Prevent Stop Avoid

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prevent	stop
to stop something from happening or someone from doing something.	to prevent someone from doing something:
[+ noun/pronoun]	**[+ noun/pronoun]**
• Label your suitcases to prevent confusion.	• If she really wants to leave, I don't understand what's stopping her.
• The police seem to be powerless to prevent these attacks.	• Great efforts are being made to stop the spread of coronavirus.
prevent somebody/something (from) doing something	**stop somebody/ something (from) doing something**
[(from) + -ing verb]	**[(from) + -ing verb]**
• His disability prevents him (from) driving.	• This barrier is to stop people from coming in without a ticket.
• We were prevented from entering the site.	• The rain didn't stop us from enjoying the trip.
• Wearing sunscreen regularly can prevent you from getting sunburned during outdoor activities.	• "I won't stop you from leaving, if that's what you want to do.

Important : In everyday English, people usually say **stop somebody/something (from) doing something** rather than **prevent somebody/something (from) doing sth**

avoid

to prevent something from happening or to not allow yourself to do something
to stay away from someone or something.

avoid someone /something

• He's been avoiding me all week. / I left early to avoid the rush hour.

• I try to avoid supermarkets on Saturdays - they're always so busy.

• We must find a way to avoid similar problems in future.

avoid doing something / avoid something happening

• You should avoid mentioning his divorce.

• I avoided being discovered by hiding.

meaning to find a way not to do something

get out of doing sth is more common than **avoid** in everyday spoken English.

• He tried to avoid paying his taxes and was taken to court.

• He tried to get out of paying his taxes and was taken to court.

IDIOM : **avoid sth/sb like the plague :** to be determined to avoid sb/sth completely

• I'm not a fan of parties - in fact I avoid them like the plague.

> **COMMON MISTAKES**
> ✗ AVOID ~~FROM~~
> ✗ AVOID ~~TO DO~~