

**choose**

[tʃu:z] *v* (chose; chosen)

1. 1) **выбирать; отбирать; подбирать**  
 to choose an apple [a friend, a wife] - выбрать (себе) яблоко [друга, жену]  
 to choose between death and dishonour - сделать выбор между смертью и бесчестьем  
 to choose books for the library - подбирать /отбирать/ книги для библиотеки  
 you have chosen well - вы сделали хороший выбор  
 nothing /not much, little/ to choose between them - выбирать тут нечего; один другого стоит /не лучше другого/
- 2) **избирать, выбирать**  
 to choose a leader [a chairman] - избрать руководителя [председателя]
2. **предпочитать; решать; считать необходимым**  
 choose for yourself - решайте сами  
 he chose to stay where he was - он предпочёл /решил/ остаться на старом месте  
 he chose to hide - он счёл нужным скрыться
3. **разг. хотеть, желать**  
 he did not choose to see her - он не захотел её видеть  
 I don't choose to agree - я не намерен /не желаю/ соглашаться  
 why don't you do it? - Because I don't choose - почему вы этого не делаете? - Потому что не хочу  
 (do) just as you choose - (поступайте) как хотите; ≅ воля ваша
4. **иметь свободу выбора**  
 ◇ I cannot choose but ... - я не могу не ...; мне необходимо ...; я должен /вынужден/ ...; мне ничего не остаётся, кроме как ...  
 I cannot choose but agree - мне не остаётся ничего другого, как согласиться  
 he could not choose but hear - он не мог не слышать  
 between two evils 'tis not worth choosing - что толку из двух зол выбирать; ≅ хрен редьки не слаще

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**choose** [choose chooses chose choosing chosen] *BrE* [tʃuːz] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [tʃuːʒ]

- verb** (chose *BrE* [tʃəʊz] <sup>e</sup>; *NAmE* [tʃoʊz] <sup>e</sup>, chosen *BrE* [ˈtʃəʊzn] <sup>u</sup>; *NAmE* [ˈtʃoʊzn] <sup>u</sup>)
1. **intransitive, transitive** to decide which thing or person you want out of the ones that are available
    - You choose, I can't decide.
    - There are plenty of restaurants to choose from.
    - ~ **between A and/or B** She had to choose between staying in the UK or going home.
    - ~ **sth** Sarah chose her words carefully.
    - This site has been chosen for the new school.
    - ~ **A from B** We have to choose a new manager from a shortlist of five candidates.
    - ~ **sb/sth as/for sth** He chose banking as a career.
    - We chose Phil McSweeney as/for chairperson.
    - ~ **whether, wat, etc...** You'll have to choose whether to buy it or not.
    - ~ **to do sth** We chose to go by train.
    - ~ **sb to be/do sth** We chose Phil McSweeney to be chairperson.
  2. **intransitive, transitive** to prefer or decide to do sth
    - Employees can retire at 60 if they choose.
    - ~ **to do sth** Many people choose not to marry.

**see also** ↑choice *n.*

**more at** pick and choose **at** ↑pick *v.*

**Idiom:** ↑there is not much to choose between A and B

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	choose
	<i>BrE</i> /tʃu:z/
	<i>NAmE</i> /tʃu:z/
he / she / it	chooses
	<i>BrE</i> /ˈtʃu:zɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ˈtʃu:zɪz/
past simple	chose
	<i>BrE</i> /tʃəʊz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /tʃoʊz/
past participle	chosen
	<i>BrE</i> /ˈtʃəʊzn/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ˈtʃoʊzn/
-ing form	choosing
	<i>BrE</i> /tʃu:zɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /tʃu:zɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

Old English cēosan, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **kiezen**.

**Thesaurus:**

**choose** *verb*, **T**

1.
  - We have to choose a new manager.
  - select** • **decide** • **opt** • **single sb/sth out** • **adopt** • |informal| **pick** • **go for sth** • choose/select/decide/pick **between** A and/or B

choose/select/opt for/single out/adopt/pick/go for sb/sth **as** sb/sth  
choose/select/single out/pick sb/sth **for** sb/sth  
choose/select/opt for/single out/adopt/pick/go for sb/sth **to do sth**

**Choose, select or pick?** When you **select** sth you usually choose it carefully, unless you actually say that it is **selected randomly/at random**. **Pick** is a more informal word that describes a less careful action. **Choose** is the most general of these words and the only one that can be used without an object:

• You choose— I can't decide

✗ You select/pick— I can't decide.

## 2. I, T

• Many people choose not to marry.

**decide** • • **make up your mind** • |formal **determine** • • **elect** • • **resolve** •

choose/decide/make up your mind/determine/elect/resolve **to do sth**

choose/decide/make up your mind **whether/what/how...**

**be free to** choose/decide/determine

## Synonyms:

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select • pick • decide • opt • go for

These words all mean to decide which thing or person you want out of the ones that are available.

**choose** • to decide which thing or person you want out of the ones that are available: ▫ You choose— I can't decide.

**select** • [often passive] to choose sb/sth, usually carefully, from a group of people or things: ▫ He was selected for the team. ◇ ▫ a randomly selected sample of 23 schools

**pick** • (rather informal) to choose sb/sth from a group of people or things: ▫ She picked the best cake for herself.

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**decide** • to choose between two or more possibilities: ▫ We're still trying to ▫ decide on ▫ a venue

**opt** • to choose to take or not to take a particular course of action: ▫ After graduating she opted for a career in music. ◇ ▫ After a lot of thought, I ▫ opted against ▫ buying a motorbike.

**go for sth** • (rather informal) to choose sth: ▫ I think I'll go for the fruit salad.

to choose/select/pick/decide **between** A and/or B

to choose/select/pick A **from** B

to opt/go **for** sb/sth

to choose/decide/opt **to do sth**

to choose/select/pick sb/sth **carefully/at random**

**randomly** chosen/selected/picked

## Example Bank:

- She had to choose between giving up her job or hiring a nanny.
- There are several different models to choose from.
- They can choose freely from a wide range of courses.
- You are free to choose whichever courses you want to take.
- You have to take any job you can get— you can't pick and choose.
- We chose Paul Stubbs to be chairperson.
- We deliberately chose to stay in a cheap non-western hotel.
- With practice, you can consciously choose not to react in a stressed way.
- You choose— I can't decide.
- You'll have to choose whether to buy it or not.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**choose** **S1 W1** /tʃuːz BrE ˈ tʃuːz AmE ˈ tʃuːz/ verb (past tense **chose** /tʃəʊz \$ tʃoʊz/, past

participle **chosen** /tʃəʊzən \$ tʃoʊ-/) [intransitive and transitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: ceosan]

1. to decide which one of a number of things or people you want ⇔ **choice**:

- It took us ages to choose a new carpet.
- A panel of judges will choose the winner.
- He chose his words carefully as he spoke.
- I don't mind which one we have— you choose.

**choose between**

- For pudding we could choose between ice cream and apple tart.

**choose from**

- You can choose from a wide range of vehicles.

**choose to do something**

- I chose to learn German rather than French.

**choose somebody/something to do something**

- They chose Donald to be their leader.

**choose somebody/something as something**

- The company chose London as its base.

choose somebody/something for something

" Why did you choose me for the job?

2. to decide to do something because that is what you prefer to do

choose to do something

" I chose to ignore his advice.

" You can, if you choose, invest in the stock market.

3. **there is little/nothing to choose between something** used when you think that two or more things are equally good and you cannot decide which is better:

" There was little to choose between the two candidates.

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## THESAURUS

- **choose** to decide which one of several things you want: I chose a black dress. | Which dessert should I choose?
- **pick** to choose something, especially without thinking carefully. **Pick** is more informal than **choose**: Pick any number from one to ten.
- **select** *formal* to choose something, especially after thinking carefully: The committee will meet to select a new chairman. | All our instructors are carefully selected.
- **opt for/go for** to choose one thing instead of another: Many car buyers opt for used vehicles. | I think I'll go for the chocolate cake.
- **decide on** to choose something from many possible things, especially when the decision has been difficult or taken a long time: Thomas had decided on a career as a writer.
- **single out** to choose one person or thing from a group because they are better, worse, more important etc than the others: Why should he be singled out for special treatment? | One student was singled out for special attention.
- **take your pick** *especially spoken* to choose anything you want, especially when there are many different things available: You can take your pick from Bodrum's many bars and restaurants.

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12500 **580**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **670**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **1k** CHOOSE 70242

choose 27977

chooses 3059

choosing 7666

chose 15858

chosen 15509

unchosen 36

choosy 137

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

12610 **2604**<sup>16359</sup> *vvi*

8996 **3540**<sup>11603</sup> *vv0*

10 **258756**<sup>10</sup> *nnu*

5 **377234**<sup>5</sup> *jj*

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