

preach

1. [pri:tʃ] *n* **проповедь**

2. [pri:tʃ] *v*

1. 1) проповедовать; читать проповедь

to preach Christ [temperance] - проповедовать христианство [воздержание]

to preach a long sermon - прочесть длинную проповедь

go out and preach the gospel! - идите и несите людям евангелие!

2) проповедовать; выступать в защиту (чего-л.)

to preach international peace - отстаивать всеобщий мир

to preach up smth. - превозносить, восхвалять, расхваливать что-л.; выступать за что-л.

to preach down - а) говорить, не давая (собеседнику) вымолвить слова; to preach down criticism - заглушать критику; б) осуждать

to preach down war - выступать против войны

2. поучать, читать нравоучения, наставления

she's always preaching at me - **проповедует** она всё время меня поучает

◇ to preach to the converted - ≅ ломиться в открытую дверь

it's no use preaching to a hungry man - ≅ пустое брюхо к учению глухо

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preach [preach preaches preached preaching] *BrE* [pri:tʃ] *NAmE* [pri:tʃ]

verb

1. **intransitive, transitive** to give a religious talk in a public place, especially in a church during a service

• She preached to the congregation about forgiveness

• ~ **sth** The minister preached a sermon on the parable of the lost sheep.

2. **transitive, intransitive** to tell people about a particular religion, way of life, system, etc. in order to persuade them to accept it

• ~ **sth** to preach the word of God

• He preached the virtues of capitalism to us.

• ~ **(about sth)** She preached about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

3. **intransitive (disapproving)** to give sb advice on moral standards, behaviour, etc, especially in a way that they find annoying or boring

• I'm sorry, I didn't mean to preach.

• ~ **at sb** You're preaching at me again!

more at practise what you preach **at** ↑practise

Idiom: ↑preach to the converted

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	preach
	<i>BrE</i> /pri:tʃ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /pri:tʃ/
he / she / it	preaches
	<i>BrE</i> /pri:tʃɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /pri:tʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	preached
	<i>BrE</i> /pri:tʃt/
	<i>NAmE</i> /pri:tʃt/
-ing form	preaching
	<i>BrE</i> /pri:tʃɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /pri:tʃɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **prechier**, from Latin **praedicare** 'proclaim', in ecclesiastical Latin 'preach', from **prae** 'before' + **dicare** 'declare'.

Collocations:

Religion

Being religious

believe in God/Christ/Allah/free will/predestination/heaven and hell/an afterlife/reincarnation

be/become a believer/an atheist/an agnostic/a Christian/Muslim/Hindu/Buddhist, etc.

convert to/practise/ (especially US) practice a religion/Buddhism/Catholicism/Christianity/Islam/Judaism, etc.

go to church/(NAmE) temple (= the synagogue)

go to the local church/mosque/synagogue/gurdwara

belong to a church/a religious community

join/enter the church/a convent/a monastery/a religious sect/the clergy/the priesthood

praise/worship/obey/serve/glorify God

Celebrations and ritual

attend/hold/conduct/lead a service

perform a ceremony/a rite/a ritual/a baptism/the Hajj/a mitzvah

carry out/perform a sacred/burial/funeral/fertility/purification rite

go on/make a pilgrimage

celebrate Christmas/Easter/Eid/Ramadan/Hanukkah/Passover/Diwali

observe/break the Sabbath/a fast/Ramadan

deliver/preach/hear a sermon

lead/address the congregation

say/recite a prayer/blessing

Religious texts and ideas

preach/proclaim/spread the word of God/the Gospel/the message of Islam

study/follow the dharma/the teachings of Buddha

read/study/understand/interpret scripture/the Bible/the Koran/the gospel/the Torah

be based on/derive from divine revelation

commit/consider sth heresy/sacrilege

Religious belief and experience

seek/find/gain enlightenment/wisdom

strengthen/lose your faith

keep/practise/practice/abandon the faith

save/purify/lose your soul

obey/follow/keep/break/violate a commandment/Islamic law/Jewish law

be/accept/do God's will

receive/experience divine grace

achieve/attain enlightenment/salvation/nirvana

undergo a conversion/rebirth/reincarnation

hear/answer a prayer

commit/confess/forgive a sin

do/perform penance

Example Bank:

- He preached against the evils of drink.
- He preached on the need to tackle social problems.
- She preached to a large congregation.
- a church that is alive and preaching the good news of Jesus Christ
- preaching about freedom and democracy

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preach /pri:t/ BrE " AmE " verb

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: prechier, from Late Latin praedicare, from Latin dicare 'to say publicly']

1. [intransitive and transitive] to talk about a religious subject in a public place, especially in a church during a service

preach to

" Christ began preaching to large crowds.

preach on/about

" The vicar preached a sermon about the prodigal son.

" He traveled the southern states, preaching the gospel.

2. [transitive] to talk about how good or important something is and try to persuade other people about this:

" Alexander has been preaching patience.

preach the virtues/merits/benefits of something

" a politician preaching the virtues of a free market

3. [intransitive] to give someone advice, especially about their behaviour, in a way that they think is boring or annoying

preach about

" grown-ups preaching about the evils of drugs

4. preach to the converted/choir to talk about what you think is right or important to people who already have the same opinions

as you

⇒ practise what you preach at ↑practise(5)

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