

**option**['ɒpʃ(ə)n] *n***1. выбор, право выбора или замены**local option - право жителей округа контролировать *или* запрещать (продажу спиртных напитков *и т. п.*)

at the option of the purchaser, at buyer's option - по выбору /усмотрению/ покупателя

imprisonment with [without] the option of a fine - *юр.* тюремное заключение с правом [без права] замены его штрафом

to take up the option - сделать выбор

to leave to smb.'s option - оставлять на чье-л. усмотрение

I had no option but to come - у меня не было другого выбора, кроме как прийти

**2. предмет выбора**

Spanish is one of the options - испанский - один из языков, который можно выбрать (для изучения)

none of the options is satisfactory - ≅ нечего выбрать

**3. *юр.* оптация**

option of nationality - оптация /выбор/ гражданства /подданства/

**4. *ком.* опцион, сделка с премией****5. *спорт.* право замены игрока****6. *спорт.* выбор ворот**

◇ to keep /to leave/ one's options open - не торопиться с решением /выбором/

soft option - линия наименьшего сопротивления

to take a soft option - пойти по линии наименьшего сопротивления

**option**

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**option** **AW** [option options] **noun, verb** *BrE* ['ɒpʃn] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* ['ɑːpʃn] <sup>n</sup>**noun****1. countable, uncountable** something that you can choose to have or do; the freedom to choose what you do

• As I see it, we have two options...

• There are various options open to you.

• We are currently studying all the options available.

• Going to college was not an option for me.

• I had **no option but to** (= I had to) ask him to leave.• ~ **(of doing sth)** Students have the option of studying abroad in their second year.• ~ **(to do sth)** A savings plan that gives you the option to vary your monthly payments.

• He was given one month's imprisonment without the option of a fine.

• This particular model comes with a wide range of options (= things you can choose to have when buying sth but which you will have to pay extra for) .

**2. countable** a subject that a student can choose to study, but that they do not have to do

• The course offers options in design and computing.

**3. countable** the right to buy or sell sth at some time in the future• ~ **(on sth)** We have an option on the house.

• He has promised me first option on his car (= the opportunity to buy it before anyone else) .

• ~ **(to do sth)** The property is for rent with an option to buy at any time.

• share options (= the right to buy shares in a company)

**4. countable (computing)** one of the choices you can make when using a computer program

• Choose the 'Cut' option from the Edit menu.

Word Origin:mid 16th cent.: from French, or from Latin *optio(n)-*, from the stem of *optare* 'choose'.Thesaurus:**option** **noun** **C, U**

• As I see it, we have two options.

**choice** • • **alternative** • • **possibility** •(a/an) **real/realistic/viable/practical/obvious** option/choice/alternative/possibility(a) **good/healthy/preferred/cheap/expensive** option/choice/alternative**have** the option/choice of doing sth**have/give sb/offer (sb)** several options/choices/alternatives/possibilities**Option, choice or alternative?** **Alternative** is slightly more formal than **option** or **choice**, and is more frequently used to talk about choosing between two things rather than several.Synonyms:**option**

choice • alternative • possibility

These are all words for sth that you choose to do in a particular situation.

**option** • something that you can choose to have or do; the freedom to choose what you do: ▫ As I see it, we have two options... ◇

▫ Students have the option of studying abroad in their second year.

**Option** is also the word used in computing for one of the choices you can make when using a computer program: ▫ Choose the 'Cut' option from the Edit menu.**choice** • the freedom to choose what you do; something that you can choose to have or do: ▫ If I had the choice, I would stop working tomorrow. ◇ ▫ There is a wide range of choices open to you.

**alternative** • something that you can choose to have or do out of two or more possibilities: ▪ You can be paid in cash weekly or by cheque monthly: those are the two alternatives.

### option, choice or alternative ?

**Choice** is slightly less formal than **option** and **alternative** is slightly more formal. **Choice** is most often used for 'the freedom to choose', although you can sometimes also use **option** (but not usually **alternative**): ▪ If I had the choice/option, I would... ◊ If I had the alternative, I would... ◊ ▪ parental choice in education ◊ parental option/alternative in education. Things that you can choose are **options, choices** ◊ **alternatives**. However, **alternative** is more frequently used to talk about choosing between two things rather than several

**possibility** • one of the different things that you can do in a particular situation: ▪ We need to explore a wide range of possibilities. ◊ ▪ The possibilities are endless.

**Possibility** can be used in a similar way to **option, choice** and **alternative**, but the emphasis here is less on the need to make a choice, and more on what is available

**with/without** the option/choice/possibility of sth  
a(n) **good/acceptable/reasonable/possible** option/choice/alternative  
the **only** option/choice/alternative/possibility **open to sb**  
to **have a/an/the** option/choice **of doing sth**  
to **have no** option/choice/alternative **but to do sth**  
a **number/range of** options/choices/alternatives/possibilities

### Example Bank:

- Deciding on your best option is not easy.
- He thought General Studies would be a soft option.
- He was jailed without the option of a fine.
- He's promised me first option on his car.
- Let's look at all the options available
- Look at the on-screen menu and select the 'File' option.
- Resignation was her only option.
- She took up an option in her contract to buy three million shares.
- We had no option but to leave without them.
- You have the option of taking your holiday early.
- You have the option of working full-time or part-time.
- A savings plan gives you the option to vary your monthly payments.
- He was given one month's imprisonment without the option of a fine.
- I had no option but to ask him to leave
- It is important at this stage to leave your options open.
- There was not much option but to sell the company.
- This particular model comes with a wide range of options.

**Idioms:** ↑keep your options open ▪ ↑soft option

### verb ~ sth

to buy or sell the right to own or use sth, at some time in the future

- The novel has been optioned for the screen by his production company.
- We've optioned all her books, including future ones.
- This is his first script to be optioned by a film company.

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	option
	BrE / 'ɒp /ɪn/
	NAme / 'ɑ:p /ɪn/
he / she / it	options
	BrE / 'ɒp /ɪnz/
	NAme / 'ɑ:p /ɪnz/
past simple, past participle	optioned
	BrE / 'ɒp /ɪnd/
	NAme / 'ɑ:p /ɪnd/
-ing form	optioning
	BrE / 'ɒp /ɪnɪŋ/
	NAme / 'ɑ:p /ɪnɪŋ/

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[**Word Family:** verb: ↑opt, ↑coopt; noun: ↑option; adverb: optionally; adjective: ↑optional]

[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** French; **Origin:** Latin optio 'free choice']

**1. CHOICE [countable]** a choice you can make in a particular situation ⇒ **optional**:

- There are a number of options available.
- He had two options.

This was not the only option open to him.

### option for

▪ a range of options for cutting costs

### one/another option is to do something

▪ Another option is to rent somewhere for six months.

### option of doing something

▪ She had the option of staying for an extra year.

▪ Teenage mothers often have no option but to (=have no other choice except to) live with their parents.

## 2. keep/leave your options open to wait before making a decision:

▪ I'm keeping all my options open for the moment.

## 3. COMPUTERS [countable] one of the possible choices you can make when using computer software:

▪ Select an option from the main menu.

▪ a list of options

## 4. easy option (also soft option British English) the choice which will be the least difficult, least strict, or need the least effort, which someone might choose because they are lazy:

▪ Is community service just a soft option for criminals?

## 5. RIGHT TO BUY/SELL [countable] formal the right to buy or sell something in the future

### option on

▪ The government has agreed to buy 20 planes, with an option on a further 10.

▪ Connor now owns 302,000 shares and options.

## 6. AT SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY [countable] British English one of the subjects that you can choose to study at school for an examination, or as part of a course at a college or university:

▪ advice on choosing your options

## 7. SOMETHING ADDITIONAL [countable] something that is offered in addition to the standard equipment when you buy something new, especially a car

## 8. first option the chance to buy or get something before anyone else

### first option on

▪ They've agreed to give us the first option on their apartment.

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ verbs

- **have an option** At the moment, children have the option of leaving school at 16. | In a situation like this, you have two options.
- **give/offer somebody an option** Some employees were given the option of retiring early. | Buyers will usually be offered the option of paying in instalments.
- **choose an option** Fewer women are choosing the option of motherhood.
- **go for an option** (=choose an option) Which option do you think they'll go for?
- **take (up) an option** (=choose an option) America was persuaded not to take up the option of military action.
- **look at an option** (=consider an option) You have to look at every option as your business develops.
- **limit your options** (=limit what you can choose to do) If you don't go to college, it may limit your options.

### ■ adjectives

- **a good/better option** Renting a house may be a better option than buying.
- **an attractive option** (=one that sounds or is good) If time is short, taking the car to northern France is an attractive option.
- **a realistic/real/serious option** (=something that you can really choose to do) I wanted to start my own business but financially it was never a realistic option.
- **a viable/practical option** (=something you can choose that will be successful) Surgery may be a viable option when all else fails.
- **a popular option** Independent sixth-form colleges are becoming a popular option.
- **a cheap option** We urgently need to find a cheaper option than oil or gas.
- **a safe option** (=one that involves no risk) A special savings account can be a safe option.
- **sb's preferred option** formal (=the option someone likes best) The new scheme appears to be the airport management's preferred option.
- **an easy option** (also **a soft option** British English) (=a choice which is not difficult, or which needs the least effort) For most people, divorce is never an easy option.

### ■ phrases

- **an option is open/available to somebody** (=a particular choice is available to someone) Giving a prison sentence is only one of the options open to the judge.
- **keep/leave your options open** (=to not limit what you can choose to do later) Studying a broad range of subjects helps to keep your options open.
- **have no/little option but to do something** (=have no other choice than to do something) I had no option but to fire him.
- **a range of options** The council is considering a range of options for improving the city's transport system.

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## THESAURUS

- **choice**: **choice of**: The school seems OK, but there isn't a great choice of courses. | **have a choice** (=be able to choose from several things): With her high grades and athletic skill, Celeste had her choice of colleges. | **have no choice but to do something** (=to be forced to do something because there is nothing else you can choose): Spooner says he had no choice but to file for bankruptcy. | **wide choice** (=a lot of things to choose from): There is a wide choice of hotels and hostels in the town.
- **option** one of the things that you can choose to do in a particular situation: He basically has two options: he can have the surgery, or he can give up playing football. | **keep/leave your options open** (=delay choosing so that you continue to have several things to choose from): I haven't signed any contracts yet – I want to keep my options open.

- **alternative** one of two or more ways of doing something: Did you consider other alternatives before you moved in with Lucy? | **alternative to**: There is no practical alternative to our current policy. | **have no alternative (=to not have a choice)**: He says he doesn't want to see a doctor, but I'm afraid he has no alternative.

## option

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15000 **1093**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **2k** **OPTION** 42498

option 17680

optional 4364

options 20454

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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