

refuse

1. [ˈrefju:s] *n*
 - 1) отбросы, мусор
refuse consumer /destructor, eater/ - машина для уничтожения мусора
 - 2) подонки
the refuse of society - подонки общества
 2. 1) остатки, отходы
 - 2) *текст.* угар, очёски
 - 3) брак
 3. = refuse hear
2. [ˈrefju:s] *a*
негодный
refuse wood - *слец.* неделовые остатки древесины
3. [rɪˈfju:z] *v*
 1. 1) отказывать, отвергать
to refuse a gift - отклонить подарок
to refuse an office - отказаться от назначения
he was refused a hearing - его отказались выслушать
he has never been refused - ему никогда ни в чём не отказывали
he will propose and she won't refuse him - он сделает ей предложение, и она его не отвергнет
we were refused admittance - нас не пустили
 - 2) отказаться
to refuse obedience - не желать повиноваться
he refused to listen - он не хотел и слушать
the motor refused to start - мотор никак не хотел заводиться
 2. заартачиться (о лошади перед препятствием)
 3. *воен.* избегать боя (*тж.* to refuse combat)

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refuse 1 [refuse refuses refused refusing] *BrE* [rɪˈfju:z] *NAme* [rɪˈfju:z]

- verb**
1. **intransitive, transitive** to say that you will not do sth that sb has asked you to do
 - Go on, ask her; she can hardly refuse.
 - ~ **to do sth** He **flatly refused** to discuss the matter.
 - She refused to accept that there was a problem.
 2. **transitive** ~ **sth** to say that you do not want sth that has been offered to you
Syn: turn down
 - I politely refused their invitation.
 - The job offer was simply too good to refuse.
 3. **transitive** to say that you will not allow sth; to say that you will not give or allow sb sth that they want or need
Syn: deny
 - ~ **sth** The bank refused his demand for a full refund.
 - The authorities refused permission for the new housing development
 - He refused our request for an interview.
 - The judge refused her application for bail.
 - ~ **sb sth** They refused him a visa.
 - She would never refuse her kids anything.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	refuse
	<i>BrE</i> /rɪˈfju:z/
	<i>NAme</i> /rɪˈfju:z/
he / she / it	refuses
	<i>BrE</i> /rɪˈfju:zɪz/
	<i>NAme</i> /rɪˈfju:zɪz/
past simple, past participle	refused
	<i>BrE</i> /rɪˈfju:zɪd/
	<i>NAme</i> /rɪˈfju:zɪd/
-ing form	refusing
	<i>BrE</i> /rɪˈfju:zɪŋ/
	<i>NAme</i> /rɪˈfju:zɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English Old French **refuser** Latin **recusare** 'to refuse' **refutare** 'refute'

Thesaurus:

- refuse** *verb*, T
- The government has refused all demands for a public inquiry.
 - reject** • • **turn sb/sth down** • • **veto** • • **throw sth out** • |**formal decline** • • **deny** • • **disallow** • |**formal, often disapproving rebuff** •
 - Opp:** agree, **Opp:** accept

refuse/reject/turn down/veto/throw out/decline a **proposal**
 refuse/reject/turn down/decline/rebuff a/an **offer/request**
 refuse/reject/turn down/decline a/an **chance/opportunity/invitation**
 refuse/deny sb **access** to sth

Example Bank:

- Gerard refused point-blank to co-operate.
- He didn't dare to refuse.
- She offered them cups of tea and it seemed churlish to refuse.
- The Court has repeatedly refused to bend on this point.
- The demand for an apology was pointedly refused.
- They made me an offer I couldn't refuse.
- Workers should be entitled to refuse to work under these conditions.
- Go on, ask her. She can hardly refuse.
- The government has refused all demands for a public enquiry.
- The judge refused an application for bail.
- Two patients refused treatment.
- We invited her to the wedding but she refused.

■ **II. re-fuse** 2 [refuse refuses refused refusing] *BrE* ['refju:z] *NAmE* ['refju:z] **noun uncountable** (formal)

waste material that has been thrown away

Syn: ↑rubbish

- **domestic/household refuse**
- the city refuse dump
- **refuse collection/disposal**

Word Origin:

late Middle English Old French **refusé** 'refused' **refuser** Latin **recusare** 'to refuse' **refutare** 'refute'

British/American:

rubbish / garbage / trash / refuse

Rubbish is the usual word in *BrE* for the things that you throw away because you no longer want or need them. **Garbage** and **trash** are both used in *NAmE*. Inside the home, **garbage** tends to mean waste food and other wet material, while **trash** is paper, cardboard and dry material.

In *BrE*, you put your **rubbish** in a **dustbin** in the street to be collected by the **dustmen**. In *NAmE*, your **garbage** and **trash** goes in a **garbage/trash can** in the street and is collected by **garbage men/collectors**.

Refuse is a formal word and is used in both *BrE* and *NAmE*. **Refuse collector** is the formal word for a dustman or garbage collector.

Example Bank:

- People dump their refuse in the surrounding woods instead of taking it to the tip.
- People just dump their refuse in the street.
- Refuse is collected on Fridays.
- What day do they collect the refuse?
- Domestic refuse can be burnt to produce electricity.
- The local council is responsible for basic services such as refuse collection.

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I. **re-fuse**¹ **S2 W1** /rɪ'fju:z/ *BrE* *AmE* **verb**

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: refuser, from Latin refundere 'to pour back']

1. **[intransitive]** to say firmly that you will not do something that someone has asked you to do:

" She asked him to leave, but he refused.

refuse to do something

" I absolutely refuse to take part in anything illegal.

flatly refuse/refuse point-blank (to do something) (=refuse immediately and directly without giving a reason)

" Mom flatly refused to go back into the hospital.

" When he offered all that money, I could hardly refuse (=could not refuse), could I?

2. **[intransitive and transitive]** to say no to something that you have been offered **SYN turn down**:

" She refused a second piece of cake.

" The offer seemed too good to refuse.

3. **[transitive]** to not give or allow someone something that they want, especially when they have asked for it officially

refuse somebody something

" She was refused a work permit.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **adverbs**

- **stubbornly refuse** He stubbornly refused to pay the fine.
- **adamantly refuse** *formal* (=in a determined way) They are still adamantly refusing to release the data to the general public.
- **steadfastly refuse** (=refuse, and continue to refuse) She steadfastly refused to marry him.

- **consistently refuse** Politicians have consistently refused to listen to us.
- **flatly refuse** (=in a firm and definite way) He flatly refused to tell me anything.
- **simply refuse** (=used for emphasis) Some children simply refuse to do what they're told.
- **refuse point-blank** (=directly and without explanation) I refused point-blank to let him in.

phrases

- **somebody can hardly refuse** (=it would be unreasonable or very difficult to refuse) Going out was the last thing I wanted to do, but I could hardly refuse.

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- **refuse** to say firmly that you will not do something that someone has asked you to do: I asked the bank for a loan, but they refused. | When they refused to leave, we had to call the police.
- **say no** *spoken* to say that you will not do something when someone asks you: They asked me so nicely that I couldn't really say no.
- **turn somebody/something down** to refuse to accept an offer or invitation, or a formal request: They offered me the job but I turned it down. | The board turned down a request for \$25,000 to sponsor an art exhibition. | I've already been turned down by three colleges.
- **reject** to refuse to accept an idea, offer, suggestion, or plan: They rejected the idea because it would cost too much money. | The Senate rejected a proposal to limit the program to two years.
- **decline** *formal* to politely refuse to accept an offer or invitation, or refuse to do something: She has declined all offers of help. | A palace spokesman declined to comment on the rumours.
- **deny** to refuse to allow someone to do something or enter somewhere: They were denied permission to publish the book. | He was denied access to the US.
- **veto** to officially refuse to allow a law or plan, or to refuse to accept someone's suggestion: Congress vetoed the bill. | The suggestion was quickly vetoed by the other members of the team.
- **disallow** to officially refuse to accept something because someone has broken the rules, or not done it in the correct way: The goal was disallowed by the referee. | The court decided to disallow his evidence.
- **rebuff** *formal* to refuse to accept someone's offer, request, or suggestion: The company raised its offer to \$6 billion, but was rebuffed. | He was politely rebuffed when he suggested holding the show in Dublin.
- **give somebody/something the thumbs down** *informal* to refuse to allow or accept a plan or suggestion: The plan was given the thumbs down by the local authority. | They gave us the thumbs down.

II. refuse² /'refjuːz BrE " AmE " noun [uncountable] formal

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: refus, from refuser, ⇨ ↑refuse¹]

waste material that has been thrown away **SYN** rubbish *British English*, trash, garbage *American English*:

▪ a refuse dump

household/domestic refuse

▪ refuse collection

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- **rubbish** *especially British English* things that people throw away, such as old food, dirty paper etc: People are being encouraged to recycle their household rubbish. | the rubbish bin
- **garbage/trash** *American English* rubbish: The garbage is collected every Tuesday. | There were piles of trash in the backyard. | a black plastic garbage bag
- **refuse** *formal* rubbish: The strike has disrupted refuse collection. | It's a site which is used for domestic refuse.
- **litter** empty bottles, pieces of paper etc that people have dropped on the ground: Parents should teach children not to drop litter. | There was a lot of litter on the beach.
- **waste** rubbish, or materials that need to be dealt with after they have been used in industrial processes: nuclear waste | toxic waste | household waste | The company was fined for dumping toxic waste in the sea.

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refusal 3598

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refusing 4108

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