

**prune**

I

[pru:n] *n*

1. чернослив
2. *уст.* слива
3. красновато-лиловыйцвет
4. *разг.* простак, простофиля глупец
5. *разг.* зануда; человек, который всем портитнастроение
  - ◇ prunes and prism(s) - жеманная манера говорить

II

[pru:n] *v*

1. 1) обрезать, подрезать (*ветви*)
- 2) *сад.* формироватькрону
2. сокращать, урезать (*расходы и т. п.*)
  - to prune appropriations - урезать /сократить/ ассигнования
  - to prune away costs - снизить расходы, навести экономию
3. сокращать; убирать (*излишества*); упрощать (*стиль*; *тж.* prune down, prune away)
  - the editor pruned long text to a shorter and more readable length - редактор сократил текст, сделав его более читабельным

II

[pru:n] *уст.* = *preen*<sup>2</sup>

◇ to prune one's plumage - чистить пёрышки; охорашиваться

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**prune** [prune prunes pruned pruning] *noun, verb* BrE [pruːn] <sup>1</sup> NAmE [pruːn] <sup>2</sup>

*noun*

a dried ↑*plum* that is often eaten cooked

- stewed prunes

Word Origin:

*n.* Middle English Old French Latin Greek *prou(m)non* 'plum'

*v.* late 15th cent. 'abbreviate' Old French *pro(o)ignier* Latin *rotundus* 'round'

Derived Word ↑*pruning*

*verb*

1. to cut off some of the branches from a tree, bush, etc. so that it will grow better and stronger
  - ~ **sth** When should you prune apple trees?
  - He pruned the longer branches off the tree.
  - ~ **sth back** The hedge needs pruning back.
2. ~ **sth (back)** to make sth smaller by removing parts; to cut out parts of sth
  - Staff numbers have been pruned back to 175.
  - The railway companies have pruned their timetables (= there are fewer trains) .
  - Prune out any unnecessary details.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	prune
	BrE /pruːn/
	NAmE /pruːn/
he / she /it	prunes
	BrE /pruːnz/
	NAmE /pruːnz/
past simple, past participle	pruned
	BrE /pruːnd/
	NAmE /pruːnd/
-ing form	pruning
	BrE /pruːniŋ/
	NAmE /pruːniŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Prune the trees hard in the winter.
- The roses had been pruned back more severely.
- Their budgets have been drastically pruned.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **prune** <sup>1</sup> /pruːn/ BrE <sup>2</sup> AmE <sup>2</sup> *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: proignier, probably from provigner 'to breed plants from shoots', from Latin

propagə; ⇒ ↑propagate]

1. (also **prune something** ↔ **back**) to cut off some of the branches of a tree or bush to make it grow better:

▪ The roses need pruning.

2. *especially British English* to make something smaller by removing parts that you do not need or want:

▪ The company is pruning staff in order to reduce costs.

▪ The original version of the text has been pruned quite a bit.

II. **prune**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: 'plum', from Latin prunus]

a dried ↑**plum**, often cooked before it is eaten:

▪ stewed prunes

## prune

Freakuency Pack

12500 **7370**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **6148**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **4k** **PRUNE** 2057

prune 571

prunes 307

pruned 270

pruning 783

prunings 23

pruner 41

pruners 62

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

164 **51102**<sup>214</sup> *vv0*

159 **53861**<sup>194</sup> *nn1*

142 **58940**<sup>163</sup> *vvi*