

# Dare

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“Dare” is a verb. It has two meanings both around being brave and taking risks. It is also a noun. Do you want to find out more? Take a look:

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The main meaning of “dare” being brave enough to do something. It is often used as a modal verb

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- + He moved as close to the edge of the cliff as he **dared** and looked down.
- + Because of the snow and ice, almost nobody **dares** to walk there.
- + The team never **dared** to dream they could win the tournament.
- + They all knew the answer, but nobody **dared** to speak up first.
- + She wanted to go but she didn't **dare** to go by herself.

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The other meaning of “dare” is related, it means challenge someone to do something.

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- + I **dare** you to swap places with me.
- + He stood there with a sword in hand **daring** the thieves to challenge him.
- + She **dared** him to disagree with her.
- + They **dared** each other to do a sky dive.

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“Dare” can also be a noun. It means a challenge, usually to prove you are brave.

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- + As a **dare**, he drank five cans of Coke as fast as he could.
- + After they started drinking, they played a game of truth or **dare**.
- + He had to dance for her and her friends for a **dare**.
- + It was a stupid **dare**, and she ended up breaking her ankle trying to do it.

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The pronunciation is /dɛ:/.

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