cut Apresyan (En-Ru) **1.** [kʌt] *n* 1. 1) порез; разрез a cut on the finger - порез пальца cuts on the face after shaving - порезы на лице после бритья 2) резаная рана 2. 1) резание 2) глубина резания 3. спец. 1) разрез; пропил; выемка 2) канал; кювет 3) насечка (напильника) 4. сильный удар (мечом, кнутом и т. п.) to make a cut at smb. with a sword - нанести кому-л. удар мечом the boy got six cuts with a cane - мальчику нанесли шесть ударов тростью his face had been disfigured by a sabre cut - удар саблей изуродовал его лицо to give a horse a cut across the flank - хлестнуть лошадь по боку delayed [direct riposte] cut - задержанный [прямой ответный] удар (фехтование) flat cut - удар плашмя (фехтование) inside [upper] arm cut - удар по руке с внутренней [наружной] стороны (фехтование) 5. 1) отрезанный кусок; вырезка; срез a cut from the joint - кул. вырезка, филей breast cut - кул. грудинка 2) настриг (*шерсти*) 3) отрез (материи) 4) отрезок 6. 1) очертание, абрис, контур 2) профиль 7. 1) покрой (*платья*) 2) стрижка, фасон стрижки (волос) 8. 1) сокращение, снижение; уменьшение a cut in prices [in salary] - снижение цен /зарплаты/ 2) сокращение; вырезка части текста; купюра to make cuts in a play [in a film] - делать купюры в пьесе [в фильме] 9. путь напрямик, кратчайший путь (*часто* short cut) to take /to make/ a short cut - пойти кратчайшим путём 10. оскорбление, выпад; насмешка; удар that was a cut at me - это был выпад против меня 11. разг. прекращение знакомства to give smb. the cut direct - не замечать кого-л.; порвать с кем-л. 12. разг. пропуск (занятий, собраний и т. п.) attendance was compulsory, and no cuts were allowed - посещение было обязательным, и никакие пропуски не разрешались 13. разг. доля (заработка, дохода, выигрыша, добычи и т. п.) his agent's cut is 20 per cent - агент взимает /берё π с него 20% (гонорара u m. π .) 14. разг. отдельный номер на долгоиграющей пластинке (песня, музыкальное произведение) 15. проф. 1) грамзапись 2) сеанс грамзаписи 16. гравюра на дереве (доска или оттиск) 17. *карт.* снятие (*колоды*) 18. кино монтажный кадр 19. пролёт моста 20. стружка (станочная) 21. хим. погон, фракция 22. захват (с.-х. орудия) 23. *ж.-д.* отцеп (вагона) 24. *горн.* выруб 25. эл. отключение нагрузки 26. австрал., новозел. отделённая часть стада (коров, овец) 27. австрал., новозел. разг. телесное наказание (особ. в школе) 28. спорт. 1) удар мяча на правую сторону поля (крикет) 2) срезка мяча (теннис) to be a cut above one's neighbour - быть на целую голову выше соседа a cut and thrust - пикировка, оживлённый спор the cut of smb.'s jib /of smb.'s rig/ - внешний вид кого-л. 2. [kʌt] a

1. разрезанный; срезанный; порезанный

cut finger - порезанный палец

cut flowers - срезанные цветы

cut nails - подрезанные ногти

cut velvet- meкст. бархат с разрезным ворсом

2. скроенный

3. шлифованный гранёный

cut sugar - пилёный сахар

4. сниженный, уменьшенный

cut prices [expenditures] - сниженные цены [расходы]

cut goods - уценённые товары

5. кастрированный

6. разг. подвыпивший

7. сл. разведённый, разбавленный с примесями, нечистый (часто о наркотиках)

🗸 cut and dried /dry/ - заранее подготовленный шаблонный, трафаретный(о *мнении, доводах, планах и т. п.*)

3. [knt] v (cut)

1. 1) резать, разрезать

to cut smth. in two - разрезать что-л на две части

to cut smth. in half /into halves/ - разрезать что-л пополам

to cut smth. to /in/ pieces - разрезать что-л на куски

to cut glass with a diamond - резать стекло алмазом

this knife won't cut - этот нож не режет

to cut around the defence - воен. сделать прорыв с обходом противника

2) нанести резаную рану

I cut my finger - я порезал палец

I cut myself - я порезался

to cut open - рассекать

to cut smb.'s head open - раскроить кому-л. череп

the icy wind cut me to the bone - ледяной ветер пронизывал меня до мозга костей

3) резаться (при помощи режущего инструмента)

the butter was frozen hard and did not cut easily - масло сильно замёрзло, и его трудно было резать cheese cuts easily - сыр режется легко

2. 1) срезать, отрезать

to cut flowers - срезать цветы

I'll cut away the dead leaves - я обрежу /срежу/ завядшие листья

to cut a piece of cake [a slice of cheese] - отрезать кусочек пирога [сыра]

2) нарезать

to cut bread - нарезать хлеб

to cut meat - резать мясо (за столом)

3. стричь, подстригать

to cut a hedge - подстригать (живую) изгородь

to cut one's nails - стричь ногти

to cut one's hair - подстригать волосы, стричься

4. (*mж.* cut down)

1) сокращать, снижать; уменьшать

to cut prices - снижать цены

he cut his sleep down to five hours - он стал спать не более пяти часов

2) сокращать путь, брать наперерез

we cut across the field - мы пошли напрямик через поле

3) сокращать, урезывать; делать купюру

to cut a manuscript - сократить рукопись

the soliloquies in "Hamlet" are long, so they are often cut in the theatre - в «Гамлете» монологи очень длинные, поэтому в театреих часто сокращают

5. 1) вырезать

to cut one's initials on a tree - вырезать свои инициалы на дереве

2) кроить (*mж.* cut out)

to cut a pattern - сделать выкройку /патронку/

to cut a coat - выкроить пальто

his coat is well cut - у него пальто хорошего покроя

6. 1) ударить; причинить острую боль

he cut the man across the face - он ударил человека по лицу

to cut a horse with a whip - стегать лошадь кнутом

how this rope cuts! - как режет эта верёвка!

2) огорчать, обижать; ранить

what you say cuts me terribly - ваши слова меня ужасно огорчают

to cut to the heart /to the quick/ - ранить /поразить/ в самое сердце; задеть за живое

7. пересекать, перекрещивать

the path cuts the meadow diagonally - тропинка пересекает луг по диагонали

the lines cut one another - линии пересекаются this cuts across all my principles - это противоречитвсем моим принципам; это идёт вразрез со всеми моими убеждениями

8. перегрызать, прогрызать

9. раза

1) удирать, убегать (*тж.* to cut and run)

I must cut - я должен бежать

cut away now, I am busy - теперь беги, я занят

cut! They are after you! - беги! Они гонятся за тобой!

2) резко изменить направление, побежать в другую сторону

cut back - вернуться

be cut back home - он побежал обратно домой

10. разг.

1) переставать прекращать

cut the noise! - перестаньте шуметь!

сиt! - стоп!, довольно!, выключить камеру! (команда кинорежиссёра при киносъёмке)

2) амер. лишать политической поддержки; голосовать против, вычеркнуть (чью-л.) кандидатуру

11. разг. не замечать, не узнавать, игнорировать

I took off my hat to her but he cut me dead - я поклонился ей, но она сделала вид, что не замечает /не узнаёт/ меня

12. карт. снимать

to cut for deal - снимать колоду для того, чтобы определить, кто должен сдавать

to cut for partners - снимать колоду, чтобы определить партнёров

13. делать антраша (в танцах)

14. жив. выделяться, выступать слишком резко

colours that cut - цвета/краски/, которые режут глаз

15. новозел. разг. кончать, заканчивать, докончить

16 mex

1) обрабатыватьрежущим инструментом, снимать стружку

- 2) полигр. обрезать книжный блок
- 3) сверлить, бурить
- 17. стр. тесать, стёсывать
- 18. эл. отключать, отсоединять
- 19. радио
- 1) отстраиваться
- 2) переключать с одной программы на другую
- 20. горн. подрубать, делать вруб
- 21. вет. засекаться

IJΑ

1. 1) косить (траву); жать (хлеба); убирать (урожай)

to cut the hay - косить сено

to cut the corners - обкашивать углы поля (при уборке хлебов)

2) давать (какое-л.) количество (при срезке и т. п.)

one acre of good grass will cut three tons of hay - с одного акра хорошего луга можно накосить три тонны сена

3) давать настриг

this breed cuts heavy fleece - эта порода даёт хороший настриг

2. валить, рубить (лес)

to cut clear - вырубать дочиста, сводить лес (сплошной вырубкой)

3. 1) прорубать, прокладывать (дорогу и т. п.)

to cut a tunnel through a mountain - прорубить туннель в горе

to cut one's way - продвигаться, пробираться, прокладывать дорогу

the ships cut their way slowly - корабли медленно шли вперёд

to cut one's way through a crowd - протискиваться через толпу

2) рассекать, разрезать (воду, воздух)

ship cutting the waves - корабль, рассекающий волны

4. 1) шлифовать гранить (камни)

высекать (из камня)

to cut a figure in stone - высечь фигуру из камня

to cut steps in a rock - высечь ступени в скале

his features were finely cut - у него было точёное лицо

3) резать (по дереву); вырезать (из дерева)

5. резаться, прорезываться (о зубах)

the baby is cutting its teeth - у ребёнка прорезываются зубы

6. разг. разбавлять (спиртные напитки и лекарства)

- 7. спорт. срезать (мяч)
- 8. спец. кастрировать (животное)
- 9. сл. победить (на конкурсе и т. п.)

10. записывать *или* записываться на пластинку *или* плёнку

to cut a record [a tape] - a) записывать на пластинку [плёнку]; б) записываться на пластинку [плёнку]

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to cut loose - a) освобождать; to cut a boat loose - отвязать лодку; to cut oneself loose from one's family - порвать с семьёй; б)

разойтись, чувствовать себя свободно; you just ought to see him when he cuts loose - посмотрели бы вы на него, когда он разойдётся to cut short - обрывать, внезапно прерывать to cut smb. short - оборвать кого-л. to cut a speech short - внезапно прервать выступление to cut a long story short - короче говоря to cut a loss /one's losses/ - вовремя прекратить невыгодное дело to cut the record - побить рекорд to cut faces - гримасничать, делать гримасы to cut a dash - a) иметь заметную внешность, выделяться; б) бахвалиться, рисоваться to cut a swath /a gash/ - амер. рисоваться, важничать to cut high shines - амер. сл. совершить что-л необыкновенное to cut the string - амер. свободно действовать, не стесняться в поступках to cut the hair - спорить о мелочах; вдаваться в ненужные подробности to cut the mustard - амер. подходить во всех отношениях to cut a sign - амер. увидеть что-л, наткнуться на что-л to cut both ways - быть обоюдоострым that cuts both ways - это обоюдоострый аргумент; \cong это палка о двух концах to cut one's teeth on smth. - \cong на чём-л. собаку съесть to cut one's wisdom-teeth /eye-teeth/ - стать благоразумным, приобрести жизненный опыт to cut one's eye - амер. посмотреть косо, бросить косой взгляд to cut the bag open - амер. проговориться, выдать (секретные) сведения to cut and thrust - пикироваться to cut and contrive - жить по средствам, сводить концы с концами to cut and come again - есть много, с аппетитом(особ. мясо) [см. тж. cut-and-come-again] to cut it fine - a) попасть в последнюю минуту; he nevermisses his train in the morning, but he always cuts it fine - он никогда не опаздывает по утрам на поезд, но всегда поспевает в последнюю минуту; б) рассчитать, сделать абсолютно точно; в) оставить (себе) в обрез

to cut it too fat - \cong хватить через край; перегнуть палку

[kʌt] n peðκ.

жребий

to draw cuts - тянуть жребий

cut

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cut [cut cuts cutting] verb, noun BrE [kAt] NAmE [knt] verb (cut-ting, cut, cut)

WOUND/HOLE

- 1. transitive, intransitive to make an opening or a wound in sth, especially with a sharp tool such as a knife or scissors
 - ~ sth She cut her finger on a piece of glass.
 - ~ yourself He cut himself (= his face) shaving.
 - ~ sth + adj. She had fallen and cut her head open .
 - ~ through sth You need a powerful saw to cut through metal.
 - (figurative) The canoe cut through the water.

REMOVE WITH KNIFE

- 2. transitive to remove sth or a part of sth, using a knife, etc
 - ~ sth (from sth) He cut four thick slices from the loaf.
 - · a bunch of cut flowers
 - ~ sb sth I cut them all a piece of birthday cake.
 - sth for sb | cut a piece of birthday cake for them all.
- 3. transitive ~ sth (in sth) to make or form sth by removing material with a knife, etc
 - The climbers cut steps in the ice.
 - · Workmen cut a hole in the pipe.

DIVIDE

- 4. transitive to divide sth into two or more pieces with a knife, etc
 - ~ sth Don't cut the string, until the knots.
 - ~ sth in/into sth He cut the loaf into thick slices.
 - The bus was cut in two by the train.
 - Now cut the tomatoes in half.

HAIR/NAILS/GRASS, ETC.

- 5. transitive to make sth shorter by cutting
 - ~ sth to cut your hair/nails
 - to cut the grass/lawn/hedge
 - ~ sth + adj. He's had his hair cut really short.

RELEASE

- 6. transitive to allow sb to escape from somewhere by cutting the rope, object, etc. that is holding them
 - ~ sb (from sth) The injured driver had to be cut from the wreckage.
 - ~ sb + adj. Two survivors were cut free after being trapped for twenty minutes.

CLOTHING

- 7. transitive, usually passive ~ sth + adj. to design and make a piece of clothing in a particular way
- The swimsuit was cut high in the leg.

ABLE TO CUT/BE CUT

- 8. intransitive to be capable of cutting
- · This knife won't cut.
- 9. intransitive to be capable of being cut
 - · Sandstone cuts easily.

REDUCE

- 10. transitive to reduce sth by removing a part of it
 - ~ sth to cut prices/taxes/spending/production
 - Buyers will bargain hard to cut the cost of the house they want.
 - ~ sth by... His salary has been cut by ten per cent.
 - ~ sth (from...) (to...) Could you cut your essay from 5 000 to 3 000 words?

REMOVE

- 11. transitive ~ sth (from sth) to remove sth from sth
 - This scene was cut from the final version of the movie.

COMPUTING

- 12. intransitive, transitive ~ (sth) to delete (= remove) part of a text on a computer screen in order to place it somewhere else
 - You can cut and paste between different programs.

STOP

END

- 13. transitive ~ sth (informal) used to tell sb to stop doing sth
- · Cut the chatter and get on with your work!

- 14. transitive ~ sth to completely end a relationship or all communication with sb
 - Syn: †sever
 - She has cut all ties with her family.
 - · He has refused to cut links with these companies.

IN MOVIE/TV

- 15. transitive ~ sth to prepare a film/movie or tape by removing parts of it or putting them in a different order
- Syn: †edit
- see also †director's cut
- 16. intransitive (usually used in orders) to stop filming or recording
 - The director shouted 'Cut!'
- 17. intransitive ~ (from sth) to sth (in films/movies, radio or television) to move quickly from one scene to another
- The scene cuts from the bedroom to the street.

MISS CLASS

- 18. transitive ~ sth (informal, especially NAmE) to stay away from a class that you should go to
 - He's always cutting class.

UPSET

- **19.** transitive ~ **sb** to hurt sb emotionally
 - · His cruel remarks cut her deeply.

IN CARD GAMES

- 20. intransitive, transitive ~ (sth) to lift and turn up a \(^p\)pack of \(^p\)playing cards in order to decide who is to play first, etc
 - · Let's cut for dealer.

GEOMETRY

- **21.** transitive ~ **sth** (of a line) to cross another line
 - The line cuts the circle at two points.

A TOOTH

- 22. transitive ~ a tooth to have a new tooth beginning to appear through the \frac{1}{2}gum
 - · When did she cut her first tooth?

A DISC, ETC.

23. transitive ~ a disc, etc. to make a recording of music on a record, CD, etc

• The Beatles cut their first disc in 1962.

DRUG

24. transitive ~ sth (with sth) to mix an illegal drug such as heroin with another substance

Rem: Most idioms containing cut are at the entries for the nouns and adjectives in the idioms, for example cut your losses is at loss.

Verb forms: verb forms

Yea D TOLTIS	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	cut
	BrE /kat/
	NAME /kat/
he / she /it	cuts
	BrE /knts/
	NAmE /kats/
past simple, past participle	cut
	BrE /knt/
	NAmE /kat/
-ing form	cutting
	BrE / 'kutany'
	NAmE / 'kxtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (probably existing, although not recorded, in Old English); probably of Germanic origin and related to Norwegian kutte and Icelandic kuta 'cut with a small knife', kuti 'small blunt knife'.

Thesaurus:

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cut verb
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1. T

• She cut her finger on a piece of glass.

slash • • slit • • nick • • split • • gash •

cut/slash/slit sb's throat/your wrists

cut/split your head/lip

cut/nick yourself

2. T

· He cut two slices of bread.

chop · · slice · · carve · · dice ·

cut/chop/slice/carve sth into sth

cut/chop/slice sth off sth

cut/chop/slice/carve/dice meat

cut/slice bread/cake

chop/slice an onion

3. T

• She had her hair cut really short.

trim · · snip · · clip · · crop · · shear · · shave · · lop · · mow ·

cut/trim/snip/clip/shear/shave/lop sth off

cut/trim/snip/clip/crop/shear/shave hair

cut/trim/clip a hedge

cut/clip your/sb's nails

cut/mow the grass/lawn

4. T

His party promises to cut taxes.

cut sth back/cut back on sth • cut sth down/cut down on sth • reduce • · lower • · bring sth down • |especially AmE business scale sth back • |business downsize • |informal, journalism slash • |BrE axe • |AmE ax •

Opp: increase, Opp: raise

cut sth/cut sth back/cut sth down/reduce sth/lower sth/bring sth down/downsize sth **from** €50 000 to €40 000 cut sth/cut sth back/cut sth down/educe sth/lower sth **by** half, 50, etc.

cut/cut back on/cut down on/reduce/lower/scale back/slash spending/production

Cut, cut sth back, cut sth down or scale sth back? Cut is the most general of these words. Cut sth back and scale sth back are both used especially to talk about money or business. Cut sth down is more general and is used to talk about things other than business.

Synonyms:

cut

slash • cut sth back • scale sth back • rationalize • downsize

These words all mean to reduce the amount or size of sth, especially of an amount of money or a business.

cut • to reduce sth, especially an amount of money that is demanded, spent, earned, etc. or the size of a business: ■ The President has promised to cut taxes significantly. ♦ Buyers will bargain hard to cut the cost of the house they want. ♦ His salary has been cut by ten per cent. ♦ Could you cut your essay from 5 000 to 3 000 words?

slash • [often passive] (rather informal) (often used in newspapers) to reduce sth by a large amount: • The workforce has been slashed by half.

cut sth back/ • cut back on sth • to reduce sth, especially an amount of money or business: • We had to cut back production.

scale sth back • (especially NAmE or business) to reduce sth, especially an amount of money or business: • The IMF has scaled back its growth forecasts for the next decade.

rationalize • (*BrE*, business) to make changes to a business or system, in order to make it more efficient, especially by spending less money.

downsize • (business) to make a company or organization smaller by reducing the number of jobs in it, in order to reduce costs. **Downsize** is often used by people who want to avoid saying more obvious words like 'dismiss' or 'make redundant' because they sound too negative

to cut/slash/cut back on/scale back/rationalize spending/production

to cut/slash/cut back on jobs

to cut/slash/downsize the workforce

to cut/slash/rationalize the cost of sth

to cut/slash prices/taxes/the budget

to cut sth/slash sth/cut sth back drastically

Example Bank:

- · Cut the cake into six pieces.
- Cut the carrots in half lengthwise.
- · Cut the courgette in half lengthways.
- Cut the stem cleanly, just beneath a leaf joint.
- · He cut the bread into thin slices.
- · His career was cut short by injury.
- His thoughts were abruptly cut off by a blinding flash of pain.
- · I can't cut through this wood.
- I told the stylist I wanted my hair cut short.
- I'm trying to cut down on fatty foods.
- Local authorities have been forced to cut back on expenditure.
- · Make sure you cut the bread nice and thick.
- · She cut the loaf in two and gave me one of the halves.
- She fell and cut her head open.
- She picked up the knife and cut into the meat.
- · Social work services have been cut back drastically.
- · Some trees had been cut down.
- The department has to cut its spending by 30%.
- The price has been cut from €250 to €175.
- They were completely cut off from the outside world.
- Two survivors were cut free after being trapped for twenty minutes.
- We have managed to cut our costs drastically.
- We should cut back to previous levels of spending.
- · cutting down trees
- · freshly cut flowers
- Don't cut the string; untie the knot.
- · He cut four slices from the loaf.
- · He cut himself shaving.
- Her hair had been very well cut.
- I'll cut the apple in half.
- I'm going to get/have my hair cut really short.
- Shall I cut you a piece of cake?
- The President has promised to cut taxes significantly.
- You can cut out this whole paragraph without losing any of the impact.

Idioms: †cut above somebody = †cut and run = †cut and thrust = †cut it

Derived †cut across something = †cut down = †cut in = †cut out = †cut out for something = †cut out to be something = †cut somebody down = †cut somebody in = †cut somebody off = †cut somebody out = †cut somebody up = †cut something away = †cut something back = †cut something down = †cut something off = †cut something out = †cut something up = †cut through something = †cut up

noun

WOUND

- 1. a wound caused by sth sharp
 - · cuts and bruises on the face
 - Blood poured from the deep cut on his arm.

HOLE

- 2. a hole or an opening in sth, made with sth sharp
 - Using sharp scissors, make a small cut in the material.

REDUCTION

- 3. ~ (in sth) a reduction in amount, size, supply, etc
- price/tax/job cuts

- They had to take a 20% cut in pay.
- They announced cuts in public spending.

see also †power cut, †short cut

OF HAIR

- 4. usually singular an act of cutting sb's hair; the style in which it is cut
 - Your hair could do with a cut (= it is too long).
 - a cut and blow-dry

see also †buzz cut

OF CLOTHING

- 5. usually singular the shape and style that a piece of clothing has because of the way the cloth is cut
- the elegant cut of her dress
- · trousers with a loose cut designed for comfortable wear

SHARE OF MONEY

- 6. a share in sth, especially money
 - They were rewarded with a cut of 5% from the profits.

OF MOVIE/PLAY, ETC.

- 7. ~ (in sth) an act of removing part of a film/movie, play, piece of writing, etc
 - The director objected to the cuts ordered by the censor.
 - · She made some cuts before handing over the finished novel

MEAT

- 8. a piece of meat cut from an animal
 - · a lean cut of pork
 - · cheap cuts of stewing lamb

see also †cold cuts

Word Origin:

Middle English (probably existing, although not recorded, in Old English); probably of Germanic origin and related to Norwegian kutte and Icelandic kuta 'cut with a small knife', kuti 'small blunt knife'.

Thesaurus:

cut noun

1. C

Blood poured from the cut on his arm.

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gash • • graze • • scratch • • wound •
  cuts/a gash/a wound to a part of the body
  a deep cut/gash/scratch/wound
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clean a cut/wound

2. C

• They had to take a 20% cut in pay.

reduction · · cutback ·

Opp: increase, Opp: rise, Opp: raise

a cut/reduction/cutback in sth

big/huge/large/significant/major/massive cuts/reductions/cutbacks

make cuts/reductions/cutbacks

Cut or reduction? Reduction can be used for things that become less or smaller by themselves, or things that are reduced deliberately by sb. A **cut** is always made by sb. A **cut** is usually a negative thing and happens at one point in time; a **reduction** can be gradual:

- job/salary/pay cuts
- a gradual reduction in output

x a gradual cut in output

Example Bank:

- By the time the organizers have had their cut, there won't be much left.
- Clean the cut and cover it to prevent infection.
- · He has a small cut on his finger.
- · He takes a cut of the profits.
- I've made an appointment to have a hair cut.
- If there's money to be made from selling photos of her, she wants her cut.
- · One man was attacked and suffered cuts to his face.
- She got a bad cut over her right eye.
- The company has announced a new round of job cuts.
- The cuts will come into effect next May.
- The recipe calls for a good lean cut of beef.
- The staff have all had to take a cut in salary.

- They are planning to make substantial cuts in the service.
- They get a lot of power cuts because they have overheadwires.
- · a cut on her hand
- · a high-quality blade that gives a clean cut
- · cuts in public spending
- proposed tax cuts
- · He came home covered in cuts and bruises.
- She made some lengthy cuts before handing over the finished novel
- She suffered only minor cuts and grazes as a result of the accident.
- The capital and towns to the north were plunged into darkness by power cuts.
- The director objected to the cuts ordered by the film censor.
- There wasn't much left after his agents took their cut.
- They had to take a 20% cut in pay.
- They were rewarded with a cut of 5% from the profits.
- · You can take a short cut across the field.
- job/salary/pay cuts

See also: 1cut back = 1cut something off something = 1cut something through something = 1cut through something = 1cut somethi

cut

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I. cut¹ S1 W1 /knt/ BrE * AmE * verb (past tense and past participle cut, present participle cutting)

[Word Family: noun: †cut, †cutting, †cutter; verb †cut, †undercut; adjective: †cutting]

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: From an unrecorded Old English cytan]

- 1. REDUCE[transitive] to reduce the amount of something:
 - They're introducing CCTV cameras in an attempt to cut street crime in the area.
 - You need to cut the amount of fat and sugar in your diet.
 - Scientists are warning that unless carbon emissions are cut, we could be heading for an environmental catastrophe.
 - Seven hundred jobs will be lost in order to <u>cut costs</u> and boost profits.
 - The major aviation companies need to <u>cut prices</u> if they are to compete with budget airlines.

cut something by £1 million/\$5 billion/half etc

The welfare budget has been cut by \$56 billion.

cut something off something

- A new direct service will cut two hours off the flying time between London and Seoul.
- Staffing levels had already been cut to the bone (=reduced to the lowest level possible).
- 2. DIVIDE SOMETHING WITH A KNIFE, SCISSORS ETC [intransitive and transitive] to divide something or separate something from its main part, using scissors, a knife etc:
 - Do you want me to cut the cake?
 - The telephone wires had been cut minutes before the assault.

cut something with something

Jane cut the cord with a knife.

cut somebody something

Can you cut me a piece of bread, please?

cut along/across/round etc

Using a pair of scissors, cut carefully along the dotted lines.

cut through

We'll need a saw that will cut through metal.

cut something in half/in two

Cut the orange in half.

cut something into slices/chunks/pieces etc (=make something into a particular shape by cutting)

Cut the carrots into thin strips.

cut something to size/length (=cut something so that it is the size you need)

The curtain pole can be cut to length. ⇒ CUT AWAY, CUT OFF, ¹cut out, ¹cut up

3. MAKE SOMETHING SHORTER WITH A KNIFE ETC [transitive] to make something shorter with a knife, scissors etc, especially in order to make it neater:

For reasons of hygiene, we had to cut our fingernails really short.

cut the lawn/grass/hedge etc

From outside came the sound of someone cutting the hedge.

have/get your hair cut

It's about time you got your hair cut.

4. REMOVE PARTS FROM FILM ETC [transitive] to remove parts from a film, book, speech etc, for example because it is too long or might offend people:

The original version was cut by more than 30 minutes.

5. MAKE A HOLE/MARK [intransitive and transitive] to make a hole or mark in the surface of something, or to open it using a sharp tool

cut into

The blade cut deep into the wood.

cut something into something

Strange letters had been cut into the stone.

- Cut a hole in the middle of the paper.
- Cut open the chillies and remove the seeds.
- 6. INJURE [transitive] to injure yourself on something sharp that breaks the skin and makes you bleed

cut your finger/knee/hand etc

I noticed he'd cut his finger quite badly.

cut yourself (on something)

- Marcie said she'd cut herself on a broken glass.
- That knife's extremely sharp! Mind you don't cut yourself.
- On Eric's chin was a scrap of cotton wool where he'd cut himself shaving.
- She fell and cut her head open.

7. MAKE/FORM SOMETHING BY CUTTING [transitive] to make or form something from a solid piece of wood, metal etc using a sharp tool:

I'll get a spare key cut for you.

cut something from something

The chair had been cut from the trunk of a tree.

8. LET SOMEBODY GET FREE [transitive] to cut something such as metal or rope in order to let someone escape from where they are trapped

cut somebody from something

- She had to be cut from the wreckage of her car.
- He was in the vehicle for an hour before he was cut free.
- 9. TOOL/MATERIAL [intransitive] if a tool cuts well, badly etc, it cuts things well or badly etc:

professional quality tools that cut efficiently and smoothly

10. **CLOTHES** [transitive usually passive] if a piece of clothing is cut in a particular way, that is the way it is designed and made:

The T-shirt is cut fairly low at the neck.

11. ON COMPUTER [intransitive and transitive] to remove something from a document or ↑file on a computer:

To cut text, press Control + C.

Cut and paste the picture into a new file (=remove it and then make it appear in a new file).

12. **GO A QUICK WAY** [intransitive always + adverb'preposition] to get to somewhere by a quicker and more direct way than the usual way ⇒ **shortcut**

cut through/down/across etc

I usually cut through the car park to get to work.

Let's cut across the field.

13. DIVIDE AN AREA [intransitive and transitive] to divide an area into two or more parts

cut something in/into something

The river cuts the whole region in two.

cut through

The new road will cut through a conservation area.

14. PLAYING CARDS [intransitive and transitive] to divide a pack of cards into two:

First cut the pack, and then deal the cards

15. **MUSIC** [transitive] to produce a [†]CD, song etc for people to buy:

The band cut their first single in 2001.

16. CROPS [transitive] to take the top part off crops such as wheat before gathering them

17. **cut a deal** to make a business deal:

A French company has reportedly cut a deal to produce software for government agencies.

18. **cut** (**somebody**) a **check** *American English informal* to write a †check for a particular amount of money and give it to someone: When the damage assessor called, he cut a check for \$139.

19. **cut!** *spoken* said by the †director of a film to tell people to stop acting, filming etc

20. PUT A FILM TOGETHER [transitive] to put the parts of a film together so that they make a continuous story, and get rid of the parts you do not want

21. cut in line American English to unfairly go in front of other people who are waiting to do something

22. cut class/school American English informal to deliberately not go to a class that you should go to:

She started cutting classes.

23. cut your teeth (on something) to get your first experience of doing something and learn the basic skills:

Both reporters cut their journalistic teeth on the same provincial newspaper.

24. cut corners to do something in a way that saves time, effort, or money, but that also results in it not being done properly:

There's a temptation to cut corners when you're pushed for time, but it's not worth it.

25. **cut something short** to stop doing something earlier than you planned:

The band has cut short its US concert tour.

Her athletic career was cut short by a leg injury.

26. cut somebody short to stop someone from finishing what they wanted to say:

I tried to explain, but he cut me short.

27. cut the ... spoken an impolite way of telling someone to stop doing something because it is annoying you:

Cut the sarcasm, Jane, and tell me what really happened!

- Cut the crap (=stop saying something that is not true)! I saw his car outside your house.
- 28. cut somebody dead to deliberately ignore someone when you meet them:

I saw Ian in town but he cut me dead.

29. cut your losses to stop doing something that is failing, so that you do not waste any more money, time, or effort:

He decided to cut his losses and sell the business.

30. LINE [transitive] if a line cuts another line, they cross each other at a particular point

- 31. TOOTH [transitive] if a baby cuts a tooth, the tooth starts to grow
- 32. cut somebody to the quick/bone literary to upset someone very much by saying something cruel:

His mockery frightened her and cut her to the bone.

- 33. cut to the chase informal to immediately start dealing with the most important part of something
- **34.** cut a fine/strange etc figure *literary* to have an impressive, strange etc appearance:
 - Mason cuts a battered but defiant figure.
- **35**. **cut your own throat** to behave in a way that will cause harm to yourself, especially because you are very offended or angry about something:
 - He'd just be cutting his own throat if he left now.
- 36. (it) cuts both ways spoken used to say that something has two effects, especially a good effect and a bad one:
 - The higher the interest rate, the greater the financial risk which, of course, cuts both ways.
- 37. cut the ground from under sb's feet to make someone or their ideas seem less impressive by having better ideas yourself or doing something before they do
- **38**. **cut and run** *informal* to avoid a difficult situation by leaving suddenly:
 - Although the company has faced financial difficulties, they do not intend to cut and run.
- **39**. **cut no ice/not cut much ice** if something cuts no ice with someone, it will not persuade them to change their opinion or decision:
 - It's unlikely that these arguments will cut much ice with Democrats.
- 40. cut the (umbilical) cord to stop being too dependent on someone, especially your parents
- **41**. **not cut the mustard** *informal* to not be good enough:
 - Other magazines have tried to copy the formula but have never quite cut the mustard.
- 42. DRUGS [transitive usually passive] to mix an illegal drug such as heroin with another substance
- 43. cut your coat according to your cloth to spend only as much money as you can afford
- **44.** to cut a long story short spoken used to say that you are only going to mention the main facts of something:
 - To cut a long story short, he threw them out of the house.
- 45. cut it/things fine (also cut it close American English) to leave yourself just enough time to do something:
 - Even in normal traffic, 20 minutes to get to the airport is cutting it fine.
- **46**. **not cut it** *informal* to not be good enough to do something:
 - Players who can't cut it soon quit the team.
- 47. cut a swathe through something literary to cause a lot of damage in a place or among a group of people:
 - A series of bribery scandals has cut a swathe through the government.
- **48**. **you could cut the atmosphere with a knife** *informal* used to say that everyone in a place is very annoyed or angry with each other and this is very easy to notice

COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

nouns

- cut costs (=reduce the amount you spend running a business, a home etc) They cut costs by getting rid of staff.
- cut prices Shops have been forced to cut their prices after very slow sales.
- **cut taxes/rates** The government is expected to cut interest rates next month.
- cut spending/borrowing In the 1990s, governments worldwide cut military spending.
- cut jobs The bank announced that it was cutting 500 jobs.
- cut crime Cameras have helped to cut crime in the town centre.

adverbs

• sharply/severely/drastically (=cut a lot) Housing benefit was sharply cut for all but the poorest people.

phrases

• cut something to the bone (=reduce it to the lowest level possible) Funding for art and music in schools has been cut to the bone.

COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

phrases

- cut somebody a piece/slice of something Shall I cut you a slice of cake?
- cut something in half/two (=into two pieces) Cut the tomatoes in half.
- cut something into pieces/slices/chunks etc Next cut the carrots into thin slices.
- cut something to size/length (=so that it is the size/length you need) The place where I bought the wood cut it to size for me.

adverbs

- **cut something open** Cut open the avocado and remove the stone.
- cut something lengthways (=cut it in the direction that is longest) First cut the fish in half lengthways.
- cut something cleanly (=with no uneven edges) Branches should be cut cleanly from the tree.

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- **cut** to divide something into two or more pieces, especially using a knife or †scissors: Do you want me to cut the cake? | He cut off the lower branches.
- snip to quickly cut something, especially using \(^s\)cissors: I snipped the label off. | The hairdresser snipped away at her hair.
- **slit** to make a long narrow cut through something, especially using a knife: He slit the envelope open with a penknife. | She slit through the plastic covering.
- slash to cut something quickly and violently with a knife, making a long thin cut: Someone had slashed the tyres on his car. | He tried to slash his wrists.

- saw to cut wood, using a *\saw (=a tool with a row of sharp points): Saw the wood to the correct length.
- chop to cut wood, vegetables, or meat into pieces: Bill was outside chopping up firewood with an axe. | They chopped down the old tree. | finely chopped onion
- slice to cut bread, meat, or vegetables into thin pieces: I'll slice the cucumber. | Slice the bread thinly.
- dice to cut vegetables or meat into small square pieces: First dice the apple into cubes.
- grate to cut cheese or a hard vegetable by rubbing it against a special tool: Grate the cheese and sprinkle it over the vegetables.
- peel to cut the outside part off something such as a potato or apple: I peeled the potatoes and put them in a saucepan.
- carve to cut thin pieces from a large piece of meat: Uncle Ray carved the turkey.
- mow to cut the grass in a garden, park etc: A gardener was mowing the lawn.
- trim (also clip) to cut a small amount off something, especially to make it look neater: He was trimming his beard. | Trim the excess fat off the meat.

cut across something phrasal verb

if a problem or feeling cuts across different groups of people, they are all affected by it:

Domestic violence seems to cut across most social divisions.

cut something ↔away phrasal verb

to remove unwanted or unnecessary parts from something by cutting it:

Cut away all the dead wood.

cut back phrasal verb

1. to reduce the amount, size, cost etc of something

cut back on

Several major hospitals are cutting back on staff at the moment.

cut something ↔back

- Education spending cannot be cut back any further.
- Richer countries must do more to cut back carbon emissions. ⇒ ↑cutback
- 2. cut something ↔ back to remove the top part of a plant in order to help it to grow:
 - Cut back the shoots in spring to encourage bushier growth.
- 3. to eat, drink, or use less of something, especially in order to improve your health

cut back on

Try to cut back on foods containing wheat and dairy products.

cut down phrasal verb

1. REDUCE to reduce the amount of something

cut something ↔down

Installing double-glazing will cut down the noise from traffic.

cut down on

By getting the design right, you can cut down on accidents.

2. EAT/USE LESS to eat, drink, or use less of something, especially in order to improve your health:

I've always smoked, but I'm trying to cut down.

cut down on

Cut down on fatty foods if you want to lose weight.

- **4.** KILL cut somebody ↔ down *literary* to kill or injure someone, especially in a battle:
 - Hundreds of men were cut down by crossbow fire.
- **5**. **REDUCE LENGTH cut something** ↔ **down** to reduce the length of something such as a piece of writing:

Your essay's too long – it needs cutting down a little.

- **6. cut somebody down to size** to make someone realize that they are not as important, successful etc as they think they are **cut in** *phrasal verb*
- 1. INTERRUPT to interrupt someone who is speaking by saying something:
 - 'What shall I do?' Patrick cut in again.

cut in on

Sorry to cut in on you, but there are one or two things I don't understand.

2. DRIVING to suddenly drive in front of a moving car in a dangerous way

cut in on

- She cut in on a red Ford, forcing the driver to brake heavily.
- 3. MACHINE if a part of a machine cuts in, it starts to operate when it is needed:
 - The safety device cuts in automatically.
- **4. INCLUDE SOMEBODY cut somebody in** *informal* to allow someone to take part in a plan or to make money from it cut somebody in on
 - Come on, Joey, you promised to cut me in on this one!

cut somebody/something off phrasal verb

- 1. SEPARATE cut something
 → off to separate something by cutting it away from the main part:
 - One of his fingers was cut off in the accident.

cut something off something

Cut the fat off the meat.

- 2. STOP SUPPLY cut something ↔ off to stop the supply of something such as electricity, gas, water etc:
 - The gas had been cut off.
 - The US has threatened to cut off economic and military aid.
- **3**. **get cut off** to suddenly not be able to hear someone that you were speaking to on the telephone:
 - I don't know what happened we just got cut off.

- 4. be cut off
- a) if a place is cut off, people cannot leave it or reach it:

In winter, the town is often cut off by snow.

- **b)** to be a long way from other places and be difficult to get to:
 - Accessible only by air, the town is cut off from the rest of the country.
- c) if someone is cut off, they are lonely and not able to meet many other people:

Many older people feel cut off and isolated.

- 5. STOP BEING FRIENDLY cut somebody ↔ off to stop having a friendly relationship with someone:
 - Julia had been completely cut off by all her family and friends.

cut yourself off (from somebody)

- After his wife died, he cut himself off completely from the rest of the world.
- **6**. **INTERRUPT** to interrupt someone and stop them from finishing what they were saying:
 - Emma cut him off in mid-sentence.
- 7. PREVENT SOMETHING cut somebody off from something to prevent someone from having something that they need or want:

The project aims to ensure that poorer people are not cut off from the benefits of computer technology.

- 8. MONEY/PROPERTY to refuse to let someone receive your money or property, especially when you die:
 - My parents threatened to <u>cut</u> me <u>off without a penny</u> if I married him.
- 9. DRIVING cut somebody ⇔off American English to suddenly drive in front of a moving car in a dangerous way:
 - A man in a station wagon cut me off on the freeway.
- **10**. **cut off your nose to spite your face** to do something because you are angry, even though it will harm you **cut out** *phrasal verb*
- - The cancerous cells had to be cut out.

cut something ↔out of

- Billy showed me the article he'd cut out of the magazine.
- 2. CUT A SHAPE cut something ↔ out to cut a shape from a piece of paper, cloth etc:
 - The children were cutting out squares from the scraps of material.
- 3. STOP SOMETHING HAPPENING cut something
 → out to stop something from happening or existing:
 - The idea behind these forms is to cut out fraud.
 - A catalytic converter will cut out 90% of carbon monoxide emissions.
- **4.** STOP DOING/EATING SOMETHING cut something ↔ out to stop doing or eating something, especially because it might be bad for your health:
 - The current advice to pregnant women is to cut out alcohol.
- **5.** FROM WRITING cut something →out to remove something from a piece of writing, especially because it might offend people:
 - Cut out the bit about racial prejudice.
- 6. cut it/that out spoken used to tell someone to stop doing something because it is annoying you:
 - Hey, you guys, cut it out Mom's trying to get some sleep.
- 7. NOT INVOLVE SOMEBODY cut somebody ↔ out to stop someone from doing something or being involved in something:
 - The new rules will cut out 25% of people who were previously eligible to vote.
- **8**. **be cut out for something** (also **be cut out to be something**) [usually in questions and negatives] to have the qualities that you need for a particular job or activity:
 - In the end, I decided I wasn't cut out for the army.
 - Are you sure you're really cut out to be a teacher?
- **9**. **ENGINE** if an engine or machine cuts out, it suddenly stops working:

The engine cut out halfway across the lake.

- 10. LIGHT/VIEW cut something ↔ out to prevent light, sound etc from reaching somewhere:
 - You'll need sunglasses that will cut out harmful UV rays from the sun.
- 11. cut somebody out to prevent someone from getting something, especially your money after your death:

Em's father decided to cut her out of his will.

- ⇒ have your work cut out at \dagger\work2(15), ⇒ cut out the middleman at \dagger\middleman
- cut through something phrasal verb
- 1. written to move or pass easily through water or air:
 - The boat cut effortlessly through the water.
- 2. to quickly and easily deal with something that is confusing or difficult:
 - You need someone to help you cut through all the irritating legal jargon.
- 3. *literary* if a sound cuts through silence or noise, it is heard because it is loud:
 - A piercing shriek cut through the silence.

cut up phrasal verb

- 1. CUT INTO PIECES cut something ↔ up to cut something into small pieces:
 - Could you cut the pizza up, please?

cut something ↔up into

- He cut the paper up into little pieces.
- 2. DRIVING cut somebody/something ↔up British English to suddenly drive in front of a moving vehicle in a dangerous way:
 - Some idiot cut me up on the motorway.
- 3. BEHAVE BADLY American English informal to behave in a noisy or rude way
- **4**. **cut up rough** *British English informal* to react in an angry or violent way:
- Careful how you approach him he can cut up a bit rough if he's got a mind to.

 5. CRITICIZE cut somebody ↔ up informal to criticize someone in an unpleasant way

⇒ ¹cut up

II. cut² S2 W2 BrE * AmE * noun [countable]

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- **1**. **REDUCTION** [usually plural] a reduction in the size or amount of something, especially the amount of money that is spent by a government or company:
 - There will be cuts across all levels of the company.

cut in

- Cuts in public spending mean that fewer people can go on to higher education.
- The decision to make cuts in health care provision has been widely criticized.

tax/pay/job etc cuts

- A shorter working week will mean pay cuts for millions of workers.
- The building plans could be hit by possible spending cuts.

cut of

A cut of 1% in interest rates was announced yesterday.

2. SKIN WOUND a wound that is caused when something sharp cuts your skin:

- That's quite a nasty cut you ought to get it seen to by a doctor.
- The driver escaped with minor cuts and bruises.
- 3. HOLE/MARK a narrow hole or mark in the surface of something, made by a sharp tool or object:
 - Make a small cut in the paper.
- 4. HAIR [usually singular]
 - a) an act of cutting someone's hair SYN haircut:

How much do they charge for a cut and blow-dry?

- b) the style in which your hair is cut SYN haircut:
 - a short stylish cut
- 5. CLOTHES [usually singular] the style in which clothes have been made:

I could tell by the cut of his suit that he wasn't a poor man.

6. SHARE OF SOMETHING [usually singular] someone's share of something, especially money

cut of

- She was determined to claim her cut of the winnings.
- 7. REMOVAL FROM FILM an act of removing a part from a film, play, piece of writing etc, or a part that has been removed
- **8. FILM** [usually singular] the process of putting together the different parts of a film and removing the parts that will not be shown: Spielberg himself oversaw the final cut.
- 9. MUSIC one of the songs or pieces of music on a record, †cassette, or CD
- 10. the cut and thrust of something the exciting but sometimes difficult or unpleasant way that something is done:
 - the cut and thrust of political debate
- 11. be a cut above somebody/something to be much better than someone else or something else:
 - The movie is a cut above recent thrillers.
 - " He proved himself to be a cut above the rest.
- 12. MEAT a piece of meat that has been cut to a size suitable for cooking or eating:
 - Long slow cooking is more suitable for cheaper cuts of meat.
- 13. ROAD American English a road that has been made through a hill
- ⇒ ¹cold cuts, ¹power cut, ¹short cut

COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1) verbs

- make cuts The country needs to make cuts in the carbon dioxide it produces.
- announce cuts A major engineering company has announced big job cuts.
- take/accept cuts (=agree to have something reduced) Some employees were forced to take pay cuts.

■NOUN + cut

- tax cuts The President announced tax cuts.
- pay/wage cuts Millions of workers face pay cuts.
- job/staff cuts There have been falling sales and job cuts at the newspaper.
- spending cuts His proposals could involvespending cuts of up to £12 billion.
- price cuts The company announced big price cuts on all its computers.
- defence cuts Further proposals for defence cuts were drawn up.

adjectives

- deep/severe cuts (=big reductions)
 Deep cuts were made in research spending.
- drastic/sharp cuts (=big and sudden reductions) He resigned overdrastic cuts in the education budget.

COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

verbs

- have a cut on something He had a cut on his forehead.
- get a cut (on something) I fell and got a bad cut on my head.

adjectives

- small/slight It's only a small cut.
- minor Two passengers had to be treated for minor cuts.
- **superficial** (=not deep) I'm fine just a few superficial cuts.
- bad/nasty (=wide or deep and bleeding a lot) The cut looked quite bad. | How did you get that nasty cut?

• deep She fell and got a deep cut on her leg.

■phrases

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• cuts and bruises (=cuts and dark marks on the skin) He escaped the crash with just a few cuts and bruises.

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