

**lest**[lest] *cj*1. *вводит придаточные предложения цели чтобы ... не*

lest we forget - чтобы мы не забыли; ≅ вечная память

he ran away lest he should be seen - он убежал, чтобы его не увидели

2. *книжн. вводит дополнительные придаточные предложения как бы ... не, что*

we were afraid lest he should get here too late - мы боялись, что он опоздает /как бы он не опоздал/

there was danger lest the plan become known - опасались, что план станет известен

I obeyed her lest she should be angry - я повинился, чтобы не рассердить её

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**lest** *BrE* [lest] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [lest] <sup>ˈ</sup> *conjunction* (formal or literary)

## 1. in order to prevent sth from happening

• He gripped his brother's arm lest he be trampled by the mob.

• Lest anyone should doubt my story, I have brought documents to attest to its truth.

## 2. used to introduce the reason for the particular emotion mentioned

**Syn:** †in case

• She was afraid lest she had revealed too much.

Word Origin:[lest] Old English *thy* *læs* the 'whereby less that', later the *læste*.**lest**

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## 1. in order to make sure that something will not happen:

" She turned away from the window lest anyone see them.

## 2. used to show that someone is afraid or worried that a particular thing might happen

*worried/concerned/anxious etc lest ...*

" He paused, afraid lest he say too much.

" She worried lest he should tell someone what had happened.

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