

**defensive****1. [dɪˈfensɪv]** *n*

оборона; оборонительная позиция

to be /to stand, to act/ on the defensive - обороняться, защищаться; стоять /находиться/ в обороне

to take on /to take up, to assume/ the defensive - перейти к обороне

to throw smb. on the defensive - принудить кого-л. к обороне, заставить кого-л. защищаться

to remain entirely on the defensive - оставаться в обороне, не делать попыток перейти в наступление

**2. [dɪˈfensɪv]** *a***1. защитный**

defensive armour - защитная броня

defensive fire - **воен.** заградительный огонь

defensive neurosis - защитный невроз

**2. оборонительный (мж. спорт.); оборонный**

defensive arms [war] - оборонительное оружие [-ая война]

defensive warfare - оборонительные действия

defensive power - обороноустойчивость

defensive position - а) оборонительный рубеж, полоса обороны; б) позиция игрока (у задней линии - теннис)

defensive alliance - оборонительный союз

defensive action - оборонительный бой

defensive basket - «своя» корзина (баскетбол)

defensive goal - «свои» ворота (футбол)

**3. защищающий, направленный на защиту, защитительный**

defensive of his memory - в защиту его доброго имени (об умершем)

**4. бдительный, готовый защищаться; ≅ настороже**

he is less defensive with her than with anyone else - с ней он более покладист /менее ершист/, чем с любым другим человеком

**5. устойчивый, стабильный (об отрасли промышленности); удовлетворяющий насущные потребности и поэтому менее****подверженный колебаниям экономического цикла (о пищевой промышленности, коммунальных службах и т. п.)****defensive**

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**de·fen·sive** adjective, noun *BrE* [dɪˈfensɪv] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [dɪˈfensɪv] <sup>m</sup>**adjective****1. protecting sb/sth against attack**

• a defensive measure

• Troops took up a defensive position around the town.

**compare** ↑ **offensive****2. behaving in a way that shows that you feel that people are criticizing you**

• Don't ask him about his plans— he just gets defensive

**3. (sport) connected with trying to prevent the other team or player from scoring points or goals**

• defensive play

**compare** ↑ **offensive****Word Origin:**late Middle English: from Old French *défensif*, *-ive*, from medieval Latin *defensivus*, from Latin *defens-* 'warded off', from the verb *defendere*, from *de-* 'off' + *-fendere* 'to strike'.**Example Bank:**

• He is extremely defensive about his work.

• Her manner was oddly defensive, as he hadn't intended any criticism at all.

• These are purely defensive measures.

• Whenever anyone mentions women's rights, he gets rather defensive

• a largely defensive campaign

• As a defensive measure he built a series of coastal forts and watchtowers.

• Troops are taking up a defensive position around the town.

**Idiom:** ↑ **on the defensive****Derived Words** ↑ **defensively** = ↑ **defensiveness****noun****Word Origin:**[**defensive** **defensively** **defensiveness**] late Middle English: from Old French *défensif*, *-ive*, from medieval Latin *defensivus*, from Latin *defens-* 'warded off', from the verb *defendere*, from *de-* 'off' + *-fendere* 'to strike'.**defensive**

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**1. de·fen·sive** <sup>1</sup> /dɪˈfensɪv/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> **adjective**[**Word Family:** **noun:** DEFENCE/DEFENSE, ↑defendant, ↑defender, ↑defensiveness; **adjective:** DEFENCELESS/DEFENSELESS, ↑defensible ≠ ↑indefensible, ↑defensive; **adverb:** ↑defensibly ≠ ↑indefensibly, ↑defensively; **verb:** ↑defend]**1. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack** **OPP offensive:**

The prince drew up his forces in a strong defensive position.

The rockets are a purely defensive measure against nuclear attack.

2. behaving in a way that shows you think someone is criticizing you even if they are not:

" She despised herself for sounding so defensive.

" a reserved and defensive manner

3. *American English* relating to stopping the other team from getting points in a game **OPP offensive**:

" defensive play

—defensively *adverb*

—defensiveness *noun* [uncountable]

II. **defensive**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

1. **on/onto the defensive** behaving in a way that shows that you think that someone is criticizing you even if they are not:

" In his presence, she was constantly on the defensive.

2. **put/force somebody on the defensive** if you put someone on the defensive in an argument, you attack them so that they are in a weaker position ⇒ **go on the offensive**:

" an issue that put the White House on the defensive

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