

descend

[di'send] *v*

1. 1) спускаться, сходить
to descend from the mountains - спуститься с гор
the sun descended over the hill - солнце скрылось за горой
sleep descended upon his eyes - сон смежил его веки
a feeling of sadness descended upon him - его охватило чувство грусти
- 2) спускаться, идти вниз (по чему-л.)
to descend a hill [a ladder] - спуститься с горы [с лестницы]
- 3) снижаться (о самолёте и т. п.)
to descend in a field - опуститься на поле (о воздушном шаре и т. п.)
2. 1) опускаться, понижаться (о местности)
the road descends - дорога идёт /уходит/ под гору
- 2) понижаться (о тоне, звуке)
3. происходить
he is descended /редк. he descends/ from an ancient family - он происходит из старинного рода
4. переходить, передаваться по наследству
to descend from father to son - переходить от отца к сыну
5. переходить (от общего к частному, от прошлого к настоящему и т. п.)
to descend to details /particulars/ - переходить к деталям /подробностям/
6. прибегать, обращаться к (недостойным средствам); не гнушаться
to descend to falsehood - не брезговать ложью, не гнушаться лжи
to descend to smb.'s level - опуститься до чьего-л. уровня
to descend to doing smth. - уронить себя каким-л. поступком
7. 1) обрушиваться, налетать, нападать
to descend upon the enemy - обрушиться на врага
- 2) неожиданно навещать, приезжать без предупреждения; бывать наездами
to descend upon one's friends - нагрянуть к своим друзьям
8. *асмп.* склоняться к горизонту; двигаться к югу

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des-cend [descend descends descended descending] *BrE* [di'send] ^u *NAmE*

[di'send] ^u *verb*

1. **intransitive, transitive (formal)** to come or go down from a higher to a lower level
 - The plane began to descend.
 - The results, ranked **in descending order** (= from the highest to the lowest) are as follows...
 - ~ **sth** She descended the stairs slowly.

Opp: ↑ascend
2. **intransitive (formal)** (of a hill, etc.) to slope downwards
 - At this point the path descends steeply.

Opp: ↑ascend
3. **intransitive (literary)** (of night, ↑darkness, a mood, etc.) to arrive and begin to affect sb/sth

Syn: †fall

 - Night descends quickly in the tropics.
 - ~ **on/upon sb/sth** Calm descended on the crowd.

Derived ↑descend into something ▪ ↑descend on somebody ▪ ↑descend to something ▪ ↑descended from somebody

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	descend
	<i>BrE</i> /di 'send/
	<i>NAmE</i> /di 'send/
he / she / it	descends
	<i>BrE</i> /di 'sendz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /di 'sendz/
past simple, past participle	descended
	<i>BrE</i> /di 'sendɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /di 'sendɪd/
-ing form	descending
	<i>BrE</i> /di 'sendɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /di 'sendɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **descendre**, from Latin **descendere**, from **de-** 'down' + **scandere** 'to climb'.

Example Bank:

- The breed is almost directly descended from the Eurasian wild boar.
- The path descends steeply to the town.

descendde **descend** /dɪ'send/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: descendre, from Latin scandere 'to climb']

1. **[intransitive and transitive] formal** to move from a higher level to a lower one **OPP ascend** ⇒ **descent**:

- Our plane started to descend.
- I heard his footsteps descending the stairs.

descend to/from/into etc

- The path continues for some way before descending to Garsdale Head.

REGISTERIn everyday English, people usually say **go down** or **come down** rather than **descend**:

- They went down into the lobby.
- I heard his footsteps coming down the stairs.

2. **[intransitive] literary** if darkness, silence, a feeling etc descends, it becomes dark etc or you start to feel something, especially suddenly**descend on/upon/over**

- Total silence descended on the room.
- An air of gloom descended over the party headquarters.

3. **in descending order (of something)** numbers, choices etc that are in descending order are arranged from the highest or most important to the lowest or least important:

- The hotels are listed in descending order of price.

descend from somebody/something phrasal verb1. **be descended from somebody** to be related to a person or group who lived a long time ago:

- She claims to be descended from Abraham Lincoln.
- The people here are descended from the Vikings.

2. to have developed from something that existed in the past **SYN come from**:

- ideas that descend from those of ancient philosophers

descend on/upon somebody/something phrasal verb

if a large number of people descend on a person or a place, they come to visit or stay, especially when they are not very welcome:

- Millions of tourists descend on the area every year.

descend to something phrasal verbto behave or speak in an unpleasant way, which is not the way you usually behave **SYN stoop to**:

- Surely he wouldn't descend to such a mean trick?

descend to sb's level (=behave or speak as badly as someone else)

- Other people may gossip, but don't descend to their level.

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