

**pledge****1. [pledʒ] n****1. 1) залог, заклад**

unredeemed pledge - невыкупленный залог

to put /to give/ smth. in pledge - закладывать, отдавать в залог что-л

to take (smth.) out of pledge, to redeem a pledge - выкупить (что-л.) из залога

to be in pledge - быть в залоге, быть заложённым

to borrow on pledge - брать ссуду под залог

to take smth. as a pledge - брать что-л. в качестве залога

to realize a pledge - продать заложённый товар

hold /keep/ the ring as a pledge - пусть это кольцо останется у вас в залог

**2) знак, символ, залог**

pledge of fidelity [friendship] - залог верности [дружбы]

pledge of love - залог любви (*ребёнок*)

**2. 1) обет, обещание; обязательство**

temperance /total abstinence/ pledge - зарок воздержания от спиртных напитков

to take /to sign/ the pledge - дать зарок (не пить)

to break the pledge - (опять) запить

to make /to give/ secret pledges - давать тайные обязательства

to keep one's pledge - держать своё обещание

to carry out one's pledge - выполнить обещание

to break one's pledge - нарушить обещание

under (the) pledge of secrecy - с обязательством сохранения тайны

in defiance of the most solemn pledges - несмотря на все торжественные обещания

**2) публичное обещание лидера партии придерживаться определённой политики**

to make good /to carry out/ campaign pledges - выполнить предвыборные обещания

**3. тост**

cheerful pledges - весёлые тосты

to name the pledge - предложить тост

**4. амер. студ. жарг.****1) обещание вступить в (тайное) студенческое общество****2) студент, давший обещание вступить в (тайное) студенческое общество, клуб и т. п. (проходящий испытательный срок)****2. [pledʒ] v****1. закладывать, отдавать в залог****2. 1) давать торжественное обещание, заверять**

to pledge hearers to secrecy - взять с присутствующих слово /подписку/ не разглашать тайну

to be pledged to do smth. - быть связанным обещанием сделать что-л

to pledge one's support [allegiance] - заверить в своей поддержке [преданности]

to pledge oneself to do smth. - обязаться сделать что-л

they pledged themselves to save their comrades - они торжественно поклялись спасти своих товарищей

**2) ручаться**

to pledge one's word /one's honour/ - ручаться, давать слово

**3. произносить тост, пить за (чьё-л.) здоровье****pledge**

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**pledge** [pledʒ] **pledges pledged pledging** noun, verb BrE [pledʒ] <sup>a</sup> NAmE

[pledʒ]

noun

**1. a serious promise****Syn:** ↑commitment

• ~ (of sth) a pledge of support

• ~ (to do sth) Will the government honour its election **pledge** not to raise taxes?• ~ (that...) Management has **given a pledge** that there will be no job losses this year.**2. a sum of money or sth valuable that you leave with sb to prove that you will do sth or pay back money that you owe**Word Origin:

Middle English (denoting a person acting as surety for another): from Old French **plege**, from medieval Latin **plebium**, perhaps related to the Germanic base of ↑**plight** (verb).

Example Bank:

- The party's election pledge was to cut income taxes by a third over the next five years.
- They recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- manifesto pledges on greater public spending
- spending pledges given by the government
- The new leader demanded a pledge of loyalty from each of his allies.
- The new owners gave a pledge that there would be no job losses.

Idiom: ↑sign the pledge

- transitive** to formally promise to give or do sth
  - ~ **sth** Japan has pledged \$100 million in humanitarian aid.
  - The government **pledged their support** for the plan.
  - ~ **sth to sb/sth** We all had to **pledge allegiance** to the flag (= state that we are loyal to our country) .
  - ~ **to do sth** The group has pledged to continue campaigning.
  - ~ **(that)...** The group has pledged that they will continue campaigning.

2. **transitive** to make sb or yourself formally promise to do sth

**Syn:** †swear

- ~ **sb/yourself (to sth)** They were all pledged to secrecy.
- ~ **sb/yourself to do sth** The government has pledged itself to root out corruption.

3. **transitive** ~ **sth** to leave sth with sb as a †pledge (2)

4. **intransitive, transitive (NAme)** to promise to become a junior member of a †fraternity or †sorority

- Do you think you'll pledge this semester?
- ~ **sth** My brother pledged Sigma Nu.

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	pledge
	BrE /pledʒ/
	NAme /pledʒ/
he / she /it	pledges
	BrE /pledʒɪz/
	NAme /pledʒɪz/
past simple, past participle	pledged
	BrE /pledʒd/
	NAme /pledʒd/
-ing form	pledging
	BrE /pledʒɪŋ/
	NAme /pledʒɪŋ/

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**Example Bank:**

- Japan pledged \$100 million in humanitarian aid.
- Politicians of all parties pledged their support for the idea.
- The bill would require schoolchildren to pledge allegiance to the flag.
- The country pledged not to interfere in its neighbour's affairs.
- The government has pledged that it will not raise taxes.

## pledge

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

1. **pledge** <sup>1</sup> /pledʒ/ BrE " AmE " **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: plege, from Late Latin plebium, from plebere 'to pledge']

1. **PROMISE formal** a serious promise or agreement, especially one made publicly or officially

**pledge of**

" a pledge of support for the plan

**pledge to do something**

" the government's pledge to make no deals with terrorists

**make/take/give a pledge**

" Parents make a pledge to take their children to rehearsals.

**keep/fulfil/honour a pledge**

" Eisenhower fulfilled his election pledge to end the war in Korea.

2. **MONEY** a promise to give money to an organization:

" Donors have made pledges totaling nearly \$4 million.

**pledge of**

" a pledge of \$200 to the public TV station

3. **SOMETHING VALUABLE** something valuable that you leave with someone else as proof that you will do what you have agreed to do

4. **US COLLEGES** someone who has promised to become a member of a †fraternity or †sorority at an American university

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### COLLOCATIONS

#### ■ verbs

- make/give a pledge** Several European countries made similar pledges.
- take a pledge literary** (=make one, especially formally) He took a pledge never to drink again.
- keep a pledge** (=do what you promised to do) He has not kept his election pledges.
- fulfil/honour a pledge** (=more formal than keep) The time is coming when they will have to honour that pledge.
- renege on a pledge formal** (=not keep it) The government reneged on its electoral pledges.

#### ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + pledge

- an election/campaign/manifesto pledge** The governor had kept her campaign pledge to slash taxes.

- **a spending pledge** *BrE*: I asked him to clarify Labour's spending pledges.
- **a firm pledge** He also gave a firm pledge to build up the National Health Service.
- **a solemn pledge** We will not forget. That is a solemn pledge.

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- **promise** a statement that you will definitely do or provide something, which may not be reliable: 'I'll call you tomorrow.' 'Is that a promise?' | Politicians are always making promises.
- **pledge** a public or official promise to do a particular thing in the future: The Government has fulfilled at least 50% of its election pledges. | We have received pledges of help from various organizations.
- **vow** a very serious promise to do something or not to do something that you choose to make: He made a vow never to drink alcohol again. | your marriage vows
- **oath** a formal promise, especially one that someone makes in a court of law: Witnesses swear a solemn oath to tell the truth. | Public officials must take an oath to support the US Constitution.
- **undertaking** a serious or public promise to do something, especially something difficult which needs a lot of effort or money: The police have given an undertaking to reduce street crime in the city centre. | He was made to sign a written undertaking that he would not go within a mile of her house.
- **assurance** a promise that something will happen or is true, made so that someone is less worried or more confident: You have my assurance that it won't happen again. | The manager gave me his personal assurance that the goods would be delivered today.
- **guarantee** a very definite promise that something will happen. A guarantee is also a formal written promise by a company to repair or replace a product free if it has a fault within a fixed period of time.: With any diet, there's no guarantee of success. | I'm afraid I can't give you a 100% guarantee. | Is the camera still under guarantee (=within the period during which it can be repaired or replaced free)?

## II. **pledge** <sup>2</sup> *BrE* \* *AmE* \* *verb* [transitive]

### 1. **PROMISE** to make a formal, usually public, promise that you will do something

**pledge something to something/somebody**

\* Moore pledged \$100,000 to the orchestra at the fund-raising dinner.

**pledge to do something**

\* The new governor pledged to reduce crime.

**pledge that**

\* Herrera pledged that his company will give aid to schools.

**pledge (your) support/loyalty/solidarity etc**

\* He pledged his cooperation.

**pledge yourself to (do) something**

\* Trade unions pledged themselves to resist the government plans.

### 2. **MAKE SOMEBODY PROMISE** to make someone formally promise something:

\* Employees were pledged to secrecy.

### 3. **LEAVE SOMETHING** to leave something with someone as a <sup>↑</sup>**pledge**<sup>1</sup>(3)

### 4. **US COLLEGES** to promise to become a member of a <sup>↑</sup>**fraternity** or <sup>↑</sup>**sorority** at an American university

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- **promise** to tell someone that you will definitely do something, or that something will happen: He promised to give the book back. | The organisers have promised that this year's event will take place.
- **swear** to make a very serious and sincere promise, for example in a law court: He had sworn to tell the truth. | I would never do that, I swear.
- **give somebody your word** *especially spoken* to promise sincerely that you will do something or that something is true – often used when you are trying to persuade someone that they can trust you: I give you my word that your money is safe with me. | I'll let you go out tonight if you give me your word that you'll be home by 11.
- **vow** to make a very serious promise, often to yourself: She vowed that she would never drink alcohol again. | They vowed to carry on their campaign for justice.
- **assure** to promise someone that something will happen or that something is true, in order to try to make them feel less worried: Police have assured the public that they are doing everything they can to find the killer.
- **guarantee** to promise that you will make sure that something will definitely happen, so that there is no question of it not happening: I guarantee that you will have the documents by tomorrow. | How can you guarantee that this won't happen again?
- **pledge** to promise publicly or officially that you will do something, for example to give help or money: The government has pledged to increase overseas aid to \$4 billion over the next five years.
- **undertake** *formal* to make an official or legal promise to do something: The government undertook to keep price increases to a minimum. | The two sides undertook to respect each other's territory.
- **commit to something** *formal* to make a firm and definite promise to do something important, which will affect you for a long time and which could result in serious effects if you fail: Bobby felt unready to commit to a romantic relationship. | A group of 11 companies has committed to developing a new passenger plane.

## pledge

12500 **6043**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **2930**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **5k** **PLEDGE** 8865

pledge <sup>4176</sup>

pledges <sup>1064</sup>

pledged <sup>3019</sup>

pledging <sup>606</sup>

2180 **9813**<sup>3153</sup> *nn1*

578 **27418**<sup>648</sup> *vv0*

345 **37563**<sup>375</sup> *vvi*

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