** not tied or fastened very tightly:

- a loose knot

4. **HAIR** if your hair is loose, it hangs freely rather than being tied back:

- Her hair fell loose around her shoulders.

5. **CLOTHES** loose clothes are big and do not fit your body tightly **SYN** loose-fitting, baggy **OPP** tight:

- a loose sweatshirt

6. **FREE** free from being controlled or held in a cage, prison, or institution

break/get loose (=escape)

- A 34-year-old inmate broke loose from the sheriff's office yesterday.

turn/let/set something loose (=let something go free)

- Don't let your dog loose on the beach.

7. **NOT EXACT** [usually before noun] not exact or thoroughly done:

- a loose translation
- a loose interpretation of the law

8. **NOT VERY CONTROLLED** not strictly controlled or organized

loose federation/alliance/group etc

- a loose federation of political groups
- loose arrangement (=an arrangement that can easily be changed)

9. **NOT SOLID** not pressed tightly together in a solid mass

loose soil/earth

10. **SPORT** not under the control of either team in a game of football, ↑rugby etc:

- Sheringham was the first player to reach the loose ball.

11. **cut loose**

a) to free yourself from someone or something, or their influence

cut yourself loose (from something)

- He cut himself loose from the constraints of family life.

b) **American English informal** to start enjoying yourself in a happy noisy way after a period of controlled behaviour:

- I'm ready to cut loose and enjoy the weekend.

12. **let (something ↔) loose** to speak or behave in an uncontrolled way:

- She let loose a string of four-letter words.

13. **let somebody loose on something** to allow someone to deal with something in the way they want to, when you think they will make mistakes or do something wrong:

- Whatever you do, don't let Derek loose on the garden.

14. **be at a loose end** (also **be at loose ends** **American English**) to have nothing to do:

- I was at a loose end so I decided to go see an old movie.

15. **loose ends** parts of something that have not been completed or correctly done:

- We've nearly finished, but there are still a few loose ends to be tied up (=dealt with or completed).

16. **loose change** coins that you have in your bag or pocket

17. **loose cannon** someone who cannot be trusted because they say or do things you do not want them to

18. **hang/stay loose** **American English spoken** used to tell someone to stay calm, or not to worry about something

19. **BODY WASTE** having a problem in which the waste from your ↑bowels has too much liquid in it:

- loose bowels

20. **IMMORAL** **old-fashioned** behaving in a way that is considered to be sexually immoral:

- a loose woman
- loose morals

21. **TALK** **old-fashioned** not careful about what you say or who is listening:

There's been a bit of loose talk about it.

—**loosely** *adverb*:

" A towel was loosely wrapped around his neck.

" The film is loosely based on the novel.

—**looseness** *noun* [uncountable]

II. **loose**² *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* [transitive] *literary*

1. to make something unpleasant begin:

" And now the anger Maggie had feared was loosed.

2. to make something loose or to untie someone or something, especially an animal

3. to fire an ↑*arrow*, a bullet from a gun etc

loose something on/upon somebody/something *phrasal verb*

literary to allow something dangerous or harmful to begin to affect a situation or other people:

" the evils loosed upon humanity in World War II

III. **loose**³ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

be on the loose if a criminal or dangerous animal is on the loose, they have escaped from prison or from their cage

loose

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