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Meaning of **dispose** in English

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dispose

verb • **UK** /dɪˈspəʊz/ **US** /dɪˈspoʊz/ FORMAL

› **dispose sb to/towards sb/sth**

★ **to make someone feel a particular way towards someone or something:**

*His rudeness when we first met didn't dispose me very kindly **to/towards** him.*

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Affecting and influencing

across-the-board affect applicability be/fall under sb's influence/spell *idiom*
 bear on sth **force** **impact** inroad inspiration instrumental jerk
lead 1 leave your/its mark on sb/sth *idiom* **shape** **strike**
 the pen is mightier than the sword *idiom* tilt
 tilt the balance/scales *idiom* turn sb's head *idiom* unlock

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Phrasal verb

dispose of sb/sth

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"dispose" in American English

dispose

verb [T] • **US** /dɪˈspəʊz/

- ★ **to make someone feel a particular, and often bad, way toward someone else, or to influence someone in a particular way:**

Her sense of humor disposed me to like her.

Phrasal verb

dispose of something

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"dispose" in Business English

dispose

phrasal verb [T] • **UK** /dɪˈspəʊz/ **US**

> dispose of sth

- ★ **to get rid of something, especially by throwing it away:**

The agency has put an end to new efforts to dispose of hazardous waste in sensitive environmental areas.

- ★ **FINANCE to sell an asset, property, or part of a business:**

Recently released plans show the company is going to dispose of its active and casual wear business and focus on its womenswear brands.

She is always willing to dispose of investments that underperform.

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★ FINANCE , BANKING to state that a debt does not need to be paid or will never be paid:

Search English *Debt resolution is seen as an effective way to dispose of debt without filing bankruptcy.*

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Examples of “dispose”

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A little before the appointed time the members straggled in and disposed themselves on the tables and about the walls.

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With this information available it can be considered at a theoretical level how this might be disposed in a new building arrangement.

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Space is not the place (real or logical) within which things are disposed, but rather the means through which the position of things becomes possible.

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A person can affirm the difference principle and yet be disposed to maximizing behavior in market settings without betraying egalitarian commitments.

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If we apply the opposite reasoning to the ascending approach, we dispose of specifications.

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Initially these fibers were disposed along the circumference near the liner axis.

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In other words, husbands were not expected to simply dispose of their wives as they pleased.

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How was it that human creatures, who were so evidently disposed to pride, could be prompted to capitulate to subjection?

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However, it is equally plausible that - qualifications and caveats aside - square objects are disposed to look square.

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If they are good sort of people, they are naturally disposed to agree.

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That seems to me to confuse emotions that dispose to aggression (sometimes justified aggression) with an emotion that disposes to withdrawal of recognition.

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Cuticular prominences as in the two previous instars occur on all the thoracic and abdominal segments except the prothorax, disposed as in the previous instar.

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Money traders are then unable to acquire commodities, and thus freely dispose of money and produce.

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Their duties include approving the budget superintending accounts; acquiring and disposing of municipal property; sanctioning contracts; and appointing and dismissing municipal officials.

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But before this can be asserted it is necessary to dispose of the other possibilities.

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