

oblige

[ə'blaɪdʒ] *v*

1. обязывать; заставлять

I feel obliged to say "no" - я вынужден сказать «нет»

the law obliges parents to send their children to school - закон обязывает родителей посылать детей в школу

his promise obliged him to go through with it - раз он обещал, ему пришлось довести дело до конца

2. 1) делать одолжение

oblige me by opening the window - откройте, пожалуйста, окно

could you oblige me with a match? - не могли бы вы дать мне спичку?

I'm always glad to oblige you - я всегда рад вам услужить

she obliged graciously by singing another song - она любезно согласилась спеть ещё одну песню

2) *разг.* оказывать (небольшую) услугу, помощь; помогать

he is always seeking to oblige his friends - он всегда стремится помочь (*чем-л.*) своим друзьям

the woman comes twice a week to oblige - эта женщина приходит два раза в неделю, чтобы помочь по хозяйству

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oblige [oblige obliges obliged obliging] *BrE* [ə'blaɪdʒ] [Ⓜ] *NAmE* [ə'blaɪdʒ] [Ⓜ]

verb (formal)

1. transitive, usually passive ~ sb to do sth to force sb to do sth, by law, because it is a duty, etc

• Parents are obliged by law to send their children to school.

• I **felt obliged** to ask them to dinner.

• He suffered a serious injury that obliged him to give up work.

2. intransitive, transitive to help sb by doing what they ask or what you know they want

• Call me if you need any help— I'd be **happy to oblige** .

• ~ **sb (with sth)** Would you oblige me with some information?

• ~ **sb (by doing sth)** Oblige me by keeping your suspicions to yourself.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	oblige
	BrE /ə'blaɪdʒ/
	NAmE /ə'blaɪdʒ/
he / she / it	obliges
	BrE /ə'blaɪdʒɪz/
	NAmE /ə'blaɪdʒɪz/
past simple, past participle	obliged
	BrE /ə'blaɪdʒd/
	NAmE /ə'blaɪdʒd/
-ing form	obliging
	BrE /ə'blaɪdʒɪŋ/
	NAmE /ə'blaɪdʒɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'bind by oath'): from Old French *obliger*, from Latin *obligare*, from *ob-* 'towards' + *ligare* 'to bind'.

Example Bank:

- The fans were looking for another goal and Owen duly obliged.
- The staff are always happy to oblige.
- Will you oblige by filling in this form?
- Would you be willing to oblige us with some information?
- Employees should not feel obliged to work extra hours.
- In the UK, you are not obliged to carry any form of identification.
- Ministers are obliged to declare their personal interests.
- She was annoyed that she had felt obliged to explain.
- Suppliers aren't legally obliged to provide a warranty.
- The landlord is obliged to give tenants 24 hours' notice of a visit.
- We felt obliged to sit with them.

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oblige /ə'blaɪdʒ/ *BrE* [Ⓜ] *AmE* [Ⓜ] *verb formal*

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: *obliger*, from Latin *obligare*, from *ligare* 'to tie']

1. [transitive usually passive] if you are obliged to do something, you have to do it because the situation, the law, a duty etc makes it necessary

oblige somebody to do something

" The minister was obliged to report at least once every six months.

" Circumstances had obliged him to sell the business.

feel obliged to do something (=feel that you have a duty to do something)

" Many parents feel obliged to pay for at least part of the wedding.

▶ Do not use **oblige** when you are talking about a person making someone do something they do not want to do. Use **force** or **make**: *No one can force (NOT oblige) you to stay in a job that you hate.*

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In everyday English, people usually say that you **have to do something** rather than **are obliged to do something**:

▪ He had to sell the business.

2. **[intransitive and transitive]** to do something that someone has asked you to do:

It's always a good idea to oblige important clients.

happy/glad/ready etc to oblige

If you need a ride home, I'd be happy to oblige.

3. **I'd be obliged if** *spoken formal* used to make a polite request:

I'd be obliged if you'd treat this matter as strictly confidential.

4. **(I'm) much obliged (to you)** *spoken old-fashioned* used to thank someone very politely

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