

delay**1. [dɪˈleɪ] n****1. задержка, приостановка**

phase delay - запаздывание /задержка/ по фазе

delay line - *элк.* линия задержки

after half an hour's delay, after a delay of half an hour - после получасовой задержки

to make no delay - не мешкать, не задерживаться

the delays in getting admitted to hospitals - задержки в госпитализации больных

2. откладывание, отсрочка

delay of payment - отсрочка платежа

3. 1) замедление, промедление, проволочка

excusable delay - опоздание /отсрочка/ по уважительной причине

it admits of no delay - это не терпит отлагательства

without delay - немедленно, тотчас же, безотлагательно без проволочек

2) *тех.* выдержка времени**4. *спец.* простой**

avoidable [unavoidable] delay - простой, зависящий [не зависящий] от рабочего

traffic delays - простой транспорта на дорогах

the road works caused traffic delays - ≅ дорожные работы расстроили /нарушили/ нормальное движение транспорта

2. [dɪˈleɪ] v**1. задерживать**

the train was delayed for two hours by snowdrifts - поезд опоздал на два часа из-за снежных заносов

2. отсрочивать, откладывать, переносить

to delay one's journey [departure] - отложить путешествие [отъезд]

to delay the attack for four days - отложить наступление на четыре дня

3. медлить; мешкать, задерживаться

he didn't delay an instant - он не мешкал /не медлил/ ни минуты

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delay [delay delays delayed delaying] **noun, verb** *BrE* [dɪˈleɪ] ¹ *NAmE* [dɪˈleɪ]**noun****1. countable** a period of time when sb/sth has to wait because of a problem that makes sth slow or late

• Commuters will face long delays on the roads today.

• We apologize for the delay in answering your letter.

• a delay of two hours/a two-hour delay

• Increased congestion and traffic delays are expected.

2. countable, uncountable a situation in which sth does not happen when it should; the act of delaying

• There's no time for delay.

• Report it to the police **without delay** (= immediately) .Word Origin:Middle English: from Old French **delayer** (verb).Collocations:**Travel and tourism***Holidays/vacations***have/take** (*BrE*) a holiday/(*NAmE*) a vacation/a break/a day off/(*BrE*) a gap year**go on/be on** holiday/vacation/leave/honeymoon/safari/a trip/a tour/a cruise/a pilgrimage**go** backpacking/camping/hitchhiking/sightseeing**plan** a trip/a holiday/a vacation/your itinerary**book** accommodation/a hotel room/a flight/tickets**have/make/cancel** a reservation(*especially BrE*) booking**rent** a villa/(*both BrE*) a holiday home/a holiday cottage*(especially BrE)* **hire/** *(especially NAmE)* **rent** a car/bicycle/moped**stay in** a hotel/a bed and breakfast/a youth hostel/a villa/(*both BrE*) a holiday home/a caravan**cost/charge** \$100 a/per night for a single/double/twin/standard/(*BrE*) en suite room**check into/out of** a hotel/a motel/your room**pack/unpack** your suitcase/bags**call/order** room service**cancel/cut short** a trip/holiday/vacation*Foreign travel***apply for/get/renew** a/your passport**take out/buy/get** travel insurance**catch/miss** your plane/train/ferry/connecting flight**fly (in)/travel in** business/economy class**make/have** a brief/two-day/twelve-hour stopover/(*NAmE also*) layover in Hong Kong**experience /cause/lead to** delays**check (in)/collect/get/lose** (your) *(especially BrE)* luggage/*(especially NAmE)* baggage

be charged for/pay excess baggage
 board/get on/leave /get off the aircraft/plane/ship/ferry
 taxi down/leave /approach/hit/overshoot the runway
 experience /hit/encounter severe turbulence
 suffer from/recover from/get over your jet lag/travel sickness

The tourist industry

attract/draw/bring tourists/visitors
 encourage /promote/hurt tourism
 promote/develop ecotourism
 build/develop /visit a tourist/holiday/(especially BrE) seaside/beach/ski resort
 work for/be operated by a major hotel chain
 be served by/compete with low-cost/(especially NAmE) low-fare/budget airlines
 book sth through/make a booking through/use a travel agent
 contact/check with your travel agent/tour operator
 book/be on/go on a package deal/holiday/tour
 buy/bring back (tacky/overpriced) souvenirs

Example Bank:

- After a series of lengthy delays, the case finally came to court.
- Flights to New York may be subject to delay.
- I apologize for the delay in replying to you.
- Passengers complain about lack of information when travel delays occur.
- Passengers have experienced long delays.
- Please address your letters properly so as to reduce delays.
- Please send him the information without delay.
- The building project has been plagued by bureaucratic delays.
- The strike has led to some delays in train services.
- There is a five-minute delay on the bank's safe.
- Travellers complained about lack of information when travel delays occurred.
- Undue delays have been caused by people not doing their jobs properly.
- a delay of several weeks
- delays in getting to the airport
- further delays to the plan
- Report it to the police without delay.
- There's no time for delay.
- a delay of two hours/a two-hour delay

verb

1. **intransitive, transitive** to not do sth until a later time or to make sth happen at a later time

Syn: ↑defer

- Don't delay— call us today!
- We can't delay much longer.
- ~ **sth** The judge will delay his verdict until he receives medical reports on the offender.
- She's suffering a **delayed reaction** (= a reaction that did not happen immediately) to the shock.
- ~ **doing sth** He delayed telling her the news, waiting for the right moment.

2. **transitive** ~ **sb** to make sb late or force them to do sth more slowly

Syn: ↑hold up

- Thousands of commuters were delayed for over an hour.
- The government is accused of using **delaying tactics** (= deliberately doing sth to delay a process, decision, etc.) .
- What could have delayed him?

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	delay
	BrE /dɪˈleɪ/
	NAmE /dɪˈleɪ/
he / she /it	delays
	BrE /dɪˈleɪz/
	NAmE /dɪˈleɪz/
past simple, past participle	delayed
	BrE /dɪˈleɪd/
	NAmE /dɪˈleɪd/
-ing form	delaying
	BrE /dɪˈleɪɪŋ/
	NAmE /dɪˈleɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **delayer** (verb).

Thesaurus:

delay verb

1. T

- He delayed telling her the news until the next day.
- postpone** • **put sth off** • **reschedule** • **suspend** • **shelve** • |formal **defer** • **adjourn** •

Opp: advance, **Opp:** hasten

delay/postpone/put off/suspend/shelve/defer/adjourn sth **for** a few days/the time being, etc.

delay/postpone/put off/defer/adjourn sth **until** sth

delay/postpone/put off/defer **doing sth**

delay/postpone/reschedule/adjourn a **meeting**

delay/postpone/put off/defer a **decision**

2. I

- Don't delay— call us today!

stall • **drag your feet** • **take your time** • **dawdle** • **buy time** • |formal **procrastinate** •

Opp: hurry

stall/take your time/dawdle **over** sth

3. T

- Bad weather delayed the flight.

hold sb/sth up • **block** • **hinder** • **hold sb/sth back** • **stall** • **be/get bogged down** • **set sb/sth back** • **stunt** •

|especially spoken **keep** • |formal **detain** • **retard** • **inhibit** •

be delayed/held up/blocked/stalled/set back **by/for hours/days, etc.**

delay/block/hinder/hold back/stunt/retard/inhibit the **development /growth** of sth

delay/hold up (a) **flight/traffic/work**

Example Bank:

- Mellanby's arrival was seriously delayed by a late train.
- These drugs can significantly delay the onset of the disease.
- Don't delay— call us today!
- She's suffering a delayed reaction
- The conservative coalition could delay further reforms or block them altogether.
- We can't delay much longer.
- The government is accused of using delaying tactics.
- The train had been unavoidably delayed after a small avalanche blocked the line.
- These arguments will inevitably delay the start of construction.

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I. **de** |**lay**¹ **W3** /dɪˈleɪ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

1. [countable] when someone or something has to wait, or the length of the waiting time:

Sorry for the delay, Mr Weaver.

delay in

Why was there a delay in warning the public?

delay of

a delay of about an hour

long/considerable/slight etc delay

Long delays are expected on the motorways.

2. [uncountable] when something does not happen or start when it should do

without delay

They must restore normal services without delay.

There can be no excuse for any further delay.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + delay

- **a slight/short delay** There was a slight delay in the departure of the plane.
- **a long/lengthy delay** Patients often face long delays in getting the treatment they need.
- **a considerable/serious delay** (=very long) After a considerable delay, the report was finally published.
- **a 20-minute/6-month/4-week etc delay** A train had broken down, causing a two-hour delay.
- **traffic delays** The roadworks are likely to cause serious traffic delays.
- **flight delays** Unfortunately flight delays do sometimes occur.

■ verbs

- **cause/lead to a delay** The bad weather caused a three-hour delay in sending out rescue helicopters.
- **experience delays** People are experiencing considerable delays in receiving their mail.
- **face delays** (=be likely to experience them) Commuters face long delays as a result of the rail strikes.
- **reduce delays** (=make them shorter and less frequent) The new rules should reduce delays in bringing prisoners to trial.

■ phrases

- **a series of delays** (=a number of delays) After a series of delays and setbacks, the project was finally approved.

II. **delay**² **W3** *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb*

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: delaier, from laier 'to leave']

1. [intransitive and transitive] to wait until a later time to do something:

Don't delay – send off for the information now.

He delayed his decision on whether to call an election.

delay something until something

The opening of this section of the road is delayed until September.

delay something for something

" Our meeting was delayed for ten minutes.

delay doing something

" Big companies often delay paying their bills.

2. [transitive] to make someone or something late

seriously/badly/slightly etc delayed

" The flight was badly delayed because of fog.

—delayed adjective

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THESAURUS

- **delay** to wait until a later time to do something: He decided to delay his decision until he had seen the full report.
- **postpone** to change an event to a later time or date: The meeting was postponed.
- **put off** to delay doing something. **Put off** is less formal than **delay** or **postpone**, and is the usual phrase to use in everyday English: I used to put off making difficult decisions. | The game has been put off till next week.
- **hold off** to delay doing something, especially while you are waiting for more information or for something else to happen: House buyers seem to be holding off until interest rates drop.
- **defer formal** to delay doing something until a later date, usually because something else needs to happen first: The decision had been deferred until after a meeting of the directors. | She decided to defer her university application for a year so that she could go travelling.
- **procrastinate** /prə'kræstəneɪt, prə'kræstɪneɪt/ **formal** to delay doing something that you ought to do: Don't procrastinate – make a start on your assignments as soon as you get them.

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