

reprieve

1. [rɪ'pri:v] *n*
 - 1) отсрочка приведения в исполнение (смертного) приговора
 - 2) распоряжение об отсрочке приведения в исполнение (смертного) приговора
2. [rɪ'pri:v] *v*
 1. отсрочивать приведение в исполнение (смертного) приговора
 2. давать передышку; временно облегчать (*боль и т. п.*)

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re·prieve [reprieve reprieves reprieved reprieving] *verb, noun* BrE [rɪ'pri:v]^u

NAmE [rɪ'pri:v]^u

verb usually passive (not usually used in the progressive tenses)

1. ~ **sb** to officially cancel or delay a punishment for a prisoner who is **condemned** to death
 - a reprieved murderer
2. ~ **sth** to officially cancel or delay plans to close sth or end sth
 - 70 jobs have been reprieved until next April.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	reprieve
	BrE /rɪ'pri:v/
	NAmE /rɪ'pri:v/
he / she / it	reprieves
	BrE /rɪ'pri:vz/
	NAmE /rɪ'pri:vz/
past simple, past participle	reprieved
	BrE /rɪ'pri:vd/
	NAmE /rɪ'pri:vd/
-ing form	reprieving
	BrE /rɪ'pri:vɪŋ/
	NAmE /rɪ'pri:vɪŋ/

Word Origin:

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noun usually singular

1. an official order stopping a punishment, especially for a prisoner who is **condemned** to death

Syn: ↑stay of execution
2. a delay before sth bad happens
 - Campaigners have won a reprieve for the hospital threatened with closure.

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Example Bank:

- He was saved from the gallows by a last-minute reprieve
- The family has won a temporary reprieve from eviction.
- The railway line, due for closure, has been granted a six-month reprieve
- The school was granted a six-month reprieve
- This house offers no reprieve from the heat.

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I. **re·prieve**¹ /rɪ'pri:v/ BrE^u AmE^u *noun* [countable]

1. a delay before something bad happens or continues to happen ⇒ **respite**
 reprieve from
 Shoppers will get a temporary reprieve from the new sales tax.
2. an official order stopping the killing of a prisoner as a punishment
 give/grant somebody a reprieve
 The US Supreme Court voted against granting Smith a reprieve (=against giving him one).

II. **reprieve**² BrE^u AmE^u *verb* [transitive usually passive]

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: Perhaps from Old French **repris**, past participle of **reprendre**; ⇒ ↑reprise]

1. to officially stop a prisoner from being killed as a punishment
2. to change a decision to close a factory, school etc or get rid of something

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