

thaw [θɔ:] *n* **обыкн. sing**

- 1) оттепель; таяние
a thaw has set in - началась оттепель
- 2) потепление(в *отношениях*); сердечность
- 3) оттепель, послабление, либерализация(*мж.* political thaw)
◇ silver thaw - гололёд

2. [θɔ:] v

1. (*мж.* thaw out)
1) таять; оттаивать
the ice has thawed - лёд растаял
- 2) освобождаться от льда *или* снега в результате таяния
the sidewalk thawed yesterday - вчера (потеплело)и снег с тротуара сошёл
the pond thaws (out) in April - пруд освобождается ото льда в апреле
- 3) размораживаться
frozen peas thaw quickly - (замороженный) зелёный горошек быстро размораживается
- 4) смягчаться, оттаивать; становиться сердечней, дружелюбней
he has thawed a bit after a glass of wine - после стакана вина он стал немного непринуждённее

2. (мж. thaw out)

- 1) топить, растапливать, превращать в жидкость
to thaw (out) ice - растопить лёд
- 2) размораживать
to thaw a frozen chicken - размораживать (замороженного) цыплёнка
- 3) делать сердечным, непринуждённым; смягчать
3. согреваться (*о человеке*)
I am gradually thawing - я постепенно согреваюсь
4. теплеть
it is thawing - тает

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thaw [thaw thaws thawed thawing] **verb, noun** *BrE* [θɔ:] ⁴ *NAmE* [θɔ:] ⁴

verb

1. **intransitive** ~ **(out)** (*of ice and snow*) to turn back into water after being frozen
Syn: ↑melt
• The country was slowly thawing out after the long cold winter.
Opp: ↑freeze
2. **intransitive** when it thaws or is thawing, the weather becomes warm enough to melt snow and ice
• It's starting to thaw.
3. **intransitive, transitive** ~ **(sth) (out)** to become, or to let frozen food become, soft or liquid ready for cooking
compare ↑defrost, ↑de-ice, ↑unfreeze
• Leave the meat to thaw completely before cooking.
4. **intransitive, transitive** ~ **(sth) (out)** to become, or make sth become, a normal temperature after being very cold
• I could feel my ears and toes start to thaw out.
5. **intransitive** ~ **(out)** to become more friendly and less formal
• Relations between the two countries thawed a little after the talks.
• The atmosphere slowly began to thaw.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	thaw
	BrE /θɔ:/
	NAmE /θɔ:/
he / she /it	thaws
	BrE /θɔ:z/
	NAmE /θɔ:z/
past simple, past participle	thawed
	BrE /θɔ:d/
	NAmE /θɔ:d/
-ing form	thawing
	BrE /θɔ:ɪŋ/
	NAmE /θɔ:ɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English thawian (verb), of West Germanic origin; related to Dutch **dooien**. The noun (first recorded in Middle English) developed its figurative use in the mid 19th cent.

Example Bank:

- Has the meat thawed out yet?
- Make sure the meat has thawed completely before cooking.
- The old nun was as imperious as ever, but visibly thawed when she saw the children.
- I'll take a quiche out of the freezer and thaw it out in the microwave.

- If a pipe has frozen, it can be thawed out with a hairdryer.
- If frozen food has thawed out it should never be refrozen.
- It's starting to thaw.
- The snow started to thaw as the temperature kept up.

noun

1. **countable, usually singular** a period of warmer weather following one of cold weather, causing snow and ice to melt
 - The river doubles in size during the spring thaw.
2. **singular ~ (in sth)** a situation in which the relations between two enemy countries become more friendly
 - a thaw in relations with China

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Example Bank:

- The plants will be ready for use when the spring thaw arrives.
- The river often floods during the thaw.

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I. **thaw**¹ /θɔː/\$θɒ/ BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ verb

[Language: Old English; Origin: *thawian*]

1. **[intransitive and transitive] (also thaw out)** if ice or snow thaws, or if the sun thaws it, it turns into water **OPP freeze** :
The lake thawed in March.
2. **it thaws** if it thaws, the weather becomes warmer, so that ice and snow melt:
It thawed overnight.
3. **[intransitive and transitive] (also thaw out)** to let frozen food become warmer until it is ready to cook **OPP freeze** :
Thaw frozen meat in its packet and then cook as soon as possible.
4. **[intransitive]** to become friendlier and less formal:
After a few glasses of wine Robert began to thaw a little.

thaw out phrasal verb

if your body thaws out, or if you thaw it out, it gets warmer until it is a normal temperature again

thaw something ↔out

He held his hands in front of the fire to thaw them out.

II. **thaw**² BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ noun

1. **[singular]** a period of warm weather during which snow and ice melt:
The thaw begins in March.
2. **[countable]** an improvement in relations between two countries, after a period of unfriendliness

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