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1. 1) **отделять, отрезать, отрывать, отрубать** *и т. п.*
 to sever smb.'s leg - отнять кому-л. ногу
 to sever smb.'s head (from his body), to sever smb.'s neck - отрубить кому-л. голову
 to sever a bough from the trunk - отделить/отпилить сук от ствола
- 2) **разъединять, разобщать, разлучать**
 to sever husband and wife [friends] - разлучать мужа с женой [друзей]
 to sever oneself from the Church - отколоться от церкви
 to sever oneself from society - порвать с обществом
 to sever oneself from a party - выйти из партии, покинуть ряды партии
- 3) **раскалывать**
 the church was severed into two sects - церковь раскололась на две секты
 a party severed into factions - партия, расколовшаяся на фракции
2. **разделять; находиться (между чем-л.)**
 the Channel severs England from /and/ France - Ла-Манш отделяет Англию от Франции
3. 1) **разрезать, перерезать, разрывать**
 to sever a rope with a knife - разрезать верёвку ножом
 the sudden jerk severed the rope - от неожиданного толчка верёвка лопнула
- 2) **разрываться, лопаться**
 the rope severed under the strain - верёвка лопнула от натяжения
4. **разрывать, порывать (отношения)**
 to sever a friendship - порвать дружбу
 to sever diplomatic relations - разорвать дипломатические отношения
 to sever one's connection with smb. - порвать (всякую) связь с кем-л.
5. *юр.* **разделять общую собственность на (отдельные) части**
6. *редк.* **отличать, отделять**
 to sever the good from the bad - отличать хорошее от плохого

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sever [sever severs severed severing] BrE ['sevə(r)][Ⓜ] NAmE ['sevəɹ][Ⓜ] verb

(formal)

1. to cut sth into two pieces; to cut sth off sth
 - ~ **sth** to sever a rope
 - a severed artery
 - ~ **sth from sth** His hand was severed from his arm.
2. ~ **sth** to completely end a relationship or all communication with sb

Syn: ↑break off

- The two countries have **severed** all diplomatic **links** .
- She has severed all contact with her family.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	sever
	BrE / 'sevə(r) /
	NAmE / 'sevə /
he / she / it	severs
	BrE / 'sevəz /
	NAmE / 'sevəz /
past simple, past participle	severed
	BrE / 'sevəd /
	NAmE / 'sevəd /
-ing form	severing
	BrE / 'sevərɪŋ /
	NAmE / 'sevərɪŋ /

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Anglo-Norman French **severer**, from Latin **separare** 'separate, divide' .

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sever /'sevə \$ -ə/ BrE[Ⓜ] AmE[Ⓜ] verb formal

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: severer, from Latin separare; ⇨ ↑separate²]

1. [**intransitive and transitive**] to cut through something completely, separating it into two parts, or to become cut in this way **SYN cut off**:
 - Martin's hand was severed in the accident.
 - a severed rope
2. [**transitive**] to end a relationship with someone, or a connection with something, especially because of a disagreement **SYN break off**
sever ties/relations/connections/links etc (with/between somebody)
 - The two countries severed diplomatic relations.
 - She had severed all contact with her ex-husband.

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In everyday English, people usually say **cut off** rather than **sever**:

- The end of his finger had been cut off.
- The children's father had cut off all contact with them.

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