

bribe1. [braɪb] *n*

1. взятка, подкуп
to take bribes - брать взятки
to offer/to give, to hand out/ bribes - давать взятки

2. компенсация; оплата

2. [braɪb] *v*

- предлагать, давать взятку, подкупать
to bribe a judge [witness] - подкупить судью [свидетеля]
the child was bribed to take the medicine - ребёнка задобрили, чтобы он выпил лекарство
he had been bribed into silence /to say nothing/ - его подкупом заставили молчать

bribe

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

bribe [bribe bribes bribed bribing] *noun, verb* *BrE* [braɪb] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [brɑɪb] [ⓘ]**noun**

a sum of money or sth valuable that you give or offer to sb to persuade them to help you, especially by doing sth dishonest

- It was alleged that he had **taken bribes** while in office.
- She had been offered a \$50 000 bribe to drop the charges.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **briber**, **brimber** 'beg', of unknown origin. The original sense was 'rob, extort', hence (as a noun) 'theft, stolen goods', also 'money extorted or demanded for favours', later 'offer money as an incentive' (early 16th cent.).

Thesaurus:**bribe** *noun* **C**

- She was offered a large bribe to drop the charges.

inducement • • **bait** • **especially AmE kickback** • **informal, usually disapproving pay-off** •

£1 000/\$500, etc. bribe/pay-off

offer (sb) a/an bribe/inducement/pay-off

take bribes/the bait/kickbacks

Collocations:**Crime***Committing a crime*

commit a crime/a murder/a violent assault/a brutal killing/an armed robbery/fraud

be involved in terrorism/a suspected arson attack/people smuggling/human trafficking

engage /participate in criminal activity/illegal practices/acts of mindless vandalism

steal sb's wallet/purse/(*BrE*) mobile phone/(*NAmE*) cell phone

rob a bank/a person/a tourist

break into/ (*BrE*) **burgle/** (*NAmE*) **burglarize** a house/a home/an apartment

hijack a plane/ship/bus

smuggle drugs/weapons/arms/immigrants

launder drug money (through sth)

forge documents/certificates/passports

take/accept/pay sb/offer (sb) a bribe

run a phishing/an email/an Internet scam

Fighting crime

combat/fight crime/terrorism/corruption/drug trafficking

prevent/stop credit-card fraud/child abuse/software piracy

deter/stop criminals/burglars/thieves/shoplifters/vandals

reduce/tackle/crack down on knife/gun/violent/street crime; (*especially BrE*) antisocial behaviour

foil a bank raid/a terrorist plot

help/support/protect the victims of crime

Investigating crime

report a crime/a theft/a rape/an attack/(*especially BrE*) an incident to the police

witness the crime/attack/murder/incident

investigate a murder/(*especially NAmE*) a homicide/a burglary/a robbery/the alleged incident

conduct/launch/pursue an investigation (into...); (*especially BrE*) a police/murder inquiry

investigate/reopen a criminal/murder case

examine /investigate/find fingerprints at the crime scene/the scene of crime

collect/gather forensic evidence

uncover new evidence/a fraud/a scam/a plot/a conspiracy/political corruption/a cache of weapons

describe/identify a suspect/the culprit/the perpetrator/the assailant/the attacker

question/interrogate a suspect/witness

solve/crack the case

more collocations at ↑[justice](#)

Example Bank:

- He paid out millions of dollars in bribes.

- a bribe of €200
- He was alleged to have accepted bribes while in office.
- The company denied that the money was intended as a bribe.
- The tax cut was described as a pre-election bribe.

verb

to give sb money or sth valuable in order to persuade them to help you, especially by doing sth dishonest

- ~ **sb (with sth)** They bribed the guards with cigarettes.
- ~ **sb into doing sth** She was bribed into handing over secret information.
- ~ **sb to do sth** She bribed him to sign the certificate.
- ~ **your way...** He managed to **bribe his way** onto the ship.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	bribe
	BrE /brəɪb/
	NAmE /brɑɪb/
he / she / it	bribes
	BrE /brəɪbz/
	NAmE /brɑɪbz/
past simple, past participle	bribed
	BrE /brəɪbd/
	NAmE /brɑɪbd/
-ing form	bribing
	BrE /brəɪbɪŋ/
	NAmE /brɑɪbɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- He must have bribed his way out of the prison.
- He managed to bribe his way onto the ship.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **bribe**¹ /braɪb/ BrE ¹ AmE ¹ verb [transitive]

1. to illegally give someone, especially a public official, money or a gift in order to persuade them to do something for you:
 - The only way we could get into the country was by bribing the border officials.

bribe somebody to do something

- He bribed one of the guards to smuggle out a note.

2. to offer someone, especially a child, something special in order to persuade them to do something

bribe somebody with something

- Sam wouldn't do her homework until I bribed her with ice cream.

II. **bribe**² BrE ² AmE ² noun [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: 'bread given to a beggar']

1. money or a gift that you illegally give someone to persuade them to do something for you:

- The officials said that they had been offered bribes before an important game.

accept/take a bribe

- A Supreme Court judge was charged with taking bribes.

2. something special offered to someone, especially a child, in order to persuade them to do something

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **offer somebody a bribe** Some sportsmen have been offered bribes to perform badly.
- **accept/take a bribe** Any officials who accept bribes will face criminal charges.
- **give somebody a bribe** They issued passports to people who gave them bribes.
- **pay a bribe** It was claimed that the company paid bribes to win the contract.

■ bribe + NOUN

- **bribe money** The mayor is accused of accepting bribe money.

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RANGE: **4k** BRIBE 3484

bribe 1002

bribed 358

bribing 252

bribery 942

bribes 930

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

401 **30755**⁵³³ *nn1*
310 **39773**³³⁹ *vvi*
105 **72839**¹⁰⁸ *vv0*
14 **207222**¹⁵ *nnu*
6 **323108**⁷ *np1*
