

forgive

[fə'gɪv] v (forgave; forgiven)

1. прощать
to forgivesmb. smth. - прощать кому-л. что-л.
to forgivesmb. for smth. - прощать кого-л. за что-л.
to forgivean offence - прощать обиду
he is not a man who easily forgives - он не из тех, кто легко прощает (обиды)
2. 1) прощать, не взыскивать, отказываться
to forgivea debt - прощать долг, отказываться от получения долга
- 2) *рел.* оставлять (*грехи и т. п.*)
forgiveour trespasses - остави нам долги наша

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for-give [for-give forgives forgave forgiving forgiven] BrE [fə'gɪv] ⁴ NAmE [fər'gɪv] ⁴ verb (for-gave BrE [fə'geɪv] ⁴ ; NAmE [fər'geɪv] ⁴ , for-given BrE [fə'gɪvŋ] ⁴ ; NAmE [fər'gɪvŋ] ⁴)

1. **transitive, intransitive** to stop feeling angry with sb who has done sth to harm, annoy or upset you; to stop feeling angry with yourself
 - ~ **sb/yourself (for sth/for doing sth)** I'll never forgive her for what she did.
 - I'd never forgive myself if she heard the truth from someone else.
 - ~ **(sth)** I can't forgive that type of behaviour.
 - We all have to learn to forgive.
 - ~ **sb sth** She'd forgive him anything.
2. **transitive** used to say in a polite way that you are sorry if what you are doing or saying seems rude or silly
 - ~ **me** Forgive me, but I don't see that any of this concerns me.
 - ~ **me for doing sth** Forgive me for interrupting, but I really don't agree with that.
 - ~ **my ...** Forgive my ignorance, but what exactly does the company do?
 - ~ **my doing sth** Forgive my interrupting but I really don't agree with that.
3. **transitive ~ (sb) sth (formal)** (of a bank, country, etc.) to say that sb does not need to pay back money that they have borrowed
 - The government has agreed to forgive a large part of the debt.

Idioms: ↑forgive and forget ▪ ↑somebody could be forgiven for doing something

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	forgive
	BrE /fə'gɪv/
	NAmE /fər'gɪv/
he / she / it	forgives
	BrE /fə'gɪvz/
	NAmE /fər'gɪvz/
past simple	forgave
	BrE /fə'geɪv/
	NAmE /fər'geɪv/
past participle	forgiven
	BrE /fə'gɪvŋ/
	NAmE /fər'gɪvŋ/
-ing form	forgiving
	BrE /fə'gɪvɪŋ/
	NAmE /fər'gɪvɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English forgiefan, of Germanic origin, related to Dutch **vergeven** and German **vergeben** and ultimately to for- and ↑give.

Thesaurus:

forgive verb T

- I can't forgive that type of behaviour.

pardon • • **excuse** • • **condone** •

Opp: condemn, **Opp:** punish

forgive/pardon/excuse/condone sb **for sth**

forgive/excuse/condone sb's **behaviour**

Forgive/Pardon/Excuse my **ignorance**.

Example Bank:

- Can you ever forgive me?
- Donna would not easily forgive Beth's silly attempt to trick her.
- He fell to his knees and begged God to forgive him.
- He was not the sort of man to forgive and forget.
- I couldn't forgive him.
- I suspect that Rodney has never quite forgiven either of them.
- She never forgave him for losing her ring.
- An insult like that isn't easy to forgive.
- Forgive me for interrupting, but I really don't agree with that.
- Forgive me, but I don't see that any of this concerns me.
- I can't forgive that type of behaviour.
- I know what he did was wrong but don't you think it's time to forgive and forget.

- I'd never forgive myself if she heard the truth from someone else.
- I'll never forgive her for what she did.
- She'd forgive him anything.

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forgive **S3** /fə'gɪv \$ fər-/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* (past tense **forgave** /-ˈgeɪv/, past participle

forgiven /-ˈgɪvən/) [intransitive and transitive]

[Word Family: *verb*: †forgive; *noun*: †forgiveness; *adverb*: †unforgivably; *adjective*: †forgiving ≠ †unforgiving]

[Language: Old English; Origin: *forgifan*]

1. to stop being angry with someone and stop blaming them, although they have done something wrong

forgive somebody for (doing) something

- I've tried to forgive him for what he said.
- He never forgave her for walking out on him.

forgive myself/yourself etc

- If anything happened to the kids I'd never forgive myself.

you're forgiven spoken (=used to tell someone that you are not angry with them)

- 'I'm really sorry.' 'It's okay, you're forgiven.'

forgive somebody something

- God forgives us our sins.
- He didn't look the sort of man to forgive and forget (=forgive someone and no longer think about it).

2. **forgive me spoken** used when you are going to say or do something that might seem rude or offensive and you want it to seem more polite:

- Forgive me, but I don't think that is relevant.

forgive me for asking/saying etc something (also **forgive my asking/saying etc**)

- Forgive me for saying so, but that's nonsense.
- Forgive my phoning you so late.

3. **somebody can be forgiven for thinking/believing/feeling etc something** used to say that it is easy to understand why someone might think or do something:

- You could be forgiven for thinking football is a religion here.

4. **forgive a debt/loan formal** if a country or organization forgives a debt, it says that the money does not have to be paid back **SYN write off**:

- Saudi Arabia's decision to forgive the debt owed by the poorest Islamic countries

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