

relief[rɪˈliːf] *n*

1. **облегчение, утешение**
a sigh of relief - вздох облегчения
the medicine gave some relief - лекарство принесло некоторое облегчение
it was a relief to her to find the children safe - она вздохнула с облегчением, узнав, что дети в безопасности
2. **снижение; смягчение**
relief of pressure - уменьшение давления
relief valve - *мех.* разгрузочный *или* предохранительный клапан
3. **разнообразие, перемена; контраст**
the trees were a relief to the eye - деревья радовали глаз
wide stretches of moorland without relief - бесконечная, однообразная равнина, поросшая вереском
black dress without relief - чёрное платье без всяких украшений
Shakespeare introduced comic scenes into his tragedies by way of relief - Шекспир вводил в свои трагедии комические сцены для разрядки /для освежающего контраста/
4. **1) помощь**
relief fund - фонд помощи
to send relief to people made homeless by floods - посылать помощь оставшимся без крова из-за наводнения
to provide relief for refugees - оказывать помощь беженцам
- 2) пособие (по безработице)**
relief cut - сокращение пособия
indoor relief - содержание (*неимущих*) в домах призрения, больницах *и т. п.*
outdoor relief - пособия неимущим, живущим самостоятельно (*не в домах призрения и т. п.*)
in receipt of relief - получающий помощь
to put on relief - включить в список для получения пособия по безработице
5. **1) подкрепление, выручка; помощь**
relief party - отряд, пришедший на выручку; спасательная партия
to come to smb.'s relief - прийти к кому-л. на помощь
- 2) воен. снятие осады; действие по деблокировке**
relief group - деблокировочная группа
6. **1) смена дежурных, караульных; освобождение от дежурства или обязанностей**
relief order - *воен.* приказ на смену войск
to effect relief - *воен.* производить смену войск
- 2) смена, дежурный или дежурные, заступающие на пост**
relief pilot - а) второй пилот, б) сменный пилот
they explained their duties to their reliefs - они объяснили своим сменщикам их обязанности
7. *юр.* освобождение (*от ответственности, уплаты штрафа и т. п.*)
8. *уст.* платёж нового арендатора помещику при переходе к нему прав наследственной аренды

II[rɪˈliːf] *n*

1. *иск.* рельеф
high relief - горельеф
low relief - барельеф
in relief - рельефно выпукло
done in relief - сделано рельефно/выпукло/
carved work in relief - рельефная резная работа
relief work - чеканка
2. *геогр.* рельеф характер местности
3. **1) чёткость, отчётливость контраст**
in relief against the sky - выступающий на фоне неба
his actions stand out in strong relief against his declared principles - его поступки никак не вяжутся с принципами, которых он якобы придерживается
- 2) выделение, подчёркивание**
to place in strong relief - особо подчёркивать /выделять/
4. *мех.* задний угол заточки (*инструмента*)

relief**re-lief** [relief reliefs] *BrE* [rɪˈliːf] *NAmE* [rɪˈliːf] **noun**

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REMOVAL OF ANXIETY/PAIN

1. **uncountable, singular** the feeling of happiness that you have when sth unpleasant stops or does not happen

- a sense of relief
- We all **breathed a sigh of relief** when he left.
- She sighed with relief.
- Much **to my relief** the car was not damaged.
- News of their safety came as a great relief.
- It was a relief to be able to talk to someone about it.
- **What a relief !**

2. **uncountable ~ (from/of sth)** the act of removing or reducing pain, anxiety, etc

- modern methods of **pain relief**
- the relief of suffering
- Massage can bring some relief from tension.
- Volunteers provide regular help to give relief to carers.

HELP

3. **uncountable** food, money, medicine, etc. that is given to help people in places where there has been a war or natural disaster

Syn: ↑aid

- **famine relief**
- a **relief agency/organization/worker**

4. **uncountable** (especially NAmE) financial help given by the government to people who need it

ON TAX

5. **uncountable** = ↑tax relief

- relief on mortgage interest payments

STH DIFFERENT

6. **uncountable, singular** something that is interesting or enjoyable that replaces sth boring, difficult or unpleasant for a short period of time

- a few moments of **light relief** in an otherwise dull performance
- There was little **comic relief** in his speech.
- ~ **from sth** The calm of the countryside came as a welcome relief from the hustle and bustle of city life.

WORKERS

7. **countable + singular or plural verb** (often used as an adjective) a person or group of people that replaces another when they have finished working for the day or when they are sick

- The next crew relief comes on duty at 9 o'clock.
- relief drivers

FROM ENEMY

8. **singular ~ of...** the act of freeing a town, etc. from an enemy army that has surrounded it

- the relief of Mafeking

IN ART

9. **uncountable, countable** a way of decorating wood, stone, etc. by cutting designs into the surface of it so that some parts stick out more than others; a design that is made in this way

- The column was decorated **in high relief** (= with designs that stick out a lot) with scenes from Greek mythology.
- The bronze doors are covered with sculpted reliefs.

see also ↑bas-relief

MAKING STH NOTICEABLE

10. **uncountable** the effect of colours, light, etc. that makes an object more noticeable than others around it

- The snow-capped mountain stood out **in sharp relief** against the blue sky.

11. **uncountable** the quality of a particular situation, problem, etc. that makes it more noticeable than before

- Their differences have been **thrown into sharp relief** by the present crisis.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French, from **relever** 'raise up, relieve', from Latin **relevare** 'raise again, alleviate'.

Thesaurus:

relief noun

1. U, sing.

- We all breathed a sigh of relief when he came back safely.

reassurance • • comfort • • consolation •

a relief/comfort/consolation **to** sb

relief/reassurance/comfort/consolation **in** sth

seek/find/bring/offer (sb) relief/reassurance/comfort/consolation

2. U

- We raised £5 000 for famine relief.
- aid** • • **help** • • **charity** • • **welfare** • |sometimes disapproving **handout** •
- relief/aid/charity/welfare/help/handouts **for sb**
- immediate /direct/emergency /medical /financial** relief/aid/help
- get/receive** relief/aid/help/charity/welfare/handouts
- provide/send/promise** relief/aid/help

Relief or aid? **Aid** is used especially to talk about money given to countries in financial need. **Relief** refers to money, medicine, food, etc. given in response to a sudden emergency such as a war or natural disaster.

Example Bank:

- Exercise is good for stress relief.
- He believes that relief only comes from helping others with their suffering.
- He breathed a sigh of relief.
- He found relief from his fears in a world of fantasy and art.
- He hugged her out of sheer relief.
- He sighed with relief.
- I felt enormous relief once they phoned.
- I felt enormous relief when he walked through the door.
- Morning brought no relief from the heat.
- No tax relief is available in respect of this loss.
- Relief flooded through me as the aeroplane landed safely.
- She could sense his relief when she said she wouldn't be leaving.
- She said that the fighting has halted almost all relief work in the area.
- She smiled in relief.
- She smiled with evident relief.
- She sought relief in drink.
- The comical characters are brought into the story for a little light relief.
- The drugs only provided temporary relief from the pain.
- The injection gives complete pain relief.
- The news came as a welcome relief to Bobby.
- The news of his appointment was received with a certain relief by most people.
- The news was a huge relief to her.
- The organization provides emergency famine relief.
- The proximity of the wealthy suburb to the squatter camp throws the plight of the squatters into even sharper relief.
- The scene has been carved in high relief.
- The scene provided some comic relief for the audience.
- The snow-capped mountains stood out in sharp relief against the blue sky.
- Their relief at the news was palpable.
- There was a huge international relief effort to bring help to the stricken area.
- To my great relief, she didn't notice that anything was wrong.
- We need long-term solutions as well as short-term emergency relief.
- You can get income tax relief for gifts to charity.
- You get mortgage relief of 10% on the next £5 000.
- Your doctor can give you symptomatic relief, but there is no cure.
- a pressure relief valve
- a sculpture in high relief
- relief at not having been made a fool of
- relief from hunger
- the abolition of mortgage interest relief
- News of their safe arrival came as a great relief.
- One relief agency worker described the situation as 'catastrophic'.
- The next crew relief comes on duty at 9 o'clock.
- We all breathed a sigh of relief when he came back safely.
- We have a pool of relief drivers available to us.
- We raised £5 000 for famine relief.
- What a relief!
- modern methods of pain relief
- the relief of poverty/misery/suffering

relief

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relief **S2 W2** /rɪˈliːf **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun**

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: relever, ⇨ ↑relieve]

1. COMFORT [singular, uncountable] a feeling of comfort when something frightening, worrying, or painful has ended or has not happened ⇨ **relieve** :

ˈ I felt a huge surge of relief and happiness.

with relief

ˈ He watched with relief as the girl nodded.

in relief

ˈ He laughed in relief.

No one was hurt, and we all breathed a sigh of relief.

it is a relief to see/have/know etc something

" I hate to say it, but it was a relief to have him out of the house.

to sb's relief

" To my relief, they spoke English.

what a relief/that's a relief

" The doctor said it was just the flu. What a relief!

2. REDUCTION OF PAIN [uncountable] when something reduces someone's pain or unhappy feelings:

" Marijuana can provide pain relief for some cancer patients.

relief of

" the relief of suffering

relief from

" The cool room provided relief from the terrible heat outdoors.

3. HELP [uncountable] money, food, clothes etc given to people who are poor or hungry:

" money raised for the relief effort

disaster/famine/flood etc relief

" famine relief for victims of the drought

4. REPLACEMENT [uncountable] a person or group of people that replaces another one and does their work after they have finished:

" the relief for the military guard

" a relief driver

5. DECORATION [uncountable and countable] a way of decorating wood, stone etc with a shape or figure that is raised above the surface, or the decoration itself ⇒ **bas relief**

in relief

" figures carved in relief

6. bring/throw something into relief (also stand out in relief) to make something very noticeable, or to be very noticeable

sharp/stark relief

" The tree stood out in stark relief against the snow.

" The article throws into sharp relief the differences between the two theories.

7. light/comic relief a funny moment during a serious film, book, or situation:

" a moment of comic relief

8. MONEY [uncountable] *old-fashioned especially American English* money given by the government to help people who are poor, old, unemployed etc **SYN welfare**

on relief

" families on relief during the Depression

9. WAR [uncountable] *formal* the act of freeing a town when it has been surrounded by an enemy

relief of

" the relief of Mafeking

10. MAP in relief if you show a part of the Earth's surface in relief, you show the differences in height between different parts of it

⇒ ↑tax relief

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ adjectives

▪ a **great/enormous/tremendous etc relief** It was a great relief to him when she returned safely.

▪ a **welcome relief** The holiday was a welcome relief from the pressure of work.

■ verbs

▪ **come as a relief** The court's decision came as a huge relief to Microsoft.

▪ **feel relief** I felt nothing but relief when it was over.

▪ **relief floods through somebody** *literary* When she heard he was still alive, relief flooded through her.

■ phrases

▪ a **sense/feeling of relief** She was filled with an overwhelming sense of relief.

▪ **breathe/heave a sigh of relief** United fans breathed a huge sigh of relief as Drogba's shot was tipped over the bar.

▪ **what a relief** What a relief to be able to say what I really feel!

▪ **such a relief** It's just such a relief to have found someone!

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

■ NOUN + relief

▪ **disaster/emergency relief** Our objective is to provide food aid and emergency relief to developing countries.

▪ **famine/flood relief** We donated \$1,000 to the American Red Cross for flood relief.

■ relief + NOUN

▪ a **relief agency/organization** Relief agencies reported that many of the refugees had arrived in a terrible condition.

▪ **relief supplies/aid** US troops had helped distribute relief supplies to Kurdish refugees in northern Iraq.

▪ **relief efforts** In areas severely affected by the earthquake, it is difficult to coordinate relief efforts.

▪ a **relief operation** UN officials accused the government of obstructing relief operations in the south of the country.

▪ a **relief worker** The relief workers have to bring in clean drinking water by tanker.

▪ **relief work** The charity raised over five million pounds for relief work.

▪ a **relief convoy/flight** A relief convoy of 10 trucks set off with food and medical supplies.

relief

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