



Meaning of **receive** in English



receive

verb [T]

UK /rɪ'si:v/ US /rɪ'si:v/

receive *verb* [T] (GET)

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to get or be given something:

- *Did you receive my letter?*
- **receive something from someone** *I received a phone call from your mother.*
- *They received a visit from the police.*
- *She died after receiving a blow to the head.*
- *Members of Parliament received a 4.2 percent pay increase this year.*

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get I got a new bike for my birthday.

receive You will receive your tickets by email.

obtain After many years of trying, she finally obtained Brazilian citizenship.

gain You will improve at the job as you gain experience.

earn Eventually, you will earn the dog's trust.

achieve She achieved top marks in the physics exam.

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(of a radio or television) to change a signal into sounds and pictures

See also

[reception](#) (SIGNALS)



to be able to hear someone's voice when they are communicating with you by radio:

- **receive someone loud and clear** *I'm receiving you loud and clear.*



in team sports, to catch or control a ball that is thrown or kicked to you by another player in your team:

- *Henry received the ball towards the edge of the Arsenal area and volleyed it into the net.*
- *The forward received the ball on the right wing.*



in sports such as tennis, volleyball, or cricket, to have a ball thrown or hit towards you by an opposing player at the start of a period of play:





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receive *verb* [T] (WELCOME)



to formally welcome a visitor or guest:

- *She stood by the door to receive her guests as they arrived.*

See also

reception (WELCOME)



Indian English

to meet someone when they arrive somewhere:

- *My friend offered to receive me at the railway station.*



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to react to something or someone in a particular way that shows how you feel about it, him, or her:

- *The speech was well/warmly/coldly, etc. received by the conference delegates.*

▶ be received into something formal





- *He was received into the church.*

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Idiom

be on the receiving end

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verb [T]

US /rɪ'sɪv/

receive verb [T] (GET)

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to get or be given something:

- *She received a letter from her son.*
- *I'll receive my bachelor's degree in the spring.*

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When a radio or television receives signals, it changes them into sounds or pictures.





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to welcome someone or something:

- *The president received Fulbright cordially.*

Idiom

on the receiving end of something

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EXAMPLES of receive

receive

Unfiltered chi and key received 1.7 and 6.2 ratings respectively on a seven-point scale.

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All participating pharmacists received training in the provision of pharmaceutical care.

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In all, 14 responses were received, a response rate of 44%.

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Family carers were not recipients of district nursing support in their own right but were dependent upon the cared-for person receiving nursing care.

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Another advantage of depot medication is that staff can be sure that medication has been received by the patient.

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Evaluation of quality of life in patients receiving treatment for advanced breast cancer.

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One patient received terminal sedation, but treatment for depression was stopped in the other 18 patients because of the development of terminal delirium.

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Another point that receives substantial attention is the low rates of pension system coverage.

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There were no significant differences in marital status or total time receiving hospice care.

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Patients receiving palliative care often show more marked changes in physical and cognitive function than other medical patients.

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Of course, this income foregone by the husband is eventually received by his wife.

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Seventeen of the 99 patients were admitted with a feeding tube in place and half received a new feeding tube.

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Eight of the subjects had reported experiencing the death of a first-degree relative, and in two of these cases the member reportedly received hospice services.



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得到, 收到, 受到...
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in Chinese (Simplified)
得到, 收到, 受到...
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in Spanish
recibir, captar, recibir...
See more

in Portuguese
receber, sofrer...
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zebra crossing

uk /ˌzeb.rə ˈkrɒs.ɪŋ/ us /ˌzeb.rə ˈkrɑː.sɪŋ/

a place on a road, especially one where there is a lot of traffic, across which wide, black and white lines are painted, and at which vehicles must stop to allow people to walk across the road



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