

mend

1. [mend] *n*
 1. заштопанная дырка, заделанная трещина
the mends were almost invisible - починенные места были почти незаметны, штопка была почти не видна
 2. улучшение (здоровья, дел и т. п.)
to be on the mend - идти на лад, идти на поправку, улучшаться
2. [mend] *v*
 1. чинить, штопать; латать; исправлять; ремонтировать
to mend shoes - чинить ботинки
to mend (up) one's clothes - починить одежду
my socks need mending - носки нужно заштопать
to mend invisibly - производить художественный ремонт, делать художественную штопку
to mend a broken window - застеклить разбитое окно
the road was mended only last week - дорогу отремонтировали только на прошлой неделе
 2. 1) улучшаться; поправляться (обыкн. о здоровье)
my health [the weather] is mending - моё здоровье [погода] улучшается
the patient is mending nicely - больной быстро поправляется
his leg is mending - его нога заживает
 - 2) улучшить, исправить
to mend one's ways /manners/ - исправляться, вести себя лучше
◇ to mend the /a/ fire - подбросить топлива
to mend the matter, to mend matters - помочь делу
it does not mend matters to cry, crying will not mend matters - слезами делу не поможешь
to mend one's pace - прибавить шагу
it is never too late to mend - **посл.** исправиться никогда не поздно
to mend or end - либо исправить, либо вовсе оставить; ≅ полумерами делу не поможешь
least said, soonest mended - **посл.** ≅ словами делу не поможешь; слово - серебро, молчание - золото

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mend [mend mends mended mending] **verb, noun** BrE [mend] " NAmE [mend]

verb

1. **transitive** ~ **sth** (BrE) to repair sth that has been damaged or broken so that it can be used again
 - Could you mend my bike for me?
- see also** ↑fence-mending
2. **transitive** ~ **sth** to repair a hole in a piece of clothing, etc
 - He mended shoes for a living.
3. **transitive** ~ **sth** to find a solution to a problem or disagreement
 - They tried to mend their differences.
4. **intransitive** (old-fashioned, BrE) (of a person) to improve in health after being ill/sick
Syn: ↑recover
• He's mending slowly after the operation.
5. **intransitive** (of a broken bone) to heal
more at least said soonest mended **at** ↑say *v.*

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	mend
	BrE /mend/
	NAmE /mend/
he / she /it	mends
	BrE /mends/
	NAmE /mends/
past simple, past participle	mended
	BrE /mended/
	NAmE /mended/
-ing form	mending
	BrE /mending/
	NAmE /mending/

Word Origin:

Middle English: shortening of ↑amend.

Example Bank:

- I was trying to mend that broken clock.
- I'll get my guitar mended.
- The front gate needed mending.
- Could you mend my bike?
- He has been trying to mend relations between the two countries.
- Is it too late to mend fences with your ex-wife?
- She ought to learn to mend her own clothes.
- They met in an attempt to mend their differences.

• This debate will not mend matters.

Idioms: ↑mend fences ▪ ↑mend your ways ▪ ↑on the mend

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I. **mend**¹ /mend/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb*

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1. REPAIR [transitive]

a) to repair a tear or hole in a piece of clothing:

My father used to mend our shoes.

b) *British English* to repair something that is broken or not working **SYN** fix:

When are you going to mend that light in the hall?

Tim can mend any broken toy.

2. **BECOME HEALTHY** [intransitive] *informal* if a broken bone mends, it becomes whole again **SYN** heal :

His leg isn't mending as quickly as he'd expected.

3. **mend your ways** to improve the way you behave after behaving badly for a long time:

If he doesn't mend his ways, he'll be asked to leave.

4. **mend (your) fences** to try to become friendly with someone again after you have offended them or argued with them:

Is it too late to mend fences with your ex-wife?

5. **END A QUARREL** [transitive] to end a quarrel or difficult situation by dealing with the problem that is causing it **SYN** repair :

I've tried to mend matters between us, but she's still very angry.

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▪ **repair** to do some work on something that is damaged or not working properly, so that it is in good condition again: The builders are coming to repair the roof. | Have you had the washing machine repaired yet?

▪ **fix** *especially American English* to repair something: I'm taking the car in to get it fixed. | The chain on the bike needs fixing.

▪ **mend** *especially British English* to repair something that is damaged, torn, or not working: I've found someone who'll mend the fence. | Can you mend this sweater for me? | Fishermen sat mending their nets in the sunshine.

▪ **service** to check a vehicle or machine and repair it if necessary, especially regularly: You should have your car serviced every six months. | When was the last time we had the gas boiler serviced?

▪ **renovate** to repair an old building so that it looks in good condition again: They bought an old house and renovated it themselves.

▪ **restore** to repair something old and valuable, especially a building, piece of furniture, painting etc, so that it looks the same as it did originally: Many paintings were damaged in the fire but have now been restored. | The hotel was restored to its original Victorian splendour in 1984.

▪ **do up** *British English informal*, **fix up** *American English informal* to repair an old building or vehicle, so that it looks in good condition again: He does up old cars and sells them. | A builder bought the house and fixed it up.

▪ **patch something up** to quickly repair something that has a hole in it, by putting a piece of material on it, especially temporarily: They patched up the wall with bits of cement.

▪ **darn** to repair holes in clothes: Are you any good at darning socks?

II. **mend**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

1. **be on the mend** to be getting better after an illness or after a difficult period **SYN** be recovering :

He's had flu, but he's on the mend.

signs that the economy is on the mend

2. a place in something where it has been repaired

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