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1. [gɪv] *n*
 - 1) податливость, уступчивость
 - 2) смягчение
the apparent give in the weather - заметное потепление
 2. упругость, эластичность; пружинистость
there was too much give in the rope and it slipped off the box - верёвка легко растягивалась, и поэтому она соскочила с коробки
there is no give in a stone floor - каменный пол не прогибается
the give of the floorboards - оседание пола
there is not much give in this cloth - этот материал/эта ткань/ почти совсем не тянется
 3. *тех.* зазор, игра
 4. *спец.* упругая деформация
2. [gɪv] *v* (*gave; given*)
 1. давать
to give smb. a pencil [a cup of tea] - дать кому-л. карандаш [чашку чаю]
give me a day to think the problem over - дайте мне день, чтобы продумать этот вопрос /подумать над этим вопросом/
I can give you half an hour tomorrow - я смогу уделить вам полчаса завтра
to give smb. to eat [to drink] - дать кому-л. поесть [попить]; накормить [напоить] кого-л.
can you give me a bed for the night? - не могли бы вы устроить меня переночевать?
give us liberty or give us death! - *возвыш.* свободу или смерть!
 2. 1) дарить, одаривать
to give smb. a present - сделать кому-л. подарок
to give smb. a bunch of flowers - преподнести кому-л. букет цветов
to give smth. as a keepsake - подарить что-л. на память
I don't know what to give her for her birthday - я не знаю, что подарить ей в день рождения
he gave all his books to the college - он передал все свои книги /свою библиотеку/ колледжу
 - 2) давать, даровать, жаловать
to give a grant - а) (по)жаловать какую-л. сумму; б) дать стипендию *или* пособие
to give a medal - наградить медалью
the new law gives women equal pay with men - по новому закону оплата труда женщин приравнивается к оплате труда мужчин
it was not given to him to achieve happiness - ему было не дано добиться счастья
 - 3) жертвовать
to give alms - подавать милостыню
he gave generously to charities - он щедро жертвовал на благотворительные цели
 - 4) завещать, отказать
to give smb. smth. in one's will - завещать что-л. кому-л.
 3. 1) предоставлять, отдавать
to give smb. the place of honour - предоставить кому-л. почётное место; посадить кого-л. на почётное место
 - 2) поручать, давать поручение
to give the command of a regiment to a major - поручить майору командование полком
to give parts in a play - распределять роли в пьесе
to give a porter one's bag to carry - попросить носильщика отнести чемодан
I gave him a letter to mail - я велел ему отправить/опустить/ письмо
 4. передавать, вручать
to give the note - отдать /передать/ записку
give him a letter from his mother - передайте ему письмо от матери
 5. платить, отдавать
how much /what/ did you give for the thing? - сколько вы заплатили/отдали/ за эту вещь?
I gave it to him for nothing - я отдал это ему бесплатно/даром/
to give a fair day's wage for a fair day's work - хорошо заплатить за честно отработанный день
 6. придавать
to give smb. assurance /confidence/ - придавать кому-л. уверенность
to give smb. strength - придавать кому-л. силу
to give smth. form - придавать чему-л. форму
to give smth. brilliance - придавать чему-л. блеск
its deep seclusion gives it a peculiar charm - полное уединение придаёт этому месту (*дому и т. п.*) особое очарование
to give spring to the take-off - *спорт.* сообщить толчку прыгучесть; усилить толчок
 7. давать, быть источником, производить
trees give fruit - деревья приносят плоды
this farm gives good crops - эта ферма/это хозяйство/ даёт хорошие урожаи
his reading gives him knowledge - источником его знаний служит чтение
to give rays - излучать
the lamp gave an uncertain light - лампа давала тусклый свет /тускло светила/
give me more light - прибавьте освещения
this bell gives a dull sound - у этого колокола глухой звук

that book has given me several ideas - эта книга заставила меня кое о чём подумать /пробудила во мне кое-какие мысли/

8. сообщать

to give information - сообщать сведения

to give details - рассказывать /передавать/ подробности

it was given in the newspapers - об этом сообщалось в газетах

this newspaper gives a full story of the game - эта газета напечатала полный отчёт о матче

to give evidence - давать показания

to give testimony - давать показания под присягой

to give an account of smth. - отчитаться в чём-л.

this dictionary gives many new words - в этом словаре (содержится) много новых слов

to give to the public /to the world/ - опубликовать, обнародовать

the list gave ten names - в списке было десять имён

9. описывать, изображать

to give a portrait /a character/ - дать /нарисовать/ образ

he gives the scenery of the country with much fidelity - он описывает пейзаж страны очень точно

the text is enhanced by a number of plates, all of which are given detailed descriptions - интерес к тексту возрастает благодаря репродукциям, которые сопровождаются подробными описаниями

10. (to) подставлять; протягивать

she gave her face to the bright sunrays - она подставила лицо ярким лучам солнца

to give the sails to the wind - поставить паруса по направлению ветра

he gave his hand to the visitor - он протянул руку посетителю [ср. тж. ◇]

11. 1) отступить, отпрянуть

the army no longer gave - армия прекратила отступление

2) уступать, соглашаться

to give smb. the point - согласиться с кем-л. /уступить кому-л./ в данном вопросе

I'll give you that! - а) ладно! в этом я с вами согласен!; б) это я за вами признаю!

12. 1) поддаваться, ослабевать

the lock gave under hard blows - замок поддался под сильными ударами

the frost is giving - мороз слабеет

she stopped, her knees giving - она остановилась, колени её подкосились

the colours of the old carpet have given - краски старого ковра поблели

2) быть эластичным, сгибаться, гнуться

the rod gave but did not break - стержень согнулся, но не сломался

this armchair gives comfortably - в этом кресле удобно сидеть

the passengers gave to the motion of the ship - пассажиры приспособились к качке

3) оседать, поддаваться

the floor of the summer-house gave and some of its boards broke - пол в беседке осел, и половицы кое-где проломились

the snow gave - снег осел

4) портиться, изнашиваться

the barrel gave - бочонок рассохся

my shoes began to give - мои ботинки начали снашиваться

5) *спец.* коробиться, перекашиваться

II A

1. 1) давать (имя)

to give a child a name - называть ребёнка, давать ребёнку имя

what name will you give him? - как вы его назовёте?

he was given the name of John - его назвали Джоном

the river gives its name to the province - своё название провинция получила от реки

2) присваивать (звание, титул)

to give a title - присвоить звание

2. 1) налагать (наказание); выносить (приговор)

to give punishment - наказывать; налагать взыскание

to give smb. six months' hard labour - приговорить кого-л. к шести месяцам каторжных работ

to give a life sentence - приговорить к пожизненному заключению

judgement was given against him - он был признан виновным

the doctors gave him two years (to live) - врачи считали, что ему осталось жить два года

2) отдавать, воздавать (должное)

to give smb. his due - отдавать кому-л. должное, воздавать кому-л. по заслугам

he was given a standing ovation at the end - в конце все встали и устроили ему овацию

3) давать (о возрасте, о времени)

I can give him 15 - я могу дать ему пятнадцать (лет), он выглядит на пятнадцать

how long do you give that marriage? - сколько, по-вашему, продлится этот брак?

3. 1) отдавать, посвящать (время, жизнь)

to give one's mind wholly to scientific research - полностью посвятить себя научным изысканиям

to give one's life for one's country - отдать жизнь за родину

he gave all his free time to golf - всё своё свободное время он посвящал игре в гольф /тратил на гольф, проводил за игрой в гольф/

2) уделять (внимание)

to give one's attention to smth., smb. - уделять внимание чему-л., кому-л.

she seemed to give most of her attention to the occupants of the adjoining box - казалось, (что) всё её внимание направлено на сидящих в соседней ложе

3) предоставлять (*выбор*)

4. 1) устраивать (*обед, вечер*)

to give a ball - дать бал

he gave a very good party - он устроил у себя хорошую /весёлую/ вечеринку

2) дать (*концерт, спектакль*); исполнять (*перед аудиторией*)

to give a concert [a performance] - дать концерт [спектакль]

to give a recital - выступить с сольным концертом (*об артисте*)

give us Chopin - сыграйте нам Шопена

who will give us a song? - кто споёт нам?

5. давать (*уроки*); проводить (*занятия*); прочитать (*лекцию*)

to give a lesson [a lecture] - дать урок [прочитать лекцию] [*ср. тж.* ◇]

to give instruction in Latin - преподавать латынь [*ср. тж.* 6]

6. отдавать (*распоряжение и т. п.*)

to give orders - отдавать приказы, распоряжаться

to give instructions - давать указания [*ср. тж.* 5]

7. 1) причинять (*беспокойство, неприятность*)

to give sorrow - печалить, огорчать

I'm afraid he gave you a lot of trouble - боюсь, что он доставил вам массу хлопот

it gave us much pain to listen to his words - больно было слушать его слова

2) наносить (*обиду, оскорбление*)

to give offence - нанести обиду; оскорбить

3) доставлять (*удовольствие*); давать (*удовлетворение*)

to give pleasure - доставлять удовольствие

to give smb. a treat - а) угостить кого-л.; б) доставить удовольствие кому-л.

to give satisfaction - давать удовлетворение

8. 1) показывать, давать показания (*о приборах*)

that clock gives the right time - эти часы показывают точное время

the thermometer gives 25u00B0 in the shade - термометр показывает 25u00B0 в тени

the barometer gives rain - барометр пошёл на дождь

2) давать какие-л. результаты (*об исследовании и т. п.*)

seventy-fivedivided by five gives fifteen - семьдесят пять, делённое на пять, - пятнадцать

the analysis gives the following figures - анализ даёт следующие данные

3) подавать (*пример*)

to give a good example - подать хороший пример

9. уступать (*место, позиции*)

to give place to - а) уступать место; spring gave place to summer - на смену весне пришло лето; б) уступать первенство

10. 1) провозглашать (*тост*)

I give you the King! - (я поднимаю свой бокал) за здоровье короля!

I give you joy - *возвыш.* желаю вам счастья

2) передавать (*в устной форме*)

to give regards /love/ to smb. - передавать привет кому-л.

he gives you his compliments - он передаёт вам поклон

11. соединять (*с абонентом*)

he asked central to give him the long distance operator - он попросил станцию соединить его с телефонисткоймеждугородной линии

give me Newtown 231 - соедините меня с номером двести тридцать один в Ньютауне, дайте мне Ньютаун двести тридцать один

12. выходить (*об окне, коридоре, доме и т. п.*)

the window gave into the park - окно выходило в парк

the door gives upon the landing - эта дверь выходит на площадку

no window gives (up)on the street - ни одно окно не выходит на улицу

13. высказывать (*свои соображения*); аргументировать

I can give no reason - не могу привести никаких доводов

14. приписывать (*авторство*)

a sound argument for giving the painting to Rembrandt - убедительное доказательство того, что картина принадлежит Рембрандту

15. заражать, передавать (*болезнь*)

one child can give measles to a whole class - один ребёнок может заразить корью весь класс

you've given me your cold - вы заразили меня насморком

16. передавать, вручать

to give smb. into custody [into the hands /in charge/ of the police] - отдавать кого-л. под стражу [передавать кого-л. в руки /под надзор/ полиции]

to give smth. in charge - отдать что-л. на сохранение

to give smth. into smb.'s hands - передать что-л. в чьи-л. руки

17. выдавать, отдавать замуж (*уст. тж. give in marriage*)

II Б

to be given to smth. предаваться чему-л.; отдаваться, посвящать себя чему-л.

music was her only consolation and she was given to it wholly - музыка была её единственным утешением, и она целиком отдавалась ей
to be given to luxury - любить роскошь; окружить себя роскошью

III A

в сочетании с последующим существительным выражает

1) начало действия:

to give rise to smth. - а) давать начало чему-л.; б) вызывать что-л., приводить к каким-л. результатам, в) давать повод к чему-л.

to give birth - а) родить, породить; б) дать начало

to give currency to smth. - пускать что-л. в обращение

to give effect to - вводить в действие

2) действие, соответствующее значению существительного:

to give an answer /a reply/ - отвечать

to give smb. effectual help - оказать кому-л. существенную помощь

to give a suggestion - предложить

to give permission - разрешить

to give an oath - клясться, давать присягу

to give advice - посоветовать

to give notice - а) уведомлять; предупреждать; б) предупреждать о предстоящем увольнении

to give an injection - сделать укол

to give thought to smth. - задуматься над чем-л.

to give battle /fight/ - **книжн.** дать сражение /бой/

to give a rebuff - **книжн.** давать отпор

to give smb. a good scolding - дать кому-л. нагоняй

to give smb. a thrashing /a dusting, a flopping, a flogging, a licking/ - избить /поколотить/ кого-л.

to give a broadside - дать бортовой залп

to give the alert - поднимать тревогу

3) единственный акт или кратковременное действие, соответствующее значению существительного:

to give a cry /a shout/ - вскрикнуть

to give a wail - взвыть

to give a sob - всхлипнуть

to give a jump - подпрыгнуть

to give a start of surprise - вздрогнуть от неожиданности

to give a look /a glance/ - взглянуть

to give a slap - дать пощёчину

to give a blow - ударить

to give a kick - ударить ногой

to give a push [a pull] - толкнуть [потянуть]

she gave him a push down the stairs - она столкнула его с лестницы

to give a kiss - поцеловать

to give a laugh - рассмеяться

to give a smile - улыбнуться

to give a shrug of the shoulders - пожать плечами

to give a nod (of the head) - кивнуть (головой)

to give a wave of the hand - махнуть рукой

to give a wag of the tail - вильнуть хвостом (о собаке)

he gives no signs of life - он не подаёт признаков жизни

to give smb.'s hand a squeeze - пожать кому-л. руку

to give one's hair a brush - расчесать волосы щёткой

to give a miss - а) промахнуться (в бильярде); б) избежать



to give a hand - протянуть руку (помощи)

to give one's hand - жениться; выйти замуж [*ср. тж.* I 10]

to give smb. a leg up - а) подсадить кого-л., помочь кому-л. взобраться; б) помочь кому-л. преодолеть трудности /препятствия/

to give lip service - поддерживать, одобрять **и т. п.** на словах

to give smb. good words - напутствовать кого-л. добрым словом

to give smb. to understand - дать кому-л. понять

to give points to - а) **спорт.** давать несколько очков вперёд; б) заткнуть за пояс; в) подсказать, намекнуть

to give the case for [against] smth. - высказаться за что-л. [против чего-л.]

to give fits - ругать; задать головоломку [*см. тж.* fit2 ◇]

to give a lesson /a lecture/ to smb. - прочесть кому-л. нотацию; отчитать кого-л. [*ср. тж.* II A 5]

to give it smb. hot /strong/ - задать кому-л. жару, взгреть кого-л.

to give smb. hell - а) взгреть кого-л., задать перцу /жару/ кому-л., ругать кого-л. на чём свет стоит; б) наступать; атаковать

to give smb. a piece of one's mind - высказаться напрямик; отчитать кого-л.

to give smb. what for -сыпать кому-л. по первое число, задать кому-л. перцу

to give the lie (to) - изобличать в грубой лжи

to give ground - а) отступать; б) уступать; ослаблять (**усилие**); в) обосновывать; давать основание

to give tongue - а) подавать голос (о **гончих, напавших на след**); б) говорить громко, орать; высказываться

to give a year or so either way - с возможным отклонением в год в ту или другую сторону
to give a horse his head - опустить поводья, дать лошади самой выбирать дорогу
to give line /head, rein/ - предоставлять свободу действий; не вмешиваться
to give smb. a blank cheque - предоставить кому-л. свободу действий, дать кому-л. карт-бланш
to give a good account of oneself - а) хорошо себя зарекомендовать; б) добиться хороших результатов
to give smb. the mitten /the push/ - отказать жениху; оставить кого-л. с носом
to give smb. the creeps /the jim-jams/ - нагнать страху на кого-л.; привести кого-л. в содрогание
to give the ropes - бросать на канаты (бокс)
to give smb. rope - предоставить кому-л. свободу действий (для того, чтобы погубить *u m. n.*)
to give (smb.) as good as one gets - платить (кому-л.) той же монетой, не оставаться (у кого-л.) в долгу
what gives? - что нового?; что происходит?
give or take - приблизительно примерно; \cong плюс-минус
he will be here at nine give or take five minutes - он будет здесь в девять (часов) плюс-минус пять минут
in this way I earn a hundred, give or take a tenner - таким путём я зарабатываю сотню плюс-минус десятку
give me Mozart [Rembrandt, *etc*] every time! - по-моему, никто не может сравниться с Моцартом [с Рембрандтом *u m. d.*]

II
[ɡɪv] *ycm.* = *gyve* /

give

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give [give gives gave giving given] verb, noun BrE [ɡɪv] ^m NAmE [ɡɪv] ^m
verb (gave BrE [ɡeɪv] ^m ; NAmE [ɡeɪv] ^m given BrE [ˈɡɪvŋ] ^m ; NAmE [ˈɡɪvŋ] ^m)

HAND/PROVIDE

- transitive** to hand sth to sb so that they can look at it, use it or keep it for a time
 - ~ **sth to sb** Give the letter to your mother when you've read it.
 - She gave her ticket to the woman at the check-in desk.
 - ~ **sb sth** Give your mother the letter.
 - They were all given a box to carry.
- transitive, intransitive** to hand sth to sb as a present; to allow sb to have sth as a present
 - ~ **sb sth** What are you giving your father for his birthday?
 - She was given a huge bunch of flowers.
 - Did you give the waiter a tip?
 - ~ **sth to sb** We don't usually give presents to people at work.
 - ~ **(sth)** They say it's better to give than to receive.
- transitive** to provide sb with sth
 - ~ **sb sth** They were all thirsty so I gave them a drink.
 - Give me your name and address.
 - We've been given a 2% pay increase.
 - I was hoping you would give me a job.
 - He was given a new heart in a five-hour operation.
 - She wants a job that gives her more responsibility.
 - Can I give you a ride to the station?
 - They couldn't give me any more information.
 - I'll give you (= allow you to have) ten minutes to prepare your answer.
 - Don't give me any of that backchat (= don't be rude).
 - ~ **sth to sb** He gives Italian lessons to his colleagues.
 - The reforms should give a better chance to the less able children.

MONEY

- intransitive, transitive** to pay money to a charity, etc, to help people
 - We need your help— please give generously.
 - ~ **to sth** They both gave regularly to charity.
 - ~ **sth (to sth)** I gave a small donation.
- transitive** to pay in order to have or do sth
 - ~ **sb sth (for sth)** How much will you give me for the car?
 - ~ **sth** I'd give anything to see him again.
 - ~ **sth for sth** I gave £50 for the lot.

TREAT AS IMPORTANT

- transitive** to use time, energy, etc. for sb/sth
 - ~ **sb/sth sth** I gave the matter a lot of thought.
 - ~ **sth to sb/sth** I gave a lot of thought to the matter.
 - The government has given top priority to reforming the tax system.

PUNISHMENT

- transitive** to make sb suffer a particular punishment
 - ~ **sb sth** The judge gave him a nine-month suspended sentence.
 - ~ **sth to sb** We discussed what punishment should be given to the boys.

ILLNESS

8. **transitive** to infect sb with an illness

- ~ **sb sth** You've given me your cold.
- ~ **sth to sb** She'd given the bug to all her colleagues.

PARTY/EVENT

9. **transitive** ~ **sth** if you give a party, you organize it and invite people

10. **transitive** ~ **sth** to perform sth in public

- She gave a reading from her latest volume of poetry.
- The President will be giving a press conference this afternoon.

DO/PRODUCE STH

11. **transitive** used with a noun to describe a particular action, giving the same meaning as the related verb

- ~ **sth** She gave a shrug of her shoulders (= she **shrugged**).
- He turned to us and gave a big smile (= **smiled broadly**).
- She looked up from her work and gave a yawn (= **yawned**).
- He gave a loud cry (= **cried out loudly**) and fell to the floor.
- Her work has given pleasure to (= **pleased**) millions of readers.
- ~ **sb sth** He gave her a kiss (= **kissed her**).
- I have to admit that the news gave us a shock (= **shocked us**).
- We'll give you all the help we can (= **help you in every way we can**). For other similar expressions, look up the nouns in each. For example, you will find **give your approval** at **approval**.

12. **transitive** ~ **sb sth** to produce a particular feeling in sb

- All that driving has given me a headache.
- Go for a walk. It'll give you an appetite.

TELEPHONE CALL

13. **transitive** ~ **sb sth** to make a telephone call to sb

- Give me a call tomorrow.
- (BrE) I'll give you a ring.

MARK/GRADE

14. **transitive** ~ **sb/sth sth** | ~ **sth (to sb/sth)** to judge sb/sth to be of a particular standard

- She had given the assignment an A.
- I give it ten out of ten for originality.

PREDICT HOW LONG

15. **transitive** ~ **sb/sth sth** to predict that sth will last a particular length of time

- That marriage won't last. I'll give them two years, at the outside.

IN SPORT

16. **transitive** ~ **sb/sth + adj.** to say that a player or the ball is in a particular position

- The umpire gave the ball out.

BEND

17. **intransitive** to bend or stretch under pressure

- The branch began to give under his weight.
- (figurative) We can't go on like this— **something's got to give**.

18. **intransitive** to agree to change your mind or give up some of your demands

- You're going to have to give a little.

Rem: Most idioms containing give are at the entries for the nouns and adjectives in the idioms, for example, give rise to sth is at rise n.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	give
	BrE /gɪv/
	NAmE /ɡɪv/
he / she / it	gives
	BrE /gɪvz/
	NAmE /ɡɪvz/
past simple	gave
	BrE /geɪv/
	NAmE /geɪv/
past participle	given
	BrE /'ɡɪvən/
	NAmE /'ɡɪvən/
-ing form	giving
	BrE /'ɡɪvɪŋ/
	NAmE /'ɡɪvɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English giefan, gefan, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **geven** and German **geben**.

Thesaurus:

give verb

1. T

- Give this letter to your mother.

hand • • **hand sb/sth over** • • **pass** •

Opp: take

give/hand/hand over/pass sth **to** sb

just give/hand/hand over/pass sth

give/hand/hand over/pass sth **immediately /promptly**

2. T, I

- She was given a huge bunch of flowers.

present • • **award** • • **transfer** • |**formal bestow** • • **confer** • • **accord** •

Opp: receive

give/present/award/transfer/accord sth **to** sb

bestow/confer sth **on** sb

give/present/bestow **gifts/an award**

give/present/award a **prize**

3. T

- Could you give me some information?

provide • • **supply** • • **issue** • • **lend** •

give/supply/issue/lend sth **to** sb

provide/supply/issue sb **with** sth

give/provide/supply/issue **equipment /details/information**

give/supply/lend **support/credibility/weight/credence**

Give or provide? **Provide** is often used when sth is being made available to people in general; **give** is more often used about a particular person

- The hospital aims to provide the best possible medical care.

- We want to give you the best possible care.

4. T, I

- She gave regularly to charity.

contribute • • **donate** • |**informal chip in (sth)** •

give/contribute/donate (sth) **to** sth

give/contribute/donate **cash/a sum**

give/contribute/donate/chip in **£10/\$1 000, etc.**

5. T

- I gave £50 for the lot.

pay • • **spend** •

give/pay £50 **for** sth

spend £50 **on** sth

6. T

- The judge gave him a £500 fine.

informal hand sth out • |**formal administer** • • **dispense** •

give/hand out/administer/dispense sth **to** sb

give/hand out/administer **punishment/treatment**

give/administer/dispense **medicine /drugs/medication**

give/hand out/dispense **advice**

7. T (especially spoken)

- Jack gave me his cold.

pass sth on • • **spread** • • **infect** • |**formal transmit** •

give/pass on/spread/transmit sth **to** sb

give sb/pass on/spread/infect sb with/transmit a/an **disease/infection/virus**

8. T

- The dark glasses gave him an air of mystery .

add • |**written lend** • • **impart** •

give/add/lend/impart sth **to** sth

give/add/lend/impart a/an **sense/feeling/air of sth**

give/add/lend (a) **new dimension/credibility/distinction** (to sth)

Example Bank:

- Give the letter to your mother when you've read it.
- Go for a walk. It'll give you an appetite.
- I'll give you ten minutes to prepare your answer.
- I'd give anything to see him again.
- Let me give you a word of advice.
- She gave a reading from her latest novel.
- She gave me some medicine that sent me off to sleep.
- The Chancellor will be giving a press conference later today.
- The dark glasses gave him an air of mystery .
- They couldn't give me any more information.
- They say it's better to give than to receive.
- This shampoo will give your hair a nice healthy sheen.
- We don't usually give presents to people at work.

- We want to give you the best possible care.
- We're giving a party to celebrate our silver wedding.
- We've been given a 2% pay increase.
- You've given me your cold.

Idioms: ↑I give you that ▪ ↑I give you ... ▪ ↑don't give me that ▪ ↑give and take ▪ ↑give as good as you get ▪ ↑give it up ▪ ↑give me somebody ▪ ↑give or take ▪ ↑give somebody to believe ... ▪ ↑what gives?

Derived ↑give in ▪ ↑give off something ▪ ↑give on to something ▪ ↑give out ▪ ↑give out something ▪ ↑give over ▪ ↑give somebody away ▪ ↑give somebody back something ▪ ↑give somebody up ▪ ↑give something away ▪ ↑give something back ▪ ↑give something in ▪ ↑give something out ▪ ↑give something over to something ▪ ↑give something up ▪ ↑give up ▪ ↑give up on somebody ▪ ↑give yourself over to something ▪ ↑give yourself up ▪ ↑give yourself up to something

noun uncountable

the ability of sth to bend or stretch under pressure

- The shoes may seem tight at first, but the leather has plenty of give in it.

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See also: ↑give up on somebody ▪ ↑give yourself up to something ▪ ↑hand something in

give

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I. **give**¹ **S1 W1** /gɪv/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **verb** (past tense **gave** /geɪv/, past participle **given** /ˈgɪvən/)

[Language: Old English; Origin: giefan]

1. PRESENT OR MONEY [intransitive and transitive] to let someone have something as a present, or to provide something for someone

give somebody something

- What did Bob give you for your birthday?
- Researchers were given a £10,000 grant to continue their work.
- I've got some old diaries that my grandmother gave me years ago.

give something to somebody

- a ring which was given to him by his mother
- I didn't steal it! Maria gave it to me!
- Most people are willing to give to charity.
- The situation is now desperate, so please give generously.

▶ Do not say 'give to someone something': *He gave me a card (NOT He gave to me a card).* | *They gave a prize to the best chef (NOT They gave to the best chef a prize).*

2. PUT SOMETHING IN SB'S HAND [transitive] to put something in someone's hand

give somebody something

- Give me the letter, please.

give something to somebody

- He poured some wine into a glass and gave it to her.

3. LET SOMEBODY DO SOMETHING [transitive] to allow or make it possible for someone to do something

give somebody something

- He finally gave us permission to leave.
- These meetings give everyone a chance to express their opinions.
- Students are given the freedom to choose their own topics.
- Language gives us the ability to communicate at a much higher level than any other animal.
- Women were given the vote in the early 1900s.

give somebody control/authority/responsibility etc

- She was given absolute control over all recruitment decisions.

give something to somebody

- This bill will give more power to local authorities.

4. TELL SOMEBODY SOMETHING [transitive] to tell someone information or details about something, or to tell someone what they should do:

- She gave me some information on university courses.
- My secretary will be able to give you more details.
- Let me give you some advice.

give orders/instructions

- She certainly likes giving orders.
- They were given strict instructions not to tell anyone.
- Can you give me directions to the station (=tell me how to go there)?
- He gave the following example.
- You may have to give evidence in court (=tell a court about what you have seen or know to be true).

give an account/description

- He gave a disturbing account of the murder.

5. MAKE A MOVEMENT/DO AN ACTION [transitive] to do something by making a movement with your hand, face, body etc

give a smile/laugh/grin/frown/yawn etc

- She gave a little frown.

- Joel gave me a smile as I walked in.
- He gave her a big hug.
- give a wave/movement/signal
- He gave a wave of his hand.
 - Don't move until I give the signal.
- give something a shake/rattle/tug etc
- She picked up the envelope and gave it a shake.
- 6. SPEECH/TALK/PERFORMANCE [transitive]** to make a speech, perform a piece of music etc for a group of people
- give a talk/speech/lecture
- He's giving a talk on early Roman pottery.
- give a performance/display
- They gave one of their best performances to date.
- 7. MAKE SOMEBODY HAVE A FEELING [transitive]** to make someone have a feeling
- give somebody something
- He gave us quite a shock.
 - The course has given me a lot more confidence.
 - His job did not give him much sense of fulfilment.
- give something to somebody
- Their music has given pleasure to a lot of people over the years.
- give somebody a headache/hangover
- Keep the noise down – you're giving me a headache!
- 8. MAKE SOMEBODY HAVE PROBLEMS [transitive]** to make someone have problems
- give somebody problems/trouble/difficulties
- The new software has given us quite a few problems.
- 9. MAKE SOMEBODY ILL [transitive]** to infect someone with the same illness that you have
- give somebody something
- Don't come too close – I don't want you to give me your cold!
- give something to somebody
- It's very unlikely a doctor could give HIV to a patient.
- 10. ORGANIZE A SOCIAL EVENT [transitive]** to organize a social event such as a party **SYN hold, put on:**
- We're giving a small party for dad's birthday next week.
- 11. MAKE SOMEBODY DO SOMETHING [transitive]** to tell someone to do a job or piece of work
- give somebody work/homework etc
- How much homework are you given in a week?
 - He's always giving us chores to do around the house.
- 12. MAKE SOMEBODY/SOMETHING HAVE A QUALITY [transitive]** to make someone or something have a particular quality **SYN lend**
- give somebody/something sth
- The ginger gives the dish a wonderful spicy flavour.
 - His grey hair gave him an air of distinction.
 - Its association with the movie industry has given the place a certain glamor.
- 13. PAY FOR [transitive]** to pay a particular amount of money for something:
- They say they're not willing to give any more than they've already offered.
- give somebody something for something
- They gave us £700 for our old car.
 - How much will you give me for these two games?
- 14. BEHAVE TOWARDS [transitive]** to behave towards someone in a way that shows you have a particular attitude or feeling towards them
- give somebody loyalty/obedience/respect
- The people were expected to give their leader absolute obedience and loyalty.
- 15. PUNISHMENT [transitive]** to officially say that someone must have a particular punishment
- give somebody a fine/a sentence
- If you don't pay on time, you could be given a fine of up to \$1,000.
- give somebody six months/three years etc (=in prison)
- The judge gave her two years in prison.
- 16. give (somebody) an impression/a sense/an idea** to make someone think about something in a particular way:
- I didn't want to give him the wrong idea about the job.
 - The report gives us a very accurate picture of life in the inner cities.
- 17. give something thought/attention/consideration etc (also give thought/attention/consideration etc to something)** to spend some time thinking about something carefully:
- Congress has been giving the crime bill serious consideration.
 - I'll give the matter some thought and let you know my decision next week.
- 18. give (somebody) a hand spoken** to help someone do something:
- Can you give me a hand?
- give (somebody) a hand with
- Shall I give you a hand with that bag?
- 19. give somebody a call/buzz (also give somebody a ring/bell British English) informal** to telephone someone:
- I'll give you a call about seven, okay?
- 20. give something a try/shot/whirl (also give something a go British English) informal** to try to do something, especially something you have not done before:

I'm not usually much good at this sort of game, but I'll give it a go.

21. **give somebody time/a few weeks/all day etc** to allow time for someone to do something, or for something to happen:
 - " I've asked him to give me a couple more days to finish my essay.
 - " Flexible working hours could give working parents more time to spend with their children.
22. **I give it six weeks/a month etc** *spoken* used to say that you do not think something will continue successfully for very long:
 - " I give the project six months at the most before it all falls apart.
23. **not give something a second thought/another thought** to not think or worry about something at all:
 - " The matter didn't seem important, and I hardly gave it a second thought.
24. **BE LESS STRICT** [*intransitive*] to be willing to change what you think or do according to what else happens:
 - " I think that both sides need to give a little.
25. **STATE A DECISION** [*transitive*] *British English* to state what your official decision or judgement is, for example in a game:
 - " The referee has given a penalty.
 - " The jury will be giving its verdict within the next couple of days.
26. **GIVE A MARK/SCORE** [*transitive*] to decide that someone should have a particular score or mark for something that they have done:
 - " She only gave me a B for my last essay.
 - " The judges have given him top marks for this performance.
27. **BEND/STRETCH** [*intransitive*] if a material gives, it bends or stretches when you put pressure on it:
 - " New shoes often feel tight, but the leather should give a little after a few days.
28. **BREAK/MOVE** [*intransitive*] if something gives, it breaks or moves away suddenly because of weight or pressure on it:
 - " The branch suddenly gave beneath him.
 - " I pushed against the door with all my might, but it still wouldn't give.
29. **give me something (any day/time)** *spoken* used to say that you like something much more than something else:
 - " Give me good old-fashioned rock 'n' roll any day!
30. **would give anything/a lot/your right arm etc for something** *spoken* used when you would like something very much:
 - " I'd give my right arm for a figure like that.
31. **not give a damn/shit etc** *spoken not polite* used to say that you do not care at all about something:
 - " I don't give a damn what you think.
32. **don't give me that** *spoken* used to say that you do not believe someone's excuse or explanation:
 - " Don't give me that! I know exactly where you've been!
33. **give somebody what for** *spoken* to tell someone angrily that you are annoyed with them:
 - " I'll give that boy what for when I see him!
34. **give as good as you get** to fight or argue with someone using the same amount of skill or force that they are using:
 - " I don't worry about Emma because I know she can give as good as she gets.
35. **give and take** *informal* to help other people and do things for them as well as expecting them to do things for you:
 - " You have to learn to give and take in any relationship.
36. **give or take a few minutes/a penny/a mile etc** *spoken* used to say that the amount or figure that you have just mentioned is nearly correct, but not exactly:
 - " It'll be a £1,000, give or take £50 or so.
37. **I'll give you that** *spoken* used to admit that someone is right about something:
 - " I was wrong to trust him, I'll give you that.
38. **give somebody to understand/think/believe something** *formal* to make someone think that a particular thing is true:
 - " I was given to understand that I would be offered a permanent job.
39. **give it to somebody straight** *informal* to tell someone something in a clear direct way:
 - " There's no point in beating about the bush, so I'll give it to you straight.
40. **I give you the chairman/prime minister/groom etc** *British English spoken* used at the end of a formal speech to invite people to welcome a special guest
41. **SEX** [*transitive*] *old-fashioned* if a woman gives herself to a man, she has sex with him

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THESAURUS

- **give** to let someone have something, without expecting to be paid for it: He was always giving me gifts. | They gave a free drink to all their customers.
 - **donate** to give money to an organization that helps people or protects something, or to give your blood or part of your body to save someone's life: The company donates 1 per cent of its profits to charity. | 70% of people wanted to donate their organs after death.
 - **award** to officially give money or a prize to someone: She was awarded a million dollars in damages. | Hollywood awarded him an Oscar for his performance.
 - **present** to formally or officially give something to someone by putting it in their hands, especially at a formal ceremony: They presented her with a bouquet of flowers.
 - **leave** (also **bequeath** /bɪ'kwɪəð, bɪ'kwɪəθ *formal*) to officially arrange for someone to have something that you own after your death: He left most of his property to his wife.
 - **lavish somebody with something/lavish something on somebody** *formal* to give someone a lot of something, especially praise, attention, or gifts: After his team won, the press lavished him with praise.
 - **confer** *formal* to give someone an honour, a university degree, or the right or power to do something: the powers conferred on him by Parliament | the highest honor that her country could confer on her
 - **bestow** *formal* to give someone something to show how much they are respected, for example an honour, a title, or a gift – a very formal use: He was also bestowed the title of 'Cultural Ambassador of Grenada'.
- **to give something to a group of people**
- **hand something out/give something out** to give something to each of the people in a group: The teacher handed out the test

papers. | I'm going to give out some forms for you to fill in.

- **distribute** to give things to a large number of people, especially in the streets: Anti-war protesters were distributing leaflets.
- **share** (also **share something out** *British English*) to divide something into equal parts and give a part to each person: They shared the profits among the staff.

give somebody/something away *phrasal verb*

1. to give something to someone because you do not want or need it for yourself:

" I gave most of my books away when I left college.

give somebody/something away to

" Give your old clothes away to a thrift shop.

2. to give something to someone without asking for any money, rather than selling it to them:

" We're giving away a free diary with tomorrow's newspaper.

give somebody/something away to

" We have 1,000 CDs to give away to our readers.

3. to show where someone is or what they are doing or thinking when they are trying to keep this a secret:

" Don't worry, I won't give you away.

" Sue tried to smile, but her voice gave her away.

give yourself away

" I knew that if I moved I would give myself away.

" The look on his face gave the game away (=showed something that he was trying to keep secret).

4. to tell someone something that you should keep secret:

" He gave away as little information as possible.

" I don't want to give away exactly how the system works.

" I don't want to give the game away (=give information that should be secret) by saying too much.

5. to lose in a game or competition by doing something badly or making mistakes:

" We gave away two goals in the first half.

" The Democrats are now in danger of giving the whole election away.

6. to give formal permission for a woman to marry a man as part of a traditional wedding ceremony

give something ↔ back *phrasal verb*

1. to give something to the person it belongs to or the person who gave it to you:

" This isn't your money and you must give it back.

" Of course you can have a look at it, as long as you give it back.

give something back to somebody

" I'll give the keys back to you tomorrow morning.

give somebody something ↔ back

" Her ex-husband refused to give her back any of her old photos and letters.

2. to make it possible for someone to have or do something again **SYN** restore

give somebody something ↔ back

" He underwent an expensive operation to give him back his sight.

" The company finally agreed to give the women their old jobs back.

give something back to somebody

" This legislation will give more power back to local authorities.

give in *phrasal verb*

1. to finally agree to do or accept something that you had at first opposed, especially because someone has forced or persuaded you to:

" Eventually I gave in and accepted the job on their terms.

" Bob's wife went on at him so much that eventually he gave in.

give in to

" The government refused to give in to their demands.

2. to accept that you are defeated in a game, fight, competition etc ⇒ **surrender**:

" The rebels were eventually forced to give in.

" We will carry on fighting to the end. We will never give in.

3. **give something ↔ in** *British English* to give a piece of work or something you have written to someone in authority **SYN** hand in:

" You were supposed to give this work in four days ago.

" Rose decided to give in her notice (=officially say she was going to leave her job).

give something ↔ in to

" All assignments must be given in to your teacher by Friday.

give in to something *phrasal verb*

to no longer try to stop yourself from doing something you want to do:

" Don't give in to the temptation to argue back.

" If you feel the urge for a cigarette, try not to give in to it.

give of something *phrasal verb* *formal*

if you give of yourself, your time, your money etc, you do things for other people without expecting anything in return:

" Retired people are often willing to give of their time to help with community projects.

give off something *phrasal verb*

to produce a smell, light, heat, a sound etc:

" The wood gave off a sweet, perfumed smell as it burned.

give onto something *phrasal verb*

if a window, door, or building gives onto a particular place, it leads to that place or you can see that place from it:

the garden gate that gives onto the main road

a small balcony giving onto fields

give out *phrasal verb*

1. **give something ↔ out** to give something to each person in a group **SYN hand out**:

Can you give the drinks out, please?

give something ↔ out to

Students were giving out leaflets to everyone on the street.

2. if part of your body gives out, it stops working properly or becomes much weaker:

Just as I approached the town, my legs finally gave out.

3. if a supply of something gives out, there is none left:

My money was beginning to give out and there were no jobs to be found.

After two hours her patience gave out.

4. **give out something** to produce something such as light, heat, or a signal **SYN emit**:

A gas lamp gave out a pale yellowish light.

5. **give something ↔ out** *British English formal* to announce something, especially officially:

It was given out that the government was to enter into negotiations with the rebels.

give over *phrasal verb* *British English spoken informal*

to stop doing or saying something that is annoying other people:

I wish you lot would just give over!

give over doing something

Oh, give over complaining, we're nearly there.

give something over to somebody/something *phrasal verb*

1. **be given over to something** to be used for a particular purpose:

The land surrounding the village was given over to vineyards.

The whole day was given over to cooking and preparing for the celebrations.

2. **give yourself over to something** to spend all your time doing something:

In his youth he had given himself over to pleasure.

3. to give responsibility for or control over something to a particular person, organization etc:

The running of internal affairs was given over to the Chancellor.

give up *phrasal verb*

1. **give something ↔ up** to stop doing something, especially something that you do regularly:

Darren has decided to give up football at the end of this season.

She gave up her job and started writing poetry.

give up doing something

I gave up going to the theatre when I moved out of London.

Why don't you give up smoking?

2. to stop trying to do something:

We spent half an hour looking for the keys, but eventually gave up and went home.

I give up. What's the answer?

You shouldn't give up so easily.

give up doing something

I gave up trying to persuade him to continue with his studies.

give something ↔ up

She has still not given up the search.

The ground was too hard to dig so I gave it up as a bad job (=stopped trying because success seemed unlikely).

3. **give yourself/somebody up** to allow yourself or someone else to be caught by the police or enemy soldiers:

The siege ended peacefully after the gunman gave himself up.

give yourself/somebody up to

In the end, his family gave him up to the police.

4. **give up something** to use some of your time to do a particular thing:

I don't mind giving up a couple of hours a week to deal with correspondence.

5. **give something/somebody ↔ up** to give something that is yours to someone else:

The family refused to give up any of their land.

She was put under tremendous pressure to give the baby up.

give something/somebody ↔ up to

I would always give my seat up to an elderly person on the bus.

6. **give somebody ↔ up** to end a romantic relationship with someone, even though you do not really want to:

I knew deep down that I should give him up.

7. **give somebody up for dead/lost etc** to believe that someone is dead and stop looking for them:

The ship sank and the crew were given up for dead.

8. **give it up for somebody** *spoken informal* used to ask people to ↑**applaud** someone

⇒ **give up the ghost** at ↑ghost¹(5)

give up on somebody/something *phrasal verb*

to stop hoping that someone or something will change or improve:

He'd been in a coma for six months, and doctors had almost given up on him.

At that point, I hadn't completely given up on the marriage.

give yourself up to something *phrasal verb*

to allow yourself to feel an emotion completely, without trying to control it:

He gave himself up to despair.

II. **give**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *noun* [uncountable]

the ability of a material or substance to bend or stretch when put under pressure:

The rope has quite a bit of give in it.

give

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22 **167367**²² *nn1*

5 **354939**⁶ *nnu*