

**operate**['ɒpəreɪt] **v**

1. действовать, работать  
to operate under a theory - действовать на основании какой-л. теории  
this machinery operates day and night - это оборудование работает непрерывно  
his mind always operated slowly - он всегда медленно соображал
2. 1) оказывать влияние, воздействовать; производить действие  
different drugs operate on different bodily organs - различные лекарства оказывают воздействие на различные органы  
several causes operated to bring on the war - война была вызвана несколькими причинами  
this law operates to our advantage - этот закон действует в нашу пользу  
2) вызывать, приводить к чему-л.  
this will operate changes in our way of thought - это скажется на нашем образе мыслей
3. оперировать, делать операции  
to operate on smb. - оперировать кого-л.  
to operate for smth. - оперировать по поводу чего-л.  
to operate on the brain - делать операцию на мозге  
to operate on /for/ appendicitis - оперировать по поводу аппендицита  
he must be operated on at once - его надо немедленно оперировать
4. производить операции (*стратегические, финансовые*)  
to operate from /out of/ - **воен.** базироваться на  
the army operated over a wide area - армия действовала на большой территории  
this corporation operates in several countries - эта корпорация имеет филиалы в нескольких странах
5. 1) приводить в движение, в действие; заставлять работать  
this engine operates by electricity - этот мотор работает на электричестве  
2) управлять  
to operate a machine - управлять станком  
can you operate a car? - вы умеете водить машину?
6. управлять, заведовать  
to operate a factory - управлять фабрикой
7. разрабатывать эксплуатировать

**operate****op·er·ate** [operate operates operated operating] **BrE** ['ɒpəreɪt] <sup>st</sup> **NAmE**['ɑːpəreɪt] **t** **verb**

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**MACHINE**

1. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to work in a particular way  
**Syn:** †function  
• Most domestic freezers operate at below -18 °C.  
• Solar panels can only operate in sunlight.  
• (figurative) Some people can only operate well under pressure.
2. **transitive ~ sth** to use or control a machine or make it work  
• What skills are needed to operate this machinery?

**SYSTEM/PROCESS/SERVICE**

3. **intransitive, transitive** to be used or working; to use sth or make it work  
• A new late-night service is now operating.  
• The regulation operates in favour of married couples.  
• ~ **sth** The airline operates flights to 25 countries.  
• France operates a system of subsidized loans to dairy farmers.

**OF BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION**

4. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to work in a particular way or from a particular place  
• They plan to operate from a new office in Edinburgh.  
• Illegal drinking clubs continue to operate in the city.

**MEDICAL**

5. **intransitive** to cut open sb's body in order to remove a part that has a disease or to repair a part that is damaged  
• The doctors operated last night.  
• ~ **(on sb) (for sth)** We will have to operate on his eyes.  
• to operate for suspected acute appendicitis

**OF SOLDIERS**

6. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** to be involved in military activities in a place  
• Troops are operating from bases in the north.

## Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	operate
	BrE / 'ɒperət/
	NAme / 'ɑ:pəreɪt/
he / she / it	operates
	BrE / 'ɒperəts/
	NAme / 'ɑ:pəreɪts/
past simple, past participle	operated
	BrE / 'ɒperətɪd/
	NAme / 'ɑ:pəreɪtɪd/
-ing form	operating
	BrE / 'ɒperətɪŋ/
	NAme / 'ɑ:pəreɪtɪŋ/

## Word Origin:

early 17th cent.: from Latin **operat-** 'done by labour', from the verb **operari**, from **opus**, **oper-** 'work'.

## Thesaurus:

### operate verb

#### 1. I (usually used with an adverb or preposition)

- Most domestic freezers operate at below -18°C.

#### run • |especially spoken work • • go • |formal function •

operate/run/work/function **efficiently/satisfactorily/smoothly/successfully/normally**

operate/work/function **effectively/properly/correctly**

operate/run **continuously**

**Operate or function? Function** is used more to talk about whether sth works or how well or badly it works; **operate** is used more to talk about the conditions required for sth to work

- We now have a functioning shower.
- Solar panels can only operate in sunlight.

#### 2. T

- They were trained to operate the machinery safely.

#### run • • control • |especially spoken work • |formal manipulate •

operate/run/control/work a **machine**

operate/run/control a/an **engine/motor**

operate/run **machinery**

operate/manipulate the **controls/levers**

**Operate, run or control?** A person **operates** or **runs** a machine; machines are often **controlled** by the controls, such as a **computer**, **knob** or **lever**.

#### 3. T

- The airline operates flights to 25 countries.

#### run • • organize • |written mount • • orchestrate •

operate/run/organize/mount/orchestrate a **campaign**

operate/run/organize sth **efficiently/effectively/well**

## Example Bank:

- Local authorities operate within a wider political system.
- The airline currently operates 115 routes to 39 airports in 13 countries.
- The doors can be manually operated in the event of fire.
- The equipment was not operating properly.
- The government does not operate according to fixed rules.
- The hospital was operating normally.
- The industry operates under rigid guidelines.
- The laboratory is still owned by the government but is now commercially operated.
- The machine can operate for 15 hours continuously at full power.
- The machinery is easy to operate.
- We operate as an advisory service for schools.
- We will have to operate on her eyes.
- systems designed to operate at the highest speeds
- Most domestic freezers operate at below -18 °C.
- The animals can be trained to operate levers and push buttons in response to flashing lights.

## operate

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[Word Family: noun: ↑operation, ↑cooperation, ↑operative, ↑cooperative, ↑operator; adjective: ↑operational, ↑operative, ↑cooperative ≠ ↑uncooperative; verb: ↑operate, ↑cooperate; adverb: ↑operationally, ↑cooperatively]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of operari 'to work', from opus; ⇒ ↑opus]

### 1. MACHINE

#### a) [transitive] to use and control a machine or equipment:

- The Lewis family operated a number of boats on the canal.
- Clive was experienced in operating the computers.

b) [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] if a machine operates in a particular way, it works in that way

operate in/at

- Check that the equipment is operating in a safe manner.
- The bus is designed to operate in all weather conditions.
- Most freezers operate at below  $-18^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

## 2. BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION

a) [intransitive] if a business or organization operates in a particular place or way, it works in that place or way

operate in/within/from

- a design company operating from offices in Seattle
- A playgroup operates on the campus.
- They were trying to reduce operating costs.

b) [transitive] to control a business or organization:

- Nuns are operating an emergency hospital.

3. SYSTEM/PROCESS/SERVICE [intransitive and transitive] if a system, process, or service operates, or if you operate it, it works:

- The whole tax system is now operating more efficiently.
- The new law doesn't operate in our favour.
- The car parks operate a pay-as-you-leave system.
- The bus company operates a Monday to Saturday service.

4. MEDICAL [intransitive] to cut into someone's body in order to repair or remove a part that is damaged:

- Doctors had to operate to remove the bullet.

operate on

- the surgeon who operated on Taylor's knee

▶ A doctor does not 'operate' a part of a person's body. He or she **operates on** it: *They need to operate on her stomach (NOT operate her stomach).*

5. WORK [intransitive] to do your job or try to achieve things in a particular way:

- Most people just can't operate in noisy crowded conditions.
- Older children often like to operate independently.

6. SOLDIERS/POLICE [intransitive] if soldiers or police officers are operating in an area, they are working in that area

operate in

- Security patrols now operate in some of the most dangerous parts of the city.
- enemy submarines operating in the Mediterranean

7. operate as something to have a particular purpose:

- The foam operates as a very effective filter.
- The car's service manual is designed to operate as a guide for owners.

8. LAWS/PRINCIPLES [intransitive] to have an effect on something:

- the laws of evolution operating on each species

## operate

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