

ransom

1. ['ræns(ə)m] *n*

1. **выкуп**
to hold smb. to ransom - требовать выкупа за кого-л.
a king's ransom - огромная сумма, большой куш
ransom price - баснословная цена; ≅ на вес золота
2. **уст.** пеня; денежный штраф (*вместо телесного наказания*)
3. **рел.** искупление
Order of Our Lady of Ransom - **уст.** орден богородицы-искупительницы

2. ['ræns(ə)m] *v*

1. **выкупать, платить выкуп**
his wife ransomed him at a heavy price - жена выкупила его, уплатив огромную сумму
2. 1) требовать выкупа (*от кого-л.*)
2) освобождать за выкуп
3. **рел.** искупать

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

ran-som [ransom ransoms ransomed ransoming] **noun, verb** BrE ['rænsəm] ¹
NAme ['rænsəm] ¹

noun countable, uncountable

money that is paid to sb so that they will set free a person who is being kept as a prisoner by them

- The kidnappers demanded a ransom of £50 000 from his family.
- a **ransom demand / note**
- ransom money
- They are refusing to pay ransom for her release.

more at a king's ransom **at** ↑king

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **ransoun** (noun), **ransouner** (verb), from Latin **redemptio(n)- 'ransoming, releasing'**, from **redimere 'buy back'**, from **re- 'back'** + **emere 'buy'**. Early use also occurred in theological contexts expressing 'deliverance' and 'atonement'.

Example Bank:

- The company refused to be held to ransom by the union.
- They stole cattle for ransom.

Idiom: ↑hold somebody to ransom

verb ~ sb

to pay money to sb so that they will set free the person that they are keeping as a prisoner

- The kidnapped children were all ransomed and returned home unharmed.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	ransom
	BrE / 'rænsəm/
	NAme / 'rænsəm/
he / she / it	ransoms
	BrE / 'rænsəmz/
	NAme / 'rænsəmz/
past simple, past participle	ransomed
	BrE / 'rænsəmd/
	NAme / 'rænsəmd/
-ing form	ransoming
	BrE / 'rænsəməŋ/
	NAme / 'rænsəməŋ/

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Example Bank:

- The hostages were ransomed and returned home unharmed.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: rançon, from Latin redemptio; ⇒ ↑redemption]

1. an amount of money that is paid to free someone who is held as a prisoner:

- The kidnappers were demanding a ransom of \$250,000.
- The government refused to pay the ransom.

ransom demand/note

" There has still been no ransom demand.

" He's got the ransom money.

2. **hold somebody for ransom** (also **hold somebody to ransom** *British English*) to keep someone prisoner until money is paid:

" His daughter was kidnapped and held for ransom.

3. **hold somebody to ransom** *British English* to put someone in a situation where they have no choice and are forced to agree to your demands:

" He has accused the nurses of holding the government to ransom by threatening to strike.

II. **ransom**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb* [transitive]

to pay an amount of money so that someone who is being held as a prisoner is set free:

" They were all ransomed and returned unharmed.

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