

relieve

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[rɪ'li:v] v

1. 1) облегчать, ослаблять

- to relieve a cough - уменьшить кашель
- to relieve shortages - устранять нехватку /дефицит/ (чего-л.)
- to relieve the pressure - ослаблять нажим

2) успокаивать, утешать

- to relieve smb.'s mind - успокоить /утешить/ кого-л.
- to relieve one's feelings - отвести душу
- I'm much relieved to hear it - вы меня успокоили, рад это слышать

2. 1) оказывать помощь, выручать

- to relieve from poverty [from need] - выводить из нищеты [из нужды]

2) воен. снять осаду, деблокировать

- to relieve the besieged town - прорвать блокаду осаждённого города

3. сменять, обеспечивать смену

- to relieve a sentry - сменить дежурного /караульного/
- to relieve the deck - *амер.* сменять дежурного по кораблю
- to relieve the guard - сменить караул
- you will be relieved at ten - вас сменят /ваш сменщик придёт/ в 10 часов

4. 1) освобождать (от чего-л.)

- to feel relieved of a great weight - \cong словно тяжесть с души свалилась
- to relieve smb. of responsibility - снять с кого-л. ответственность
- to relieve smb. of his purse - *шутл.* обокрасть кого-л.
- the thief relieved him of his watch - *шутл.* вор стащил у него часы
- let me relieve you of that bag - разрешите, я понесу эту сумку

2) юр. освобождать (от ответственности, уплаты штрафа и т. п.)

5. освободить кого-л. (от должности и т. п.)

- to relieve smb. of his rank - лишить кого-л. звания

6. вносить разнообразие, оживлять

- to relieve the tedium of the journey - внести некоторое разнообразие в скучное путешествие
- to relieve the monotony we went for a walk - чтобы развлечься, мы пошли гулять
- black bodice relieved by /with/ white lace - чёрный лиф, отделанный белым кружевом

7. спец. разгружать (от напряжений)

- to relieve the valve - разгрузить клапан

8. *тех.* затыловать, снимать задний угол

- ◇ to relieve nature /oneself/ - *эвф.* \cong оправиться; отдать долг природе

II

[rɪ'li:v] v

1) делать рельефным, выпуклым; выделять

- black relieves white - на чёрном фоне белое хорошо выделяется

2) выделяться, выступать

- a white spot relieved against a dark background - белое пятно чётко выделялось на тёмном фоне

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re-lieve [relieve relieves relieved relieving] BrE [rɪ'li:v] NAmE [rɪ'li:v] verb

1. ~ sth to remove or reduce an unpleasant feeling or pain

- to relieve the symptoms of a cold
- to relieve anxiety/guilt/stress
- Being able to tell the truth at last seemed to relieve her.

2. ~ sth to make a problem less serious

Syn: ↑alleviate

- efforts to relieve poverty
- to relieve traffic congestion

3. ~ sth to make sth less boring, especially by introducing sth different

- We played cards to relieve the boredom of the long wait.
- The black and white pattern is relieved by tiny coloured flowers.

4. ~ sb to replace sb who is on duty

- to relieve a sentry
- You'll be relieved at six o'clock.

5. ~ sth to free a town, etc. from an enemy army that has surrounded it

6. ~ yourself a polite way of referring to going to the toilet

- I had to relieve myself behind a bush.

Derived ↑relieve somebody of something

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	relieve
	BrE /rɪˈli:v/
	NAmE /rɪˈli:v/
he / she / it	relieves
	BrE /rɪˈli:vz/
	NAmE /rɪˈli:vz/
past simple, past participle	relieved
	BrE /rɪˈli:v(d)/
	NAmE /rɪˈli:v(d)/
-ing form	relieving
	BrE /rɪˈli:vɪŋ/
	NAmE /rɪˈli:vɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **relever**, from Latin **relevare** from **re-** (expressing intensive force) + **levare** 'raise' (from **levis** 'light').

Example Bank:

- Respite care is intended to relieve parents of the burden of caring for disabled children.
- They try to relieve the symptoms of depression by drinking.
- trying to relieve the symptoms of depression
- Aid workers called for further effort from governments to relieve the famine.
- Don't resort to alcohol to relieve stress.
- Take painkillers and hot drinks to relieve the symptoms.
- You'll be relieved at 6 o'clock.
- to relieve a driver/sentry

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

re **lieve** **S3** /rɪˈli:v/ **BrE** " **AmE** " verb [transitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: relever 'to raise, relieve', from Latin relevare, from levare 'to raise']

1. **PAIN** to reduce someone's pain or unpleasant feelings ⇒ **relief**:

" Drugs helped to relieve the pain.

relieve tension/pressure/stress etc

" Some people eat for comfort, to relieve their anxieties.

2. **PROBLEM** to make a problem less difficult or serious:

" programs aimed at relieving unemployment

3. **REPLACE SOMEBODY** to replace someone when they have completed their duty or when they need a rest:

" The guard will be relieved at midnight.

4. **relieve yourself** a polite expression meaning to ↑**urinate** – often used humorously

5. **BORING** to make something less dull and boring:

" a plain wall relieved by flecks of blue and yellow

relieve the boredom/monotony

" The books helped relieve the boredom of waiting.

6. **WAR formal** to free a town which an enemy has surrounded

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COLLOCATIONS

nouns

- **relieve pain** What's the best way of relieving back pain?
- **relieve symptoms** Drinking a pint of water should help to relieve the symptoms.
- **relieve tension** They all laughed and it helped to relieve the tension.
- **relieve stress** Don't resort to alcohol to relieve your stress.
- **relieve anxiety** We offer patients a gentle massage to help relieve anxiety.
- **relieve pressure** Doctors should have inserted a needle into the lungs to relieve the pressure.

relieve somebody of something phrasal verb

1. **formal** to help someone by taking something from them, especially a job they do not want to do or something heavy that they are carrying:

" A secretary was hired to relieve her of some of the administrative work.

" He rose and relieved her of her bags.

2. **relieve somebody of their post/duties/command etc formal** to take away someone's job because they have done something wrong:

" After the defeat General Meyer was relieved of his command.

3. to steal something from someone – used humorously:

" A couple of guys relieved him of his wallet.

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