

1. [fri:] а

1. свободный, независимый, вольный
free country - свободная страна
free people - свободный народ
2. находящийся на свободе, свободный
to set /to make/ free - освободить
to set a bird free - выпустить птицу (из клетки)
to get free - освобождаться
3. добровольный, свободный, без принуждения
free choice - свободный выбор
you are free to go or stay - вы можете уйти *или* остаться - это ваше дело
4. незанятый, свободный
are you free in the afternoon? - вы свободны днём?
have you any rooms [seats] free? - есть ли у вас свободные комнаты [места]?
to have little free time - иметь мало свободного времени, быть занятым
5. 1) открытый без препятствий *или* помех, свободный
the way is free - путь свободен
to make the road free - очистить дорогу
- 2) открытый доступный; беспрепятственный
free access - свободный доступ
free access to the courts - *юр.* право свободного обращения в суды
to make free use of smth. - свободно /беспрепятственно/ пользоваться чем-л.
to make smb. free of smth. - открывать кому-л. доступ к чему-л.
to make smb. free of one's house - разрешить кому-л. пользоваться домом, как своим собственным
they made their children free of their library - они разрешали /позволяли/ детям читать любую книгу из своей библиотеки
- 3) *эк.* свободный, вольный, беспошлинный
free import - беспошлинный ввоз
6. неограниченный, не стеснённый правилами
free translation - вольный перевод
free love - свободная любовь
free play of imagination - свободная игра воображения
7. 1) бесплатный, даровой
free of charge - бесплатный
free board and lodging - бесплатное питание и жильё
free education - бесплатное образование /обучение/
free medical attention - бесплатная медицинская помощь
free treatment - бесплатное лечение
admission is free on Mondays and Fridays - по понедельникам и пятницам вход бесплатный
free to all - бесплатный вход (для всех)
free concert - бесплатный концерт
- 2) неоплачиваемый, *ком. тж.* франко, свободный от расходов
free of duty - беспошлинный
free imports - беспошлинные товары
free of income tax - а) не облагаемый подоходным налогом; б) с выплаченным ранее подоходным налогом
8. (of, from) лишённый (чего-л.); свободный (от чего-л.)
a river free of ice - река, очистившаяся ото льда
a day free from wind - безветренный день
free from pain - безболезненный
to be free of a disease - избавиться от болезни
to be free from duty - быть не при исполнении служебных обязанностей; быть свободным от дежурства *и т. п.*
free of debt - не имеющий задолженности; свободный от долгов
free from cares - беззаботный; свободный от забот
9. 1) неприкрепленный, незакрепленный, свободный
to leave one end of a rope free - оставить конец каната свободным
free balloon - свободный /неуправляемый/ аэростат
- 2) *хим.* несвязанный
free atom [hydrogen] - свободный атом [водород]
10. щедрый, обильный
to be free with one's money - свободно обращаться с деньгами, быть расточительным
free spender - расточитель
to be free with one's praise - щедро расточать похвалы
he seems rather free with his insults - ему ничего не стоит оскорбить человека
this rose is a very free bloomer - эта роза очень пышно цветёт
11. непринуждённый, лёгкий, грациозный
free gesture - грациозный жест
free step - лёгкий шаг, лёгкая походка
free line - изящная /плавная/ линия (*рисунка*)
12. распущенный; вольный

free manners - небрежные манеры
to make /to be/ free with smth., smb. - а) бесцеремонно обращаться с чем-л., кем-л.; б) позволять себе вольность по отношению к чему-л., кому-л.

13. лингв.

1) нефиксированный

free stress - свободное ударение

2) свободный, позиционно не обусловленный

free vowel - гласный в открытом слоге

free language - **вчт.** естественный/неупорядоченный/ язык

free text - **вчт.** текст на естественном языке

14. спец.

1) свободный; нейтральный

free flight - свободный полёт

free area - **тех.** живое сечение

free position - **тех.** нейтральное положение

2) холостой

free pulley - **тех.** холостой шкив

free running - а) **тех.** свободное вращение; холостой ход (*машины*); б) **авт.** движение накатом

15. спорт. вольный (об упражнениях)

16. мор. попутный, благоприятный(о ветре)

◇ free labour - а) **уст.** труд свободных людей (*не рабов*); б) рабочие, не являющиеся членами профсоюза

free of - за пределами

the ship is not free of the harbour yet - судно ещё не вышло из гавани

for free - а) задаром; б) на чужой счёт

to have one's hands free - а) быть незанятым; б) иметь свободу действий

2. [fri:] adv

1. бесплатно

all members admitted free - все члены общества проходят бесплатно

tickets are given free - билеты раздаются бесплатно

to give smth. away free - отдать что-л. даром /без денег/

2. = freely

3. мор. с попутным ветром, без лавирования

3. [fri:] v

1. 1) освобождать

to free the land from oppression - освободить /избавить/ страну от гнёта

to free smb. from a charge /an accusation/ - снять с кого-л. обвинение, оправдать кого-л.

2) выпускать на свободу

to free smb. from restraint - освободить кого-л. из заключения, выпускать кого-л. на свободу

2. (from, of) освобождать, делать свободным (от чего-л.)

to free one's hands from fetters - сбросить оковы

to free oneself from debt - разделаться с долгами

to free one's mind from anxiety - успокаиваться, избавляться от тревоги /беспокойства/

free

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

free [free frees freed freeing freer freest] adjective, verb, adverb BrE [fri:][Ⓜ]

NAmE [fri:][Ⓜ]

adjective (freer BrE [ˈfriːə]Ⓜ[Ⓜ]; NAmE [ˈfriːə]Ⓜ[Ⓜ] freest BrE [ˈfriːə]Ⓜ[Ⓜ]; NAmE [ˈfriːə]Ⓜ[Ⓜ])

NOT CONTROLLED

1. not under the control or in the power of sb else; able to do what you want

- I have no ambitions other than to have a happy life and be free.
- Students have a **free choice** of courses in their final year.
- ~ **to do sth** You are free to come and go as you please.
- (informal) 'Can I use the phone?' 'Please, **feel free** (= of course you can use it) .'

2. not restricted or controlled by anyone else; able to do or say what you want

- A true democracy complete with **free speech** and a free press was called for.
- the country's first free election
- They gave me free access to all the files.

NOT PRISONER

3. (of a person) not a prisoner or ↑slave

- He walked out of jail a **free man** .

ANIMAL/BIRD

4. not tied up or in a ↑cage

- The researchers **set** the birds **free** .

NO PAYMENT

5. costing nothing

- Admission is free.
- **free samples/tickets/advice**
- We're offering a fabulous **free gift** with each copy you buy.
- You can't expect people to work **for free** (= without payment) .

NOT BLOCKED

- 6.** clear; not blocked
- Ensure there is a free flow of air around the machine.

WITHOUT STH

- 7.** ~ **from/of sth** not containing or affected by sth harmful or unpleasant
- free from difficulty/doubt/fear
 - free from artificial colours and flavourings
 - It was several weeks before he was completely free of pain.
- 8.** **-free** (in adjectives) without the thing mentioned
- virtually fat-free yogurt
 - tax-free earnings
 - a trouble-free life

NOT ATTACHED/TRAPPED

- 9.** ~ **(of sth)** not attached to sth or trapped by sth
- Pull gently on the free end of the rope.
 - They had to be **cut free** from their car after the accident.
 - She finally managed to pull herself free.

NOT BEING USED

- 10.** not being used
- He held out his free hand and I took it.
 - Is this seat free?

NOT BUSY

- 11.** ~ **(for sth)** (of a person or time) without particular plans or arrangements; not busy
- If Sarah is free for lunch I'll take her out.
 - Keep Friday night free for my party.
 - What do you like to do in your **free time** (= when you are not working) ?

READY TO GIVE

- 12.** ~ **with sth** (often disapproving) ready to give sth, especially when it is not wanted
- He's too free with his opinions.

TRANSLATION

- 13.** a free translation is not exact but gives the general meaning

compare ↑literal

more at be home free **at** ↑home adv., give/allow sb/sth free/full rein give/allow free/full rein to sth **at** ↑rein n.

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

free adj.

1.

- He set the horses free.

loose • • **at large** •

Opp: captive

set sb/sth free/loose

break/get/run free/loose

remain free/loose/at large

2.

- Admission is free.

complimentary • • **free of charge** • • **for nothing** •

a free/complimentary **ticket/sample/copy/subscription**

get sth free/free of charge/for nothing

3.

- Is this seat free?

empty • • **vacant** • • **unoccupied** • • **available** •

Opp: taken, **Opp:** engaged

a/an free/empty/vacant/unoccupied **seat**

4.

• Are you free for lunch?

available • • **spare** •

Opp: unavailable **Opp: busy**

free/available **for** sth

free/available **to do** sth

free/available/spare **time**

a free/spare **morning/afternoon/weekend/moment**

Example Bank:

- At last he's totally free from pain.
- He said he would let the prisoners go free.
- He was trapped by his leg, but his rescuers cut him free.
- She managed to pull free of her attacker.
- She walked free from jail.
- The birds were set free.
- The exhibition is free for children under ten.
- The government wants to leave companies free to make their own decisions.
- The hospital needs to keep some beds free for emergencies.
- The organization wants to remain free from government control.
- The ship broke free from its moorings.
- The students are entirely free to choose their own courses.
- They let their prisoner free.
- They tied him up but he managed to get free.
- This attractive poster comes free with the magazine.
- We might be able to get some plants for free.
- We try and keep Sundays free.
- We will send you our booklet free of charge.
- We've managed to keep the garden free of weeds this year.
- animals roaming free across the plains
- 'Can I use the phone?' 'Please, feel free.'
- He subdues one of the wild horses and then allows it to go free.
- He walked out of jail a free man.
- If Sarah is free for lunch I'll take her out.
- If you can't find a seat that's free, you'll have to stand.
- Students have a free choice of classes in their final year.
- The device allows you to talk on the phone with both hands free.
- The protesters set the animals free.
- There's a new website that offers free legal advice to homeowners.
- What do you like to do in your free time?
- You can't expect people to work for free.
- the country's first free election

Idioms: ↑free and easy ▪ get/have a free hand ▪ get/take a free ride ▪ ↑it's a free country ▪ ↑make free with something ▪ ↑run free ▪ ↑there's no such thing as a free lunch

verb

PRISONER

1. ~ **sb (from sth)** to allow sb to leave prison or somewhere they have been kept against their will

Syn: ↑release

- By the end of May nearly 100 of an estimated 2 000 political prisoners had been freed.
- The hijackers agreed to free a further ten hostages.
- The starting point for emancipation was the freeing of children of slaves born after a certain date.

SB/STH TRAPPED

2. ~ **sb/sth/yourself (from sth)** to move sb/sth that is caught or fixed on sth

Syn: ↑release

- Three people were freed from the wreckage.
- She struggled to free herself.
- A good kick finally freed the door.
- He managed to free his arms from their bonds.

REMOVE STH

3. ~ **sb/sth of/from sb/sth** to remove sth that is unpleasant or not wanted from sb/sth

Syn: ↑rid

- These exercises help free the body of tension.
- The police are determined to free the town of violent crime.
- The centre aims to free young people from dependency on drugs.

MAKE AVAILABLE

4. ~ **sb/sth (up)** to make sb/sth available for a particular purpose
- We freed time each week for a project meeting.
 - The government has promised to free up more resources for education.

5. ~ **sb to do sth** to give sb the extra time to do sth that they want to do

- Winning the prize freed him to paint full-time.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	free
	BrE /fri:/
	NAmE /fri:/
he / she /it	frees
	BrE /fri:z/
	NAmE /fri:z/
past simple, past participle	freed
	BrE /fri:d/
	NAmE /fri:d/
-ing form	freeing
	BrE /fri:ɪŋ/
	NAmE /fri:ɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

free verb

1. T

- Ten prisoners were freed today.

release • • **set sb/sth free** • • **let sb go** • • **liberate** • • **let sb/sth loose** • • **ransom** • |formal **emancipate** •

Opp: capture, **Opp:** imprison

free/release/set free/liberate/emancipate sb **from** sth

free/release/set free/let go/liberate/ransom a **prisoner/hostage**

free/release sb **on bail**

Free, release or set free? **Free** emphasizes the decision to let sb go. **Release** emphasizes the physical act of letting sb go; **set free** also emphasizes this, especially where force, not authority, is used

- The woman was freed by the Appeal Court this morning.
- They were interrogated before being released.
- The rioters stormed the prison and set all the prisoners free.

2. T

- Two men were freed from the wreckage.

release • • **disentangle** • • **cut** • |formal **disengage** • |especially spoken **let (sb/sth) go** •

Opp: trap

free/release/disentangle/cut/disengage sb/sth **from** sth

free/release/disentangle/disengage **yourself** from sth

free/release/disentangle/disengage/let go of your/sb's **arm/hand**

3. T (always used with **of** or **from**)

- These exercises help free the body of tension.

formal **rid** • • **purge** •

free/rid/purge sb/sth/yourself **of** sth

free/purge sb/sth **from** sth

free/rid/purge **yourself** of sb/sth

Free or rid? **Free** emphasizes the good feeling that follows when you remove sth; **rid** emphasizes how unpleasant that thing was.

Example Bank:

- He had finally been freed of his responsibilities.
- She struggled to free herself from his grip.
- The court ruled that he should be freed on bail of \$50 000.
- They succeeded in freeing their friends from prison.
- Counselling may help you to free yourself from the past.
- If the tax is lifted the government will be freed from its obligation to buy goods from those countries.
- Over 2 000 political prisoners were freed as a gesture of good will.
- The system freed teachers from the constraints of the old curriculum.
- The woman was freed by the Appeal Court this morning.
- They're launching a campaign to free the three men.
- We aim to free young people from dependency on drugs.

adverb

WITHOUT PAYMENT

1. (also **free of charge**) without payment

- Children under five travel free.

NOT TRAPPED

2. away from or out of a position in which sb/sth is stuck or trapped

- The wagon broke free from the train.

see also ↑scot-free

more at walk free at ↑walk v.

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free

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I. free¹ S1 W1 /friː/ BrE¹ AmE¹ adjective

[Word Family: noun: ↑freebie, ↑freedom; adverb: ↑free, ↑freely; verb: ↑free; adjective: ↑free]

1. **NO COST** something that is free does not cost you any money:

- Admission is free for children under 9.
- All students are offered free accommodation.
- Send for our free information pack for more details.
- There's a special free gift with this month's magazine.

2. **NOT A PRISONER** not held, tied up, or kept somewhere as a prisoner:

- He knew he could be free in as little as three years.
- With one leap he was free!
- He walked out of the courtroom a free man.
- They have called on the government to set all political prisoners free.
- He was found not guilty and walked free from the court.
- The animals are allowed to run free in the park.
- Hundreds of dogs roam free on the streets.

break/pull/struggle free

- She broke free from her attacker.

3. **NOT CONTROLLED** allowed to do or say whatever you want, or allowed to happen, without being controlled or restricted by anyone or anything:

- We had a free and open discussion about religion.

free to do something

- Remember, you are free to say no.

free from

- Newspapers today are entirely free from government control.
- Women are struggling to break free from tradition.

free of

- I longed to be free of my family.
- He became president following the country's first free elections last year.
- We would all support the principle of free speech.
- For the first time in its history, the country has a free press.
- Patients are now allowed free access to their medical records.
- The legislation will allow the free movement of goods through all the countries in Europe.

4. **NOT BUSY** if you are free, or have some free time, you have no work, and nothing else that you must do ⇒ available :

- I'm free next weekend.

free for

- Are you free for lunch tomorrow?

free to do something

- At last I was free to concentrate on my own research.

a free day/morning/half-hour etc

- I haven't got a free day this week.
- Children these days have very little free time.

5. **NOT BEING USED** something that is free is available to use because it is not already being used:

- Is this seat free?
- I'm afraid we don't have any free tables this evening.
- He used his free hand to open the door.

6. **NOT SUFFERING** not suffering from something

free of

- At last she was free of pain.

free from

- A lot of the patients are now free from symptoms.

pain-free/trouble-free etc

- a stress-free life

7. **NOT CONTAINING SOMETHING** not containing something

free from/of

- All our drinks are free from artificial colourings.

fat-free/dairy-free etc

▪ a fat-free yoghurt

8. **TAX** if something is free of tax, you do not have to pay tax on it

free of

▪ This income should be free of tax.

tax-free/duty-free etc

▪ tax-free earnings

▪ an opportunity to buy duty-free goods

9. **feel free** *spoken* used to tell someone that they can do something:

▪ Feel free to ask questions.

▪ 'Can I use your bathroom?' 'Yes, feel free.'

10. **free and easy** relaxed, friendly, and without many rules:

▪ I knew that life wasn't going to be so free and easy now.

▪ the free and easy atmosphere of university life

11. **free spirit** someone who lives as they want to rather than in the way that society considers normal

12. **give somebody a free hand/rein** to let someone do whatever they want or need to do in a particular situation:

▪ The producer was given a free rein with the script.

13. **there's no free lunch** (also **there's no such thing as a free lunch**) used to say that you should not expect to get something good without having to pay for it or make any effort

14. **it's a free country** *British English* used, usually humorously, to say that you are or should be allowed to do something, after someone has said that you should not do it:

▪ It's a free country. You can't stop me.

15. **get/take a free ride** *informal* to get something without paying for it or working for it, because other people are paying or working for it:

▪ They are encouraging all workers to join the union rather than just taking a free ride on those who do join.

16. **be free with something** to be very generous with something:

▪ He seems to be very free with other people's money.

▪ She is always free with her advice.

17. **make free with something** *informal* to use something that belongs to someone else when you should not:

▪ I knew that they had been making free with our food.

18. **NOT RESTRICTED** something that is free is not held, blocked, or restricted:

▪ We opened both doors to allow a free flow of air through the building.

19. **CHEMICALS** *technical* a free chemical substance is not combined with any other substance:

▪ the amount of free oxygen in the atmosphere

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THESAURUS

▪ **free** something that is free does not cost you any money: Parking is free after 6 pm. | 'How much is it to get into the concert?'

'Oh, I think it's free.' | They were giving away free tickets for the concert. | I'm saving these tokens to get a free poster.

▪ **for nothing/for free** without having to pay for something that you would normally have to pay for: He offered to fix the car for nothing. | Fans were allowed into the stadium for nothing as a way of celebrating. | Children under five can see the show for free.

▪ **at no extra cost** if a shop or company provides an additional service at no extra cost, they do it without asking you for any more money: The shop will install the cooker for you at no extra cost. | Tours of the city are available from the hotel at no extra cost.

▪ **complimentary** [only before noun] free – use this about things that a company, theatre, hotel etc gives people: Karen's sister works at the New York Ballet and she's managed to get us some complimentary tickets. | Honeymooners receive a complimentary bottle of champagne in their hotel room.

▪ **be on the house** if food or drinks are on the house, the owner of a bar or restaurant says you do not have to pay for them: These drinks are on the house.

▪ **gratis** *especially written* without having to pay for something: Users will be able to listen to tracks (=songs) gratis.

II. **free**² **S3 W3 BrE** **AmE** *verb* (past tense and past participle **freed**, present participle **freeing**) [transitive]

[Word Family: noun: ↑freebie, ↑freedom; advert: ↑free, ↑freely; verb: ↑free; adjective: ↑free]

1. **RELEASE** to allow someone to leave prison or somewhere they have been kept as a prisoner **SYN release** :

▪ He expects to be freed quite soon.

▪ The terrorists have at last agreed to free the hostages.

free somebody from something

▪ She was freed from prison last week.

2. **NOT CONTROL** to allow someone to say and do what they want, after controlling or restricting them in the past

free somebody from/of something

▪ The press has now been freed from political control.

▪ She longed to be freed of her responsibilities.

▪ Art frees the imagination.

3. **ALLOW SOMEBODY/SOMETHING TO MOVE** to move someone or something so that they are no longer held, fixed, or trapped **SYN release** :

▪ He struggled to free himself, but the ropes were too tight.

▪ I couldn't free the safety catch.

free somebody/something from something

▪ All the victims have now been freed from the wreckage.

4. **STOP SOMEBODY SUFFERING** to stop someone suffering from something by removing it

free somebody from something

▪ new drugs that can free people from pain

At last the country has been freed from its enormous debts.

5. **MAKE AVAILABLE** (also **free something ↔ up**) to make something available so that it can be used:

" I need to free up some of the disk space on my computer.

" This should free some money for investment.

6. **GIVE SOMEBODY MORE TIME** (also **free somebody ↔ up**) to give someone time to do something by taking away other jobs that they have to do

free somebody (up) to do something

" Taking away the burden of administration will free teachers to concentrate on teaching.

" We have freed up some staff to deal with the backlog of work.

III. **free**³ *BrE* " *AmE* " *adverb*

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1. without payment:

" Children under four can travel free.

" You can get advice free from your local library.

for free

" He offered to do the work for free.

" All these services are available to the public free of charge.

2. not fixed or held in a particular place or position:

" The ropes were now hanging free.

" A gold chain swung free around his neck.

⇒ ↑freely, ↑scot-free

IV. **free**⁴ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun* [countable] *British English informal*

a **FREE TRANSFER**; the process by which a player moves from one football club to another, but the new club does not pay any money for him:

" We got Kevin on a free from Manchester United.

free

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freest 101
frees 616

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32 **129262**³⁶ *nnu*
23 **129788**³⁶ *np1*
28 **147072**²⁸ *nn1*