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guarantee verb

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1 to promise to do something; to promise something will happen

◆ **guarantee something**

Basic human rights, including freedom of speech, are now guaranteed.

◆ **guarantee (that)...**

We cannot guarantee (that) our flights will never be delayed.

◆ **guarantee somebody something**

The ticket will guarantee you free entry.

◆ **guarantee to do something**

We guarantee to deliver your goods within a week.

2

guarantee something (against something)

to give a written promise to replace or repair a product free if it goes wrong

◆ *This iron is guaranteed for a year against faulty workmanship.*

3

to make something certain to happen

◆ **guarantee something**

Tonight's victory guarantees the team's place in the final.

◆ **guarantee somebody something**

These days getting a degree doesn't guarantee you a job.

4

guarantee (that)...

to be certain that something will happen

◆ *You can guarantee (that) the children will start being naughty as soon as they have to go to bed.*

5

to agree to be legally responsible for something or for doing something, especially for paying back money that somebody else owes if they cannot pay it back themselves

◆ **guarantee something**

to guarantee a bank loan

◆ **guarantee to do something**

to guarantee to pay somebody's debts

◆ **guarantee that...**

I guarantee that he will appear in court.

IDIOMS

be guaranteed to do something

to be certain to have a particular result

- ◆ *If we try to keep it a secret, she's guaranteed to find out.*
- ◆ *That kind of behaviour is guaranteed to make him angry.*



Usage note: certain

bound sure definite guaranteed

- These are all words describing something that will definitely happen or is definitely true.
- **certain** that you can rely on to happen or be true: *It's certain that they will agree.* ◇ *They are certain to agree.*
- **bound** [not before noun] certain to happen, or to do or be something. **Bound** is only used in the phrase *bound to do/be, etc.*: *There are bound to be changes when the new system is introduced.* ◇ *You've done so much work—you're bound to pass the exam.*
- **sure** certain to happen or be true; that can be trusted or relied on: *She's sure to be picked for the team.* ◇ *It's sure to rain.*
- **definite** (rather informal) certain to happen; that is not going to change: *Is it definite that he's leaving?*
- **guaranteed** certain to have a particular result: *That kind of behaviour is guaranteed to make him angry.*
- certain/sure **of** something
- certain/bound/sure/guaranteed **to do something**
- certain/definite **that...**
- I **couldn't say for** certain/sure/definite.



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