

compel

[kəm'pel] v

- заставлять, принуждать
he was compelled by illness to give up smoking - болезнь заставила его бросить курить
rain compelled us to stay indoors - из-за дождя мы вынуждены были сидеть дома
- добиться (чего-л.)
to compel obedience [silence, confession] - добиться послушания [молчания, признания]
his talents compel our admiration - мы не можем не восхищаться его талантами
- подчинить, заставить уступить
to compel smb. to one's will - подчинить кого-л. своей воле

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

com·pel [compel compels compelled compelling] BrE [kəm'pel] NAmE [kəm'pel] verb (-II-)(formal)

- to force sb to do sth; to make sth necessary
 - ~ sb to do sth The law can compel fathers to make regular payments for their children.
 - I feel compelled to write and tell you how much I enjoyed your book.
 - ~ sth Last year ill health compelled his retirement.
- ~ sth (not used in the progressive tenses) to cause a particular reaction
 - He spoke with an authority that compelled the attention of the whole crowd.

see also ↑compulsion

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	compel
	BrE /kəm'pel/
	NAmE /kəm'pel/
he / she / it	compels
	BrE /kəm'pelz/
	NAmE /kəm'pelz/
past simple, past participle	compelled
	BrE /kəm'peld/
	NAmE /kəm'peld/
-ing form	compelling
	BrE /kəm'pelɪŋ/
	NAmE /kəm'pelɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin *compellere*, from *com-* 'together' + *pellere* 'drive'.

Example Bank:

- The court has powers to compel witnesses to attend.

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com·pel /kəm'pel/ BrE AmE verb (past tense and past participle **compelled**, present participle **compelling**) [transitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: *compellere*, from *com-* (⇒ *COM-*) + *pellere* 'to drive']

- to force someone to do something ⇒ **compulsion**
 compel somebody to do something
 The law will compel employers to provide health insurance.
 She felt compelled to resign because of the scandal.
- formal** to make people have a particular feeling or attitude ⇒ **compulsion**:
 His performance compelled the audience's attention.
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THESAURUS

- force** to make someone do something they do not want to do. Used when people or situations make you do something: They were beaten and forced to confess to crimes they had not committed. | The drought forced millions of farmers to sell their cattle.
- make** to force someone to do something by using pressure, threats, or violence. **Make somebody do something** is more common than **force somebody to do something** in everyday English: Her parents disapproved of Alex and they made her stop seeing him. | Two men with guns made the staff hand over the money.
- pressure** (also **pressurize** *British English*) to try to force someone to do something by making them feel that they should do it: Some employers pressure their staff into working very long hours. | She felt they were trying to pressurize her into getting married.
- blackmail** to force someone to give you money or do what you want by threatening to tell embarrassing secrets about them: She tried to blackmail him with photographs of them together at the hotel.
- compel** [usually passive] **formal** to force someone to do something using official power or authority. Also used when someone has to do something because of their situation: The town was surrounded and compelled to surrender. | I felt compelled to offer them some kind of explanation. | You are compelled by law to carry an ID card.
- coerce** /kəʊ'ɜːs/ **formal** to force someone to do something by threatening them: Local people were coerced into joining the rebel army.
- be obliged to do something** **formal** if someone is obliged to do something, they must do it because it is the law or the rule, or because of the situation they are in: You are not obliged to say anything which may harm your defence in court. | They were obliged to sell the land.

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