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pre•pare (prɪ pâr′),USA pronunciation v., -pared, -par•ing. v.t. Surgeryto put in proper condition or readiness:to prepare a patient for surgery. to get (a meal) ready for eating, as by proper assembling, cooking, etc. Drugsto manufacture, compound, or compose:to prepare a cough syrup. Music and Danceto lead up to (a discord, an embellishment, etc.) by some preliminary tone or tones. v.i. to put things or oneself in readiness; get ready:to prepare for war. Latin praeparāre to make ready beforehand, equivalent. to prae- pre- + parāre to set, get ready (akin to parent) 1520–30 pre•par′er, n. 1. provide, arrange, order. Prepare, contrive, devise imply planning for and making ready for something expected or thought possible. To prepare is to make ready beforehand for some approaching event, need, and the like:to prepare a room, a speech.Contrive and devise emphasize the exercise of ingenuity and inventiveness. The first word suggests a shrewdness that borders on trickery, but this is absent from devise:to contrive a means of escape; to devise a time-saving method. 3. make. prepare /prɪˈpɛə/ vb to make ready or suitable in advance for a particular purpose or for some use, event, etc: to prepare a meal, to prepare to go to put together using parts or ingredients; compose or construct (transitive) to equip or outfit, as for an expedition (transitive) to soften the impact of (a dissonant note) by the use of preparationbe prepared ⇒ (followed by an infinitive) to be willing and able (to do something): I'm not prepared to reveal these figuresEtymology: 15th Century: from Latin praeparāre, from prae before + parāre to make readypre′parer n Also found in: Thesaurus, Medical, Acronyms, Idioms, Encyclopedia. (prī-pâr′)v. pre·pared, pre·par·ing, pre·pares v.tr.1. To make ready beforehand for a specific purpose, as for an event or occasion: The teacher prepared the students for the exams.2. To put together or make by combining various elements or ingredients; manufacture or compound: prepared a meal; prepared the lecture.3. To fit out; equip: prepared the ship for an arctic expedition.4. Music To lead up to and soften (a dissonance or its impact) by means of preparation.v.intr. To make things or oneself ready: I must prepare for my trip.Idiom: be prepared To be willing (to do something): I am not prepared to defend him when I know he was wrong.[Middle English preparen, from Old French preparer, from Latin praeparāre : prae-, pre- + parāre, prepare, equip; see pera- in Indo-European roots.]pre·par′ed·ly (-pâr′ĭd-lē) adv.American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright © 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. (prɪˈpɛə) vb1. to make ready or suitable in advance for a particular purpose or for some use, event, etc: to prepare a meal; to prepare to go. 2. to put together using parts or ingredients; compose or construct3. (tr) to equip or outfit, as for an expedition4. (Music, other) (tr) music to soften the impact of (a dissonant note) by the use of preparation5. be prepared (foll by an infinitive) to be willing and able (to do something): I'm not prepared to reveal these figures. [C15: from Latin praeparāre, from prae before + parāre to make ready]Collins English Dictionary – Complete and Unabridged, 12th Edition 2014 © HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014 (prɪˈpɛər) v. -pared, -par•ing. v.t. 1. to put in proper condition or readiness. 2. to get (a meal) ready for eating, as by proper assembling, cooking, etc. 3. to manufacture, compound, or compose: to prepare a cough syrup. v.i. 4. to put things or oneself in readiness; get ready: to prepare for exams. [1520–30; < Latin praeparāre to ready beforehand =prae- pre- + parāre to set, get ready] Random House Kernerman Webster's College Dictionary, © 2010 K Dictionaries Ltd. Copyright 2005, 1997, 1991 by Random House, Inc. All rights reserved.If you prepare a meal, you produce it by mixing foods together. Prepare is one of several verbs which can be used to say that someone produces a meal.Collins COBUILD English Usage © HarperCollins Publishers 1992, 2004, 2011, 2012Past participle: preparedGerund: preparingImperativePresentPreteritePresent ContinuousPresent PerfectPast ContinuousPast PerfectFutureFuture PerfectFuture ContinuousPresent Perfect ContinuousFuture Perfect ContinuousPast Perfect ContinuousConditionalPast ConditionalCollins English Verb Tables © HarperCollins Publishers 2011 Verb1.prepare - make ready or suitable or equip in advance for a particular purpose or for some use, event, etc; "Get the children ready for school!"; "prepare for war"; "I was fixing to leave town after I paid the hotel bill"gear up, ready, set, fix, set upalter, change, modify - cause to change; make different; cause a transformation; "The advent of the automobile may have altered the growth pattern of the city"; "The discussion has changed my thinking about the issue"socialise, socialize - prepare for social life; "Children have to be socialized in school"provide - take measures in preparation for; "provide for the proper care of the passengers on the cruise ship"cram - prepare (students) hastily for an impending examprecondition - put into the required condition beforehandfix - kill, preserve, and harden (tissue) in order to prepare for microscopic studymount - fix onto a backing, setting, or support; "mount slides for macroscopic analysis"lay out, set up, set - get ready for a particular purpose or event; "set up an experiment"; "set the table"; "lay out the tools for the surgery"prime - insert a primer into (a gun, mine, or charge) preparatory to detonation or firing; "prime a cannon"; "prime a mine"brace, poise - prepare (oneself) for something unpleasant or difficult2.prepare - prepare for eating by applying heat; "Cook me dinner, please"; "can you make me an omelette?"; "fix breakfast for the guests, please"preserve, keep - prevent (food) from rotting; "preserved meats"; "keep potatoes fresh"dress out, dress - kill and prepare for market or consumption; "dress a turkey"create from raw material, create from raw stuff - make from scratchdeglaze - dissolve cooking juices or solid food in (a pan) by adding liquid and stirringescallop, scallop - bake in a sauce, milk, etc., often with breadcrumbs on topflambe - pour liquor over and ignite (a dish)put on - put on the stove or ready for cooking; "put on the tea, please!"devil - coat or stuff with a spicy paste; "devilled eggs"precook - cook beforehand so that the actual preparation won't take long; "precook the rice"whip up, whomp up - prepare or cook quickly or hastilycook up, concoct - prepare or cook by mixing ingredients; "concoct a strange mixture"lard - prepare or cook with lard; "lard meat"make - gather and light the materials for; "make a fire"3.prepare - to prepare verbally, either for written or spoken delivery; "prepare a report"; "prepare a speech"create, make - make or cause to be or to become; "make a mess in one's office"; "create a furor"rough, rough in, rough out - prepare in preliminary or sketchy form4.prepare - arrange by systematic planning and united effort; "machinate a plot"; "organize a strike"; "devise a plan to take over the director's office"machinate, devise, organise, organize, get upinitiate, pioneer - take the lead or initiative in; participate in the development of; "This South African surgeon pioneered heart transplants"put on, mount - prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; "mount a theater production"; "mount an attack"; "mount a play"lay - prepare or position for action or operation; "lay a fire"; "lay the foundation for a new health care plan"set up - begin, or enable someone else to begin, a venture by providing the means, logistics, etc.; "set up an election"sandwich - make into a sandwichspatchcock - prepare for eating if or as if a spatchcock; "spatchcock a guinea hen"embattle - prepare for battle or conflict5.prepare - educate for a future role or function; "He is grooming his son to become his successor"; "The prince was prepared to become King one day"; "They trained him to be a warrior"qualify, dispose - make fit or prepared; "Your education qualifies you for this job"train, prepare - undergo training or instruction in preparation for a particular role, function, or profession; "She is training to be a teacher"; "He trained as a legal aid"train, educate, prepare, develop - create by training and teaching; "The old master is training world-class violinists"; "we develop the leaders for the future"educate - give an education to; "We must educate our youngsters better"discipline, condition, train, check - develop (children's) behavior by instruction and practice; especially to teach self-control; "Parents must discipline their children"; "Is this dog trained?"6.prepare - create by training and teaching; "The old master is training world-class violinists"; "we develop the leaders for the future"build up, develop - change the use of and make available or usable; "develop land"; "The country developed its natural resources"; "The remote areas of the country were gradually built up"train, prepare - undergo training or instruction in preparation for a particular role, function, or profession; "She is training to be a teacher"; "He trained as a legal aid"retrain - teach new skills; "We must retrain the linguists who cannot find employment"drill - train in the military, e.g., in the use of weaponshousebreak, house-train - train (a pet) to live cleanly in a housetoilet-train - train (a small child) to use the toiletinstruct, teach, learn - impart skills or knowledge to; "I taught them French"; "He instructed me in building a boat"groom, train, prepare - educate for a future role or function; "He is grooming his son to become his successor"; "The prince was prepared to become King one day"; "They trained him to be a warrior"7.prepare - lead up to and soften by sounding the dissonant note in it as a consonant note in the preceding chord; "prepare the discord in bar 139"music - an artistic form of auditory communication incorporating instrumental or vocal tones in a structured and continuous mannersound - cause to sound; "sound the bell"; "sound a certain note"8.prepare - undergo training or instruction in preparation for a particular role, function, or profession; "She is training to be a teacher"; "He trained as a legal aid"learn, study, read, take - be a student of a certain subject; "She is reading for the bar exam"apprentice - be or work as an apprentice; "She apprenticed with the great master"retrain - train again; "He is retraining to become an IT worker"train, educate, prepare, develop - create by training and teaching; "The old master is training world-class violinists"; "we develop the leaders for the future"drill - undergo military training or do military exercisesgroom, train, prepare - educate for a future role or function; "He is grooming his son to become his successor"; "The prince was prepared to become King one day"; "They trained him to be a warrior"Based on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. © 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.verb1. make or get ready, arrange, draw up, form, fashion, get up (informal), construct, assemble, contrive, put together, make provision, put in order He said the government must prepare an emergency plan for evacuation.4. make, cook, put together, get, produce, assemble, muster, concoct, fix up, dish up, rustle up (informal) She found him in the kitchen, preparing dinner.Collins Thesaurus of the English Language – Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 © HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002verb1. To cause to be ready, as for use, consumption, or a special purpose:fit, fix, make, prime, ready. The American Heritage® Roget's Thesaurus. Copyright © 2013, 2014 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. forberedeforberede sigtilberedeverbereitenzubereiteenbereitendressiereneinstellenpreparárpreparaserseamasarcapacitardisponervalmistellavalmistaavalmistautuapripremitiprireditispremitipripravitielkészítelőkészítelőkészülfelkészülkészülpreparareprepararivopreparatopreparatoriopreparazionebūti pasiruošusiamparuošimaspasiruošęspasiruošimasprivati pradinė mokyklagatavotgatavotiessagatavotsagatavotiesrīkotiesgatavotsgatavotiesготовитьготовитьсязизготовитьCollins Spanish Dictionary - Complete and Unabridged 8th Edition 2005 © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1971, 1988 © HarperCollins Publishers 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2005 [prɪˈpɛər] vt [lesson, report, ship, room, food] → préparerShe has to prepare lessons in the evening → Elle doit préparer ses cours le soir.It takes a long time to prepare → Cela prend longtemps à préparer.On average each report requires 1,000 hours to prepareBUT En moyenne, la préparation de chaque rapport demande 1 000 heures.to prepare sth for sth → préparer qch pour qchto prepare dinner → préparer le dînerto prepare to do sth (= get ready) → se préparer à faire qchCollins English/French Electronic Resource. © HarperCollins Publishers 2005Collins German Dictionary – Complete and Unabridged 7th Edition 2005. © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1980 © HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2007Collins Italian Dictionary 1st Edition © HarperCollins Publishers 1995 (prɪˈpɛə) verbpreparation (prepəˈreiʃən) nounpreparatory (-ˈpærə-) adjective acting as an introduction or in order to prepare for something. Political leaders have agreed to meet for preparatory talks about an end to the war. voorbereidend, aanvanklike, تمهيدي, تحضيري, إعدادي | подготвителен preparatório p přípravný vorbereitend indledende; forberedende προκαταρκτικός, προπαρασκευαστικός preparatorio ettevalmistav مقدماتي valmisteleva préparatoire מכין prethodni előkészítő pendahuluan undirbúnings- preparatorio, preliminare 予備の parengtinis sagatavošanas- persediaan voorbereidendforberedende, innledende przygotowawczy لومړنی preparatório pregătitor; preliminar подготовительный predbežný, přípravný připravljalen pripremni förberedande [illegible] hazırlık, hazırlayıcı 預備(性)的 підготовчий, попередній [illegible] sửa soạn 預备 (性) 的 pre'pared adjective (negative unprepared) made ready. voorbereid, gereed [illegible] готов preparado připravený bereit tilberedt; forberedt [illegible] preparado valmis [illegible] valmistautunut préparé [illegible] priprastan, spreman (el)készített; előkészített siap undirbúinn preparat できた 가 pasiruošęs, paruoštas sagatavots; gatavs bersedia bereidforberedtprzygotowany جمتو preparado pregătit готовый připravený připravljen spreman förberedd [illegible] hazırlanmış, hazır 有準備的 готовий, підготовлений [illegible] chuẩn bị sẵn sàng 有准备的preparatory school (-ˈpærə-) 1. a private school which educates children in preparation for a senior school (abbreviation prep school (prep-)). laerskool [illegible] 進学準備校 privati pradinė mokykla sagatavošanas skola, pirmskola sekolah persediaan voorbereidingsschool privat grunnskole prywatna szkoła przygotowawcza [illegible] escola preparatória ţcoală pregătitoare частная приготовительная школа pripravka pripravljalna šola pripremna škola förberedande skola [illegible] hazırlık okulu 私立預備學校(為升入高級中學) підготовча школа [illegible] (American) a private secondary school preparing students for college. hoërskool [illegible] гимназия cursinho soukromá střední škola die Vorschule, der Vorbereitungsunterricht [forberedelsesskole til amerikansk universitet ιδιωτικό γυμνάσιο, λύκειο colegio de secundaria privado (US) erakeskkool [illegible] valmistava koulu [illegible] privatna internatska srednja (főiskolára) sekolah lanjutan (scuola preparatoria all'università) ( ) privati vidurinė mokykla vidusskola, kas sagatavo augstskolai sekolah persediaan voorbereidingsschool privat videregående skole prywatna szkoła średnia [illegible] privatna pripremna škola högre internatskola [illegible] kursu 預科 приватна средня школа [illegible] trường dự bị đại học 預科be prepared (of a person) to be ready (for something, to do something etc). We must be prepared for a disappointment; I'm not prepared (=willing) to lend him more money; The motto of the Scouts is `Be Prepared!'. wees gereed [illegible] готов estar preparado být připraven gefaßt sein være forberedt; Væ estar preparado valmis olema [illegible] olla valmistautunut être prêt (pour, à) [illegible] -[illegible] spreman készen áll; hajlandó; (cserkészköszöntés:) Légy résen! siap vera reiðubúinn ready spreman var beredd, alltid redo! [illegible] hazır; istekli, niyetli 對作某事有充分準備 бути готовим [illegible] sẵn sàng 对作某事有充分准备Kernerman English Multilingual Dictionary © 2006-2013 K Dictionaries Ltd. → [illegible] připravit forberede vorbereiten ετοιμάζω preparar valmistella préparer pripremiti preparare 準備する [illegible] voorbereiden forberede przygotować preparar готовить(ся) förbereda [illegible] hazırlama chuẩn bị 准备Multilingu Translator © HarperCollins Publishers 2009vt. preparar, poner en orden. English-Spanish Medical Dictionary © Farlex 2012Please prepare the bill → [illegible] → Připravte mi, prosím, účet → Gør venligst regningen klar → Bereiten Sie bitte die Rechnung vor → Μου ετοιμάζετε το λογαριασμό, παρακαλώ; → Prepárame la cuenta, por favor → Kirjoittakaa lasku, kiitos → Merci de préparer la note → Molim vas, pripremite ra conto, per favore → 請求書を用意してください → [illegible] → Kunt u de rekening voor me in orde maken? → Kan dere gjøre klar regningen? → Proszę mi przygotować rachunek → Por favor, pode fechar minha conta → Пожалуйста, приготовьте счет → Kan ni göra klar räkningen? → [illegible] → Faturayı hazırlayın lütfen → Làm ơn chuẩn bị hóa đơn → 请给我制作账单吧Could you prepare a meal without eggs? → [illegible] prosím, připravit bezvaječné jídlo? → Kan I lave et måltid uden æg? → Könnten Sie ein Gericht ohne Eier zubereiten? → Θα μπορούσατε να ετοιμάσετε κάτι χωρίς αυγά; → ¿Podría preparar una comida que no lleve huevos? → Voitteko valmistaa aterian ilman kananmunaa? → Vous pouvez me cuisiner un plat sans œufs ? → Možete li pripraviti jelo bez jaja? → Potrebbe preparare un piatto senza uova? → 卵を使わずに食事を用意していただけますか？ → [illegible] → Kunt u een maaltijd zonder eieren bereiden? → Kan du lage et måltid uten egg? → Czy mógłby Panprzygotować danie bez jajek? → O senhor pode preparar uma refeição sem ovos? → Вы не могли бы приготовить пищу без яиц? → Kan ni laga till något som inte innehåller ägg? → [illegible] → Içinde yumurta olmayan bir yemek yapabilir misiniz? → Bạn có thể chuẩn bị m trứng không? → 烹饪时请不要加鸡蛋Could you prepare a meal without nuts? → [illegible] → Můžete, prosím, připravit jídlo, které neobsahuje ořechy? → Kan I lave et måltid uden nødder? → Könnten Sie ein Gericht ohne Nüsse zubereiten? → Θα μπορούσατε να ετοιμάσετε κάτι χωρίς ξηρούς καρπούς; → ¿Podría preparar una comida que no lleve frutos secos? → Voitteko valmistaa aterian ilman pähkinää? → Vous p sans noix ? → Možete li pripraviti jelo bez ikakvih oraščića? → Potrebbe preparare un piatto senza noci? → ナッツを使わずに食事を用意していただけますか？ → 가 가 ? → Kunt u een maaltijd zonder noten bereiden? → Kan du lage et måltid uten nøtter? → Czy mógłby Panprzygotować danie bez orzechów? → O senhor pode preparar uma refeição sem noz? → Вы не могли бы приготовить пищу без орехов? → Kan ni laga till något som inte innehåller nötter? → [illegible] → Içinde fındık olmayan bir yemek yapabilir misiniz? → Bạn có thể chuẩn bị một bữa ăn không có các loại hạt không? → 烹饪时请不要加坚果Could you prepare a meal without fish? → [illegible] → Můžete, prosím, připravit jídlo, které neobsahuje ryby? → Kan I lave et måltid uden fisk? → Könnten Sie ein Gericht ohne Fisch zubereiten? → Θα μπορούσατε να ετο ¿Podría preparar una comida que no lleve pescado? → Voitteko valmistaa aterian ilman kalaa? → Vous pouvez me cuisiner un plat sans poisson ? → Možete li pripraviti jelo bez ribe? → Potrebbe preparare un piatto senza pesce? → 魚を使わずに食事を用意していただけますか？ → 가 가 ? → Kunt u een maaltijd zonder vis bereiden? → Kan du lage et måltid uten fisk? → Czy mógłby Panprzygotować danie bez ryby? → O senhor pode preparar uma refeição sem peixe? → Вы не могли бы приготовить пищу без рыбы? → Kan ni laga till något som inte innehåller fisk? → [illegible] → Içinde balık olmayan bir yemek yapabilir misiniz? → Bạn có thể chuẩn bị một bữa ăn không có cá không? → 烹饪时请不要加鱼Could you prepare a meal without gluten? → [illegible] → Můžete, prosím, připravit bezlepkové jídlo? → Kan I lave et måltid u ein glutenfreies Gericht zubereiten? → Θα μπορούσατε να ετοιμάσετε κάτι χωρίς γλουτένη; → ¿Podría preparar una comida que no lleve gluten? → Voitteko valmistaa gluteenittoman aterian? → Vous pouvez me cuisiner un plat sans gluten ? → Možete li pripremiti jelo bez glutena? → Potrebbe preparare un piatto senza glutine? → グルテンを使わずに食事を用意していただけますか？ → 가 가 ? → Kunt u een maaltijd zonder gluten bereiden? → Kan du lage et måltid uten gluten? → Czy mógłby Panprzygotować danie bezglutenowe? → O senhor pode preparar uma refeição sem glúten? → Вы не могли бы приготовить пищу без глютена? → Kan ni laga till något som inte innehåller gluten? → [illegible] → Içinde nişasta olmayan bir yemek yapabilir misiniz? → Bạn có thể chuẩn bị một bữa ăn không có gluten không? → 烹饪时请不要加麸质 原料Could you prepare a meal without seafood? → [illegible] → Můžete, prosím, připravit jídlo, které neobsahuje mořské plody? → Kan I lave et måltid uten skalddyr? → Könnten Sie ein Gericht ohne Meeresfrüchte zubereiten? → Θα μπορούσατε να ετοιμάσετε κάτι χωρίς θαλασσινά; → ¿Podría preparar una comida que no lleve marisco? → Voitteko valmistaa aterian ilman kalaa ja äyriäisiä? → Vous pouve mer ? → Možete li pripraviti jelo bez morskih plodova? → Potrebbe preparare un piatto senza frutti di mare? → 魚介類を使わずに食事を用意していただけますか？ → 가 가 ? → Kunt u een maaltijd zonder zeevruchten bereiden? → Kan du lage et måltid uten sjømat? → Czy mógłby Panprzygotować danie bez owoców morza? → O senhor pode preparar uma refeição sem frutos do mar? → Вы не могли бы приготовить пищу без морепродуктов? → Kan ni laga till något som inte innehåller skaldjur? → [illegible] → Içinde deniz ürünleri olmayan bir yemek yapabilir misiniz? → Bạn có thể chuẩn bị một bữa ăn không có hải sản không? → 烹饪时请不要加海鲜Could you prepare this one without ...? → [illegible] → Můžete, prosím, připravit tohle bez ...? → Kan I tilberede den uden ...? → Könnten Sie das ohne ... zubereiten? → Θα μπ χωρίς ...; → ¿Podría preparar esto pero sin ...? → Voitteko valmistaa tämän ilman ...? → Vous pouvez me cuisiner celui-ci sans ... ? → Možete li pripraviti ovo bez ...? → Potrebbe preparare questo piatto senza ...? → ・・・を使わずにこれを用意していただけますか？ → ... ? → Kunt u deze zonder ... bereiden? → Kan du lage denne uten .? → Czy mógłby Panprzygotować to bez ...? → O senhor pode preparar este aqui sem ...? → Вы не могли бы приготовить это блюдо без ...? → Kan ni laga till den här utan ...? → [illegible] → Bunu ... olmadan pişirebilir misiniz? → Bạn có thể chuẩn bị món này mà không có ... không? → 烹饪时请不要加...? 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Link to this page: Here, therefore, we have thought proper to prepare the mind of the reader for her reception, by filling it with every pleasing image which we can draw from the face of nature.I shall quietly prepare for our departure, and own what I have done at the right time--that is to say, when the ball is over."We arranged that Herbert should not come home to dinner before going to Mill Pond Bank that evening; that he should not go there at all, to-morrow evening, Tuesday; that he should prepare Provis to come down to some Stairs hard by the house, on Wednesday, when he saw us approach, and not sooner; that all the arrangements with him should be concluded that Monday night; and that he should be communicated with no more in any way, until we took him on board.de Beaufort only acted in this manner to prepare for a new fortune concealed beneath the Arabs' tents.What the diplomatic matter might be he did not care, but it gave him great pleasure to prepare a circular, memorandum, or report, skillfully, pointedly, and elegantly. Find out the simple steps you should take to be more prepared. verbVerb Forms present simple I / you / we / they prepare he / she / it prepares past simple prepared past participle prepared -ing form preparing Idioms jump to other results [transitive, intransitive] to make something or somebody ready to be used or to do something prepare something/somebody to prepare a report prepare something/somebody for somebody/something A hotel room is being prepared for them.The college prepares students for a career in business. prepare somebody/something to do something The training has prepared me to deal with any medical issue. prepare for something We all set about preparing for the party.Extra ExamplesI haven't had time to prepare my arguments properly.The lectures were carefully prepared.to prepare students for examsOxford Collocations Dictionaryadverbverb + preparehelp (somebody)help (somebody) toneed to…prepositionphrasesprepare for the worsttime to prepare (something)See full entry [intransitive, transitive] to make yourself ready to do something or for something that you expect to happenI had no time to prepare. prepare for something The whole class is working hard preparing for the exams. prepare yourself for something The police are preparing themselves for trouble at the demonstration.I had been preparing myself for this moment.Her condition is not improving as we hoped. You must prepare yourselves for the worst. prepare yourself As I waited, I closed my eyes to mentally prepare myself. prepare to do something I was preparing to leave. prepare yourself to do something The troops prepared themselves to go into battle.More Like This Verbs usually followed by infinitivesVerbs usually followed by infinitivesExtra ExamplesHow do you go about mentally preparing yourself for a project?Penn needs to prepare for a medical school interview.The family are preparing for the worst.Oxford Collocations Dictionaryadverbverb + preparehelp (somebody)help (somebody) toneed to…prepositionphrasesprepare for the worsttime to prepare (something)See full entry [transitive] prepare something to make food ready to be eatenHe was in the kitchen preparing lunch.to prepare meals/food/dinnerExtra ExamplesI was busily preparing a salad for the evening meal.Just prepare according to package directions.a meal that is very quick and easy to preparea table full of specially prepared foodShe had prepared a chicken casserole for dinner.The women were busy preparing the wedding feast.Topics Cooking and eatinga1Oxford Collocations Dictionaryadverbverb + preparehelp (somebody)help (somebody) toneed to…prepositionphrasesprepare for the worsttime to prepare (something)See full entry [transitive] prepare something (from something) to make a medicine or chemical substance, for example by mixing other substances togetherremedies prepared from herbal extracts Word Originlate Middle English: from French préparer or Latin praeparare, from prae ‘before’ + parare ‘make ready’.Idioms prepare the ground (for something) to make it possible or easier for something to be achievedThe committee will prepare the ground for next month's meeting.Early experiments with rockets prepared the ground for space travel. See prepare in the Oxford Advanced American DictionarySee prepare in the Oxford Learner's Dictionary of Academic English See also: prépare, préparé, and preparé Partially a back-formation from preparation; and partially borrowed from Middle French preparer, from Classical Latin praeparāre (“make ready in advance”), from prae- (“pre-”) + parāre (“make ready”). Compare Middle English preparaten (“to prepare”). prepare (third-person singular simple present prepares, present participle preparing, simple past and past participle prepared) (transitive) To make ready for a specific future purpose; to set up; to assemble or equip; to forearm. We prepared the spacecraft for takeoff. (transitive) To make ready for eating or drinking; to cook. We prepared a fish for dinner. (intransitive) To make oneself ready; to get ready, make preparation. We prepared for a bumpy ride. 1963, Margery Allingham, chapter 19, in The China Governess: A Mystery, London: Chatto & Windus, →OCLC:As soon as Julia returned with a constable, Timothy, who was on the point of exhaustion, prepared to give over to him gratefully. The newcomer turned out to be a powerful youngster, fully trained and eager to help, and he stripped off his tunic at once. 2023 April 10, “Taiwan's frontline islanders resigned in face of Chinese military might”, in France 24[1], archived from the original on 2023-04-10[2]:Tourists visited a memorial hall adorned by a slogan in the handwriting of Chiang Kai-shek, Taiwan's divisive former nationalist leader: "Stay alert and prepare for battle." (transitive) To produce or make by combining elements; to synthesize, compound. She prepared a meal from what was left in the cupboards. prepare (obsolete) preparation c. 1591–1592 (date written), William Shakespeare, “The Third Part of Henry the Sixt, […]”, in Mr. William Shakespeares Comedies, Histories, & Tragedies […] (First Folio), London: […] Isaac Iaggard, and Ed[ward] Blount, published 1623, →OCLC, [Act IV, scene i], line 130:Go levy men, and make prepare for war; prepare From French préparer (“prepare”), from Latin praeparāre (“make ready in advance”), from prae- (“pre-”) + parāre (“make ready”). prepare prepare prepare third-person singular/plural present subjunctive of prepara IPA(key): /preˈpare/ [preˈpa.ɾe] Rhymes: -are Syllabification: pre·pa·re prepare