

**forbid** [fə'bid] *v* (forbade, forbad; forbidden)

- запрещать, не давать разрешения  
 I forbid you to go there - я запрещаю вам идти туда  
 I am forbidden to smoke tobacco - мне запрещено курить  
 to forbid smb. one's house - отказать кому-л. от дома  
 to forbid smb. the country - запретить въезд в страну
- не позволять, не давать возможности, препятствовать  
 my health forbids my coming - я не могу поехать туда по состоянию здоровья  
 this fact forbade the assumption of his guilt - этот факт исключал его виновность  
 an impassable river forbids the approach of the army - отсутствие переправы делает невозможным продвижение армии  
 ◇ God [Heaven, the Lord] forbid I - боже избави!, боже упаси!  
 to forbid the banns *см.* banns

**forbid** Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.  
**for·bid** [forbid forbids forbade forbidding forbidden] *BrE* [fə'bid] <sup>1</sup> *NAmE* [fə'bid] <sup>1</sup> *verb* (for·bade *BrE* [fə'baed] <sup>1</sup> ; *NAmE* [fə'baed] <sup>1</sup> *BrE* [fə'beid] <sup>1</sup> ; *NAmE* [fə'beid] <sup>1</sup> for·bid·den *BrE* [fə'bidn] <sup>1</sup> ; *NAmE* [fə'bidn] <sup>1</sup> )

- to order sb not to do sth; to order that sth must not be done
  - ~ **sb (from doing sth)** He forbade them from mentioning the subject again.
  - ~ **sth** Her father forbade the marriage.
  - ~ **sb to do sth** You are all forbidden to leave.
  - ~ **sb sth** My doctor has forbidden me sugar.
  - ~ **(sb) doing sth** She knew her mother would forbid her going.

**Opp:** ↑allow, **Opp:** ↑permit

- ~ **sth** | ~ **sb to do sth** (*formal*) to make it difficult or impossible to do sth

**Syn:** ↑prohibit

- Lack of space forbids further treatment of the topic here.

**Idiom:** ↑God forbid

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	forbid
I / you / we / they	forbid
	<i>BrE</i> / <i>He</i> 'bɒd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / <i>He</i> 'brɪd/
he / she / it	forbids
	<i>BrE</i> / <i>He</i> 'bɒdz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / <i>He</i> 'brɪdz/
past simple	forbade
	<i>BrE</i> / <i>He</i> 'baed/
	<i>NAmE</i> / <i>He</i> 'baed/
	<i>BrE</i> / <i>He</i> 'beɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / <i>He</i> 'beɪd/
past participle	forbidden
	<i>BrE</i> / <i>He</i> 'bɪdn/
	<i>NAmE</i> / <i>He</i> 'brɪdn/
-ing form	forbidding
	<i>BrE</i> / <i>He</i> 'bɪdn̩/
	<i>NAmE</i> / <i>He</i> 'brɪdn̩/

**Word Origin:**

Old English forbēodan (from for- and ↑bid 2).

**Example Bank:**

- Smoking is strictly forbidden
- You cannot do that. I absolutely forbid it.

**forbid** Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**for·bid** /fə'bid \$ fər-/ *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> *verb* (past tense **forbade** /-'bæd, -'beɪd/, past participle **forbidden** /-'bɪdn/, present participle **forbidding**) [*transitive*]

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

- to tell someone that they are not allowed to do something, or that something is not allowed **OPP** permit

**forbid somebody to do something**

" He was forbidden to leave the house, as a punishment.

**forbid somebody from doing something**

" Women are forbidden from going out without a veil.

**strictly/expressly/explicitly etc forbid**

" The law strictly forbids racial or sexual discrimination.

**REGISTER**

In everyday English, people usually say that someone **is not allowed to do something** rather than **is forbidden to do something**:

▪ He was not allowed to leave the house.

- God/Heaven forbid spoken** used to emphasize that you hope that something will not happen:

" 'Supposing I had an accident.' 'God forbid!'

- formal** to make it impossible for someone to do something **SYN** prevent:

" Lack of space forbids listing the names of all those who contributed.

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## THESAURUS

- **forbid** to tell someone in a very strong way that they must not do something or that something is not allowed: His doctor had strictly forbidden him to drink alcohol. | It is forbidden to say such things.
- **not allow** to say that someone must not do or have something, and stop them doing or having it: The company does not allow smoking inside the building. | Mobile phones are not allowed in school.
- **not let** [not in passive] to not allow someone to do something. **Not let** is more informal than **not allow**: My parents won't let me stay out later than 11 o'clock.
- **not permit** [usually passive] if something is not permitted, a rule or law says that you must not do it. **Not permit** is more formal than **not allow**: Candidates are not permitted to use dictionaries in this examination. | Parking is not permitted here after 8 am.
- **ban** to say officially that people must not do or have something: Parliament decided to ban fox-hunting. | The book was banned in many countries.
- **prohibit** /prə'hɪbət, prə'hɪbɪt \$ prou-/ to say officially that an action is illegal and make a law or rule about this: Acts of vandalism are prohibited.
- **bar** [usually passive] to not allow someone to enter a place or do something, especially by preventing it officially: Foreign journalists were barred from entering the country.
- **proscribe** *formal* to say officially that people are not allowed to do something: The law proscribes discrimination in the workplace.

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RANGE: **4k** FORBID 7360

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