

1. [læps] *n*

1) упущение, оплошность, промах; (случайная) ошибка, ляпсус; погрешность; описка (*тж.* lapse of the pen)

a lapse of the memory - провал памяти

a lapse in table manners - нарушение застольного этикета

a lapse of justice - неправосудный приговор; судебная ошибка

2) *с.-х.* орех, непропашка

2. отклонение (от правильного пути); прегрешение

moral lapse - нравственное падение

a lapse from virtue - грехопадение

a lapse from one's principles - отступление от своих принципов

3. 1) течение, ход

the lapse of a stream - (медленное) течение ручья

the rapid lapse of time - быстрое течение времени

by lapse of time - с течением времени

with the lapse of time - со временем

he has not felt the lapse of the hours - он не заметил, как протекли эти часы

2) промежуток (*времени*); период

a long lapse of time - большой промежуток времени

4. перерыв

he returned to college after a lapse of five years - он вернулся в колледж после пятилетнего перерыва

5. падение, снижение (*особ. температуры, давления*)

lapse rate - *метеор.* вертикальный градиент

a lapse into savagery - возврат к дикости

6. *рел.* вероотступничество

7. *юр.* прекращение, недействительность права (*на что-л.*)

2. [læps] *v*

1) 1) отклоняться (*от правильного пути и т. п.*); пасть (*нравственно*); деградировать

2) (into) впадать (*в какое-л. состояние*); переходить (*во что-л.*); превращаться

to lapse into bad habits - усвоить дурные привычки

to lapse into heresy - впасть в ересь

to lapse into savagery - деградировать до уровня дикаря

to lapse into illness - заболеть

to lapse into unconsciousness - впасть в бессознательное состояние

only when she was strongly moved, did she lapse into the dialect of her youth - волнуясь, она (незаметно для себя) переходила

на то наречие, на котором говорила в молодости

the guests lapsed into silence - гости вдруг замолчали

he lapsed into his old ways - он принялся за старое

2. 1) течь; проходить (*о времени и т. п.*)

2) исчезать (*постепенно, незаметно*); падать (*об интересе и т. п.*)

3) прекращаться, кончаться

the experiment lapsed last year - эксперимент завершился в прошлом году

3. *юр.*

1) терять силу

2) истекать (*о праве*); становиться недействительным

3) переходить в другие руки

the estate of a person dying without heirs or successors lapses to the Crown - имение умершего, не оставившего наследников и

преемников, переходит в казну

4) утрачивать (*право на что-л. и т. п.*)

to lapse one's membership - выбыть из организации (*преим. из-за неуплаты взносов*)

lapse

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

lapse [lapse lapses lapsed lapsing] *noun, verb* BrE [læps] ^m NAmE [læps] ^m

noun

1. a small mistake, especially one that is caused by forgetting sth or by being careless

• a **lapse of concentration/memory**

• A momentary lapse in the final set cost her the match.

2. a period of time between two things that happen

Syn: ↑interval

• After a lapse of six months we met up again.

• He wrote to us after a considerable lapse of time.

3. an example or period of bad behaviour from sb who normally behaves well

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin *lapsus*, from *labi* 'to glide, slip, or fall'; the verb reinforced by Latin *lapsare* 'to slip or stumble'.

Example Bank:

• I had a momentary lapse when I couldn't remember his name.

• I keep suffering these mental lapses.

- I'm sorry for the long lapse of time between updates.
- It was an odd lapse for one who is normally so polite.
- a lapse in attention
- a serious lapse in judgment
- a time lapse of three months
- after a considerable lapse of time
- allegations of ethical lapses
- sudden lapses of concentration
- the investigation into security lapses at the laboratory

Derived Word ↑lapsed

Derived ↑lapse into something

verb

1. **intransitive** (of a contract, an agreement, etc.) to be no longer valid because the period of time that it lasts has come to an end
 - She had allowed her membership to lapse.
 - The treaty lapsed in 1995.

2. **intransitive** to gradually become weaker or come to an end

Syn: ↑expire

- His concentration lapsed after a few minutes.
- This custom had lapsed over the years.

3. **intransitive** ~ (from sth) to stop believing in or practising your religion

- He lapsed from Judaism when he was a student.

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
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| present simple | |
| I / you / we /they | lapse |
| | BrE /læps/ |
| | NAme /læps/ |
| he / she /it | lapses |
| | BrE /læpsɪz/ |
| | NAme /læpsɪz/ |
| past simple, past participle | lapsed |
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| -ing form | lapsing |
| | BrE /læpsɪŋ/ |
| | NAme /læpsɪŋ/ |

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Example Bank:

- The booking will automatically lapse if the deposit is not paid within two weeks.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **lapse**¹ /læps/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: lapsus, from labi 'to slip']

1. a short period of time during which you fail to do something well or properly, often caused by not being careful

momentary/temporary/occasional etc lapse

Despite the occasional lapse, this was a fine performance by the young saxophonist.

A defensive lapse by Keown allowed Tottenham to score.

lapse in

lapses in security

lapse of

A single lapse of concentration cost Sampras the game.

a lapse of judgement

After taking the drug, several patients suffered memory lapses (=when you cannot remember something for a short time).

2. a failure to do something you should do, especially to behave correctly:

He forgot to offer Darren a drink, but Marie did not appear to notice the lapse.

3. [usually singular] a period of time between two events:

The usual time lapse between request and delivery is two days.

lapse of

a lapse of about ten seconds

II. **lapse**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb [intransitive]

1. to gradually come to an end or to stop for a period of time:

The conversation lapsed.

2. **especially British English** if a contract, agreement etc lapses, it comes to an end, usually because an agreed time limit has passed:

Your booking will automatically lapse unless you confirm it.

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In everyday English, people usually say that a contract or agreement **runs out** rather than **lapses**:

▪ His club membership had run out.

3. to stop believing in or following a religion:

▪ those people who have lapsed from the practice of their religion

4. *formal* if a period of time lapses, it passes:

▪ Many years had lapsed since her first visit to Wexford.

lapse into something *phrasal verb*

1. **lapse into unconsciousness/silence/sleep etc** to go into a quiet or less active state:

▪ He lapsed into a coma and died two days later.

▪ Alison lapsed into puzzled silence.

2. to begin to behave or speak in a way that you did before:

▪ She lapsed back into her old ways.

▪ Occasionally he lapsed into his native German.

3. to get into a worse state or become worse:

▪ Following his death, the Empire lapsed into chaos.

▪ His poetry often lapses into sentimentality.

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