

endeavour

1. [ɪn'devə] n

(энергичная) попытка, старание, усилие
 moral endeavour- нравственное усилие
 to do one's endeavours- приложить силы
 to make every endeavour, to use one's best endeavours- приложить все старания, сделать всё возможное

2. [ɪn'devə] v

1) прилагать усилия, стараться
 to endeavour to compromise the case - пытаться кончить дело компромиссом
 to endeavour to see things as they are - стараться видеть вещи как они есть
 we must constantly endeavour if we are to succeed - если мы хотим добиться успеха, мы должны постоянно прилагать усилия
 she was endeavouring to control her disgust - она прилагала все усилия, чтобы сдерживать отвращение

2) стремиться, добиваться
 to endeavour to win - стремиться выиграть /победить/
 to endeavour at perfection - стремиться к совершенству
 to endeavour after riches - добиваться богатства
 to endeavour the extirpation of smth. - добиваться искоренения чего-л.

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en-deav-our [endeavour endeavours endeavoured endeavouring] (especially

US en-deavor) noun, verb BrE [ɪn'devə(r)] " NAmE [ɪn'devər] "

noun uncountable, countable (formal)

an attempt to do sth, especially sth new or difficult

- Please make every endeavour to arrive on time.
- advances in the field of scientific endeavour
- The manager is expected to use his or her best endeavour to promote the artist's career.
- The public bombarded the company with complaints in an endeavour to have the price increases revoked

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'exert oneself'): from the phrase put oneself in devoir 'do one's utmost'.

Example Bank:

- Enthusiasm is a vital ingredient in all human endeavour
- He has the ability to achieve success in whatever field of endeavour he should choose.
- In an endeavour to improve the service, they introduced free parking.
- Learning a foreign language well can be a lifelong endeavour
- She always encourages her children in their artistic endeavours
- We will make every endeavour to obtain sufficient supplies.
- We wish her every success in this endeavour
- You must make an endeavour to work harder.
- the government's honest endeavours to improve the lives of the poor
- There have been great advances in the field of scientific endeavour

verb ~ to do sth (formal)

to try very hard to do sth

Syn: ↑strive

- I will endeavour to do my best for my country.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	endeavour
	BrE /ɪn'devə(r)/
	NAmE /ɪn'devər/
he / she / it	endeavours
	BrE /ɪn'devəz/
	NAmE /ɪn'devərz/
past simple, past participle	endeavoured
	BrE /ɪn'devəd/
	NAmE /ɪn'devərd/
-ing form	endeavouring
	BrE /ɪn'devərɪŋ/
	NAmE /ɪn'devərɪŋ/

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- He endeavoured in vain to escape the situation.
- The buyer should always endeavour to negotiate terms.

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verb [intransitive]

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: dever 'duty' (13-17 centuries), from Old French devei]

formal to try very hard**endeavour to do something**" We always **endeavour to** please our customers.

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- **try** to take action in order to do something that you may not be able to do: I tried to explain what was wrong. | He tries hard in class, but he's finding the work difficult.
- **attempt** to try to do something, especially something difficult. **Attempt** is more formal than **try** and is used especially in written English: Any prisoner who **attempts** to escape will be shot. | He was **attempting** to climb one of the world's highest mountains.
- **do your best** to try as hard as you can to do something: We will **do our best** to help them.
- **make an effort to do something** to try to do something, when you find this difficult: It is worth **making an effort** to master these skills. | She **made a big effort** to be nice to him.
- **struggle** to try very hard to do something that is very difficult, especially for a long time: She's still **struggling** to give up smoking. | Many of these families are **struggling** to survive.
- **strive** **formal** to try very hard to achieve something: The company must constantly **strive** for greater efficiency.
- **endeavour** British English, **endeavor** American English /ɪnˈdevəʃ -ər/ **formal** to try hard to do something: Each employee shall **endeavour to** provide customers with the best service possible.
- **have a go/try** **informal** to try to do something, especially when you are not sure that you will succeed: I'm not very good at fixing taps, but I'll **have a go**. | Do you want to **have another try**?
- **see if you can do something** **spoken** to try to do something – used when offering to do something, or suggesting that someone should do something: I'll **see if I can get you a ticket**. | **See if you can persuade her to come**.

II. **endeavour**² BrE ² AmE ² British English, **endeavor** American English **noun**[uncountable and countable] **formal** an attempt to do something new or difficult**scientific/creative etc endeavour**" an outstanding example of human endeavour**endeavour to do something**" They made every endeavour to find the two boys." Despite our best endeavours we couldn't start the car.**endeavour**

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