

**prosecute**

[ˈprɒsɪkjʊ:t] *v*

- вести; проводить; выполнять; заниматься (*чем-л.*)  
to prosecute trade [business] - вести торговлю [дело]  
to prosecute an inquiry - проводить расследование  
he will continue to prosecute his practice of the law - он будет продолжать заниматься юридической практикой
- продолжать  
to prosecute one's studies - продолжать занятия
- юр.*  
1) преследовать в судебном *или* уголовном порядке  
reckless drivers will be prosecuted - безответственные водители /лихачи/ будут привлекаться к (судебной) ответственности  
2) предъявить иск; возбудить дело  
to prosecute a claim - возбудить иск  
to prosecute a company - возбудить иск против компании  
3) вести дело, процесс
- юр.* выступать в качестве обвинителя

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**prosecute** [prosecute prosecutes prosecuted prosecuting] *BrE* [ˈprɒsɪkjʊ:t] *verb*

*NAmE* [ˈpraɒsɒkjʊ:t] *verb*

- transitive, intransitive ~ (sb/sth) (for sth/doing sth)** to officially charge sb with a crime in court
  - The company was prosecuted for breaching the Health and Safety Act.
  - Trespassers will be prosecuted (= a notice telling people to keep out of a particular area).
  - The police decided not to prosecute.
- intransitive, transitive ~ (sb)** to be a lawyer in a court case for a person or an organization that is charging sb with a crime
  - the **prosecuting counsel/lawyer/attorney**
  - James Spencer, prosecuting, claimed that the witness was lying.
- transitive ~ sth (formal)** to continue taking part in or doing sth
  - They had overwhelming public support to prosecute the war.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	prosecute
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈprɒsɪkjʊ:t/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈpraɒsɪkjʊ:t/
he / she / it	prosecutes
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈprɒsɪkjʊ:ts/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈpraɒsɪkjʊ:ts/
past simple, past participle	prosecuted
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈprɒsɪkjʊ:tɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈpraɒsɪkjʊ:tɪd/
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Word Origin:

late Middle English (in sense 3): from Latin **prosecut-** 'pursued, accompanied', from the verb **prosequi**, from **pro-** 'onward' + **sequi** 'follow'.

Example Bank:

- Trespassers will be prosecuted.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of prosequi 'to follow and try to catch']

- [intransitive and transitive]** to charge someone with a crime and try to show that they are guilty of it in a court of law:
  - Shoplifters will be prosecuted.
  - prosecute somebody for (doing) something**  
Buxton is being prosecuted for assault.
  - prosecute somebody under a law/Act etc**  
The company is to be prosecuted under the Health and Safety Act.
- [intransitive and transitive]** if a lawyer prosecutes a case, he or she tries to prove that the person charged with a crime is guilty ⇒ **defend**:
  - Mrs Lynn Smith, prosecuting, said the offence took place on January 27.
- [transitive] formal** to continue doing something:
  - We cannot prosecute the investigation further.

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