

left

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1. [left] *n*
 1. левая сторона
to keep to the left - держаться левой стороны
to turn to the left - повернуть налево
to sit on smb.'s left - сидеть слева от кого-л.
the river is on your left - река слева от вас
the shop is to the left of the house - магазин (расположен) по левую сторону дома
 2. *воен.* левый фланг
 3. (the Left) *собир. полит.* левые
 4. удар левой рукой, левая рука (*бокс*)
he got in one with his left - он нанёс удар левой (рукой)
 5. левая перчатка, левый ботинок *и т. п.*
◇ over the left - как раз наоборот

2. [left] *a*
 1. левый
left hand [side, glove] - левая рука [сторона, перчатка]
left bank - левый берег
left wing - а) левое крыло, б) *воен.* левый фланг
left turn - *дор.* левый поворот
left back [forward, half] - *спорт.* левый защитник [нападающий, полузащитник]
(to be) left of smth. - (быть расположенным) слева от чего-л.
on the left hand of - слева от
 2. (*часто Left*) *полит.* левый
left deviation - левый уклон
Left side /wing/ - левое крыло
◇ to marry with the left hand - заключить морганатический брак
left shoulder arms! - на плечо! (*команда*)
3. [left] *adv*
налево; слева
to turn left - повернуться налево
left turn!, *амер.* left face! - *воен.* налево!
left about face! - *воен.* через левое плечо кругом!

II

[left] *past u p. p. om leave*¹ II

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▪ **left** [left **lefts**] *adjective, adverb, noun* *BrE* [left]^ˈ *NAmE* [left]^ˈ
see also ↑leave_{v.}

adjective only before noun
on the side of your body which is towards the west when you are facing north

- Fewer people write with their left hand than with their right.
- I broke my left leg.
- the left side of the field
- The university is on the left bank of the river.
- Take a left turn at the intersection.
- (*sport*) a left back/wing
- a left hook

Opp: ↑right
more at right and left **at** ↑right_{adv.}

Word Origin:

Old English lyft, left 'weak' (the left-hand side being regarded as the weaker side of the body), of West Germanic origin.

Idioms: ↑have two left feet ▪ ↑left, right and centre

noun

1. **the/sb's left** *singular* the left side or direction
 - She was sitting **on my left** .
 - Twist your body to the left, then to the right.
 - Take the next road **on the left** .
 - **To the left of** the library is the bank.
2. *singular* **the first, second, etc. left** the first, second, etc. road on the left side
 - Take the first left.
3. **a left** *singular* a turn to the left: (*BrE*) to **take a left**
 - (*NAmE*) to **hang/make a left**
4. **the left, the Left** *singular + singular or plural verb* political groups who support the ideas and beliefs of ↑socialism
 - The Left only has/have a small chance of winning power.
 - a left-leaning newspaper

5. **the left** singular + singular or plural verb the part of a political party whose members are most in favour of social change

- She is on the far left of the party.

6. **countable** (in boxing) a blow that is made with your left hand

- He hit him with two sharp lefts.

Opp: ↑right

Word Origin:

Old English *lyft*, left 'weak' (the left-hand side being regarded as the weaker side of the body), of West Germanic origin.

Example Bank:

- As you go in the door, you'll see it on your left.
- He is somewhat to the left of the previous leader.
- He looked to the left and then crossed.
- If you turn to your left you will see the parliament building.
- In recent years the country has been ruled only by governments of the left.
- My dad's in the front row, on the extreme left of the picture.
- My office is just to the left of the main door.
- The bank is on the left, just after the post office.
- The car came from the left.
- The car park is on the left of the library.
- The party has moved further to the left.
- They're both on the extreme left of the party.

See also: ↑right, left and centre

• II. **left** adverb

- Turn left at the intersection.
- Look left and right before you cross the road.

Main entry: ↑left_{derived}

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I. **left**¹ **S1 W1** /left/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective* [only before noun]

[Language: Old English; Origin: 'weak']

1. your left side is the side of your body that contains your heart **OPP right:**

- She held out her left hand.
- a scar on the left side of his face

2. on the same side of something as your left side **OPP right:**

- Take the next left turn.
- the left bank of the river
- a pile of papers on the left side of the desk

3. **have two left feet** *informal* to move in an awkward way when you are running or doing a sport:

- a tall, clumsy-looking boy with two left feet

4. **the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing** used to say that one part of a group or organization does not know what the other parts are doing

II. **left**² **S3 W3** *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adverb*

towards the direction or side that is on the left **OPP right:**

- Turn left just after the school.

III. **left**³ **S3 W3** *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

1. **the left/sb's left** the side of your body that contains your heart **OPP right**

on/to the left (of something)

- Take the next road on the left.
- Our house is just to the left of the school.

on/to sb's left

- On your left you can see the Houses of Parliament.

2. **(from) left to right** from the left side to the right side of something:

- The photo shows, from left to right, his daughters Molly, Fiona, and Anne.

3. **the left/the Left** political parties and groups that support the ideas and beliefs of ↑socialism. They usually want large industries to be owned by the state, and to use taxes to help solve social problems **OPP right:**

- He has support from the Left.
- politicians on the left of the party
- The party is moving further to the left.

4. **[countable]** a hit made with your left hand **OPP right**

5. **take a left** (also **hang a left** *American English*) to turn left:

- Take the next left (=turn left at the next road).

IV. **left**⁴ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ

the past tense and past participle of ↑leave¹

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