

weaken['wi:kən] *v*

1. ослаблять; снижать эффективность
to weaken a blow - ослабить /амортизировать/ удар
he has been weakened by illness - он изнурён болезнью
to weaken wine with water - разбавлять вино водой
2. слабеет, ослабевать
3. *разг.* поддаваться (*убеждению и т. п.*); утрачивать решимость; сдаваться (*на уговоры, просьбы и т. п.*); колебаться; не выдерживать (*характера*)
4. *бирж.* понизиться (*о ценах, курсах*)

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weak·en [weaken weakens weakened weakening] *BrE* ['wi:kəŋ] *NAmE*['wi:kəŋ] *verb*

1. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sb/sth)** to make sb/sth less strong or powerful; to become less strong or powerful

- The team has been weakened by injury.
- The new evidence weakens the case against her.
- This new story has severely weakened the President's position.
- His authority is steadily weakening.

Opp: ↑strengthen

2. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to make sth less physically strong; to become less physically strong

- The explosion had weakened the building's foundations.
- His health was weakened by overwork
- She felt her legs weaken.

3. **intransitive, transitive** to become or make sb become less determined or certain about sth

- You must not agree to do it. Don't weaken.
- ~ **sth** Nothing could weaken his resolve to continue.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	weaken
	<i>BrE</i> / 'wi:kən/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'wi:kən/
he / she / it	weakens
	<i>BrE</i> / 'wi:kənz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'wi:kənz/
past simple, past participle	weakened
	<i>BrE</i> / 'wi:kənd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'wi:kənd/
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	<i>BrE</i> / 'wi:kənɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'wi:kənɪŋ/

Example Bank:

- The British pound continued to weaken against the dollar.
- The division of Germany had served to weaken the party.
- The judgement serves to weaken public confidence in the courts.
- The military was badly weakened by the sanctions.
- The regime was fatally weakened by the unrest and violence.
- The storm eventually weakened.
- a move designed to weaken the rebels
- exchange rates that dramatically weakened the dollar
- He began to weaken as his opponent continued the onslaught.
- She felt her legs weaken further as she climbed higher up the slope.
- She felt herself beginning to weaken in the face of his persuasion.
- The explosion had weakened the building's foundations considerably.
- This new scandal has severely weakened the President's position.

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weak·en /'wi:kən] *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [intransitive and transitive][Word Family: **noun:** ↑weakling, ↑weakness; **verb:** ↑weaken; **adverb:** ↑weakly; **adjective:** ↑weak]

1. to make someone or something less powerful or less important, or to become less powerful **OPP strengthen:**

- Over the last two years the president's position has weakened.
- Changes in policy have weakened the power of the trade unions.
- The absence of this witness has weakened the case against the accused.

2. to make someone lose their physical strength, or to become physically weak:

- Julia was weakened by her long illness.

3. to make someone less determined, or to become less determined:

- Such policies weaken the resolve of potential troublemakers.
- When she begged him to let her stay, he weakened.

4. to make a building, structure etc less strong, or to become less strong:

The earthquake in Cairo weakened a number of structures.

5. if a particular country's money or a company's **share** prices weaken, or if they are weakened, their value is reduced

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" The pound has weakened against the dollar.

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