

compromise1. ['kɒmpɹəmaɪz] *n*

1. компромисс; соглашение сторон (*особ. перед третейским судьёй*)
to agree to a compromise - согласиться /пойти/ на компромисс

2. нечто среднее

3. компрометация

◇ a lean compromise is better than a fat lawsuit - ≅ худой мир лучше доброй ссоры

2. ['kɒmpɹəmaɪz] *a*

1. компромиссный

2. компрометирующий

3. ['kɒmpɹəmaɪz] *v*

1. пойти на компромисс *или* соглашение

we shall have to compromise on this point - мы должны будем пойти на компромисс в этом вопросе
with much difficulty the dispute was compromised - с большими трудностями спор был урегулирован путём компромисса
to compromise with one's conscience - пойти на сделку со своей совестью

2. 1) компрометировать

to compromise oneself - а) компрометировать себя; б) подвергать себя риску

2) ставить под угрозу (*положение и т. п.*)

the position of the whole army was compromised - положение армии было поставлено под угрозу

compromise

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

com·prom·ise [**compromise compromises compromised compromising**] **noun**,

verb *BrE* ['kɒmpɹəmaɪz] ^ˈ *NAmE* ['kɑmpɹəmaɪz] ^ˈ

noun

1. countable an agreement made between two people or groups in which each side gives up some of the things they want so that both sides are happy at the end

- After lengthy talks the two sides finally **reached a compromise**.
- In any relationship, you have to **make compromises**.
- a **compromise solution/agreement /candidate**

2. countable ~ (between A and B) a solution to a problem in which two or more things cannot exist together as they are, in which each thing is reduced or changed slightly so that they can exist together

- This model represents the best compromise between price and quality.

3. uncountable the act of reaching a **compromise**

- Compromise is an inevitable part of life.
- There is no prospect of compromise in sight.

Word Origin:

late Middle English (denoting mutual consent to arbitration): from Old French **compromis**, from late Latin **compromissum** 'a consent to arbitration', neuter past participle of **compromittere**, from **com-** 'together' + **promittere** 'put forth, promise', from **pro-** 'forward' + **mittere** 'send'.

Thesaurus:

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concession • • **trade-off** • • **middle ground** • • **give and take** • • **sop** •

(a) compromise/concession/trade-off/middle ground/give and take **between** sb/sth and sb/sth

make a compromise/concession/trade-off

look for/seek/offer/reject a compromise/concession

Example Bank:

- After much discussion, she offered a compromise.
- He might be an attractive compromise candidate if both sides' first choices are rejected.
- I'm not making any more compromises.
- It is best to try to seek a compromise rather than a perfect solution.
- It was a fair compromise between the two sides.
- There could be no compromise with the nationalists.
- They came to a compromise over the exact amount to be paid.
- They're still trying to work out an acceptable compromise.
- After lengthy talks the two sides finally reached a compromise.
- In any relationship, you have to make compromises.

verb

1. intransitive to give up some of your demands after a disagreement with sb, in order to reach an agreement

- Neither side is prepared to compromise.
- ~ **(with sb) (on sth)** After much argument, the judges finally compromised on (= agreed to give the prize to) the 18-year old pianist.
- They were unwilling to compromise with the terrorists.

2. transitive, intransitive to do sth that is against your principles or does not reach standards that you have set

- ~ **sth** I refuse to compromise my principles.
- ~ **(on sth)** We are not prepared to compromise on safety standards.

3. **transitive** ~ **sb/sth/yourself** to bring sb/sth/yourself into danger or suspicion, especially by acting in a way that is not very sensible

- She had already compromised herself by accepting his invitation.
- Defeat at this stage would **compromise their chances** (= reduce their chances) of reaching the finals of the competition.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	compromise
	BrE / 'kɒmpromaɪz/
	NAmE / 'kɑ:mprəmaɪz/
he / she / it	compromises
	BrE / 'kɒmpromaɪzɪz/
	NAmE / 'kɑ:mprəmaɪzɪz/
past simple, past participle	compromised
	BrE / 'kɒmpromaɪzd/
	NAmE / 'kɑ:mprəmaɪzd/
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Example Bank:

- He wanted his own way and refused to compromise.
- The affair seriously compromised the party's prospects of electoral success.
- They debated whether to compromise with the opposition parties.
- Unions and management seem ready to compromise on the level of the increase.
- After much argument, the judges finally compromised on the 18-year-old pianist.
- Defeat at this stage would compromise their chances of reaching the finals of the competition.
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- They were unwilling to compromise with the Communists.

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I. **com** **pro** **mise**¹ /'kɒmpromaɪz \$ 'kɑ:mprəmaɪz- BrE² AmE² noun

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: French; Origin: **compromis**, from Latin **compromissum** 'joint promise', from **compromittere**, from **com-** (⇒ COM-) + **promittere** (, ↑**promise**²)]

1. **[uncountable and countable]** an agreement that is achieved after everyone involved accepts less than what they wanted at first, or the act of making this agreement:

- Compromise is an inevitable part of marriage.
- To stop the argument they decided on a compromise.

compromise with

- Fresh attempts at compromise with the legislature were also on the agenda.

compromise between

- a compromise between government and opposition
- If moderates fail to reach a compromise, the extremists will dominate the agenda.
- Be prepared to make compromises.

2. **[countable]** a solution to a problem in which two things or situations are changed slightly so that they can exist together

compromise between

- a happy compromise between the needs of family and work

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COLLOCATIONS

verbs

- **reach a compromise** After a bitter political fight, a compromise was finally reached.
- **come to/arrive at a compromise** The negotiations took place and they arrived at a compromise.
- **accept/agree on a compromise** It would be advantageous for both countries to accept a compromise.
- **find/work out a compromise** A temporary compromise was found.
- **seek a compromise** Both Democrats and Republicans are seeking a compromise on the issue.
- **make a compromise** Marriage involves being tolerant and making compromises.
- **forge/strike a compromise formal** (=make a compromise) They met again Wednesday night to try to forge a compromise.
- **broker/negotiate a compromise formal** (=find one that everyone can accept, especially with difficulty) They admitted that their efforts to negotiate a compromise had failed.
- **lead to a compromise** Negotiations between the residents and the council led to a compromise.

adjectives

- **a good compromise** I hope we can reach a good compromise.
- **an acceptable/reasonable/satisfactory compromise** By 1982 an acceptable compromise had been reached.
- **a sensible compromise** The strikes continued and there seemed to be no chance of a sensible compromise.
- **an uneasy compromise** (=one that people are not very happy with) The deal represented an uneasy compromise.

compromise + NOUN

- **a compromise proposal** The House of Representatives accepted a compromise proposal from the administration.
- **a compromise deal** Hopes are rising for a European compromise deal.
- **a compromise solution/agreement** The president was under increasing pressure to reach a compromise solution with his political opponents.

II. **compromise**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb*

1. **[intransitive]** to reach an agreement in which everyone involved accepts less than what they wanted at first:

" She admitted that she was unable to compromise.

compromise with

" His workmates demanded that he never compromise with the bosses.

compromise on

" The new regime was prepared to compromise on the oil dispute.

2. **[transitive]** to do something which is against your principles and which therefore seems dishonest or shameful

compromise your principles/standards/integrity etc

" As soon as you compromise your principles you are lost.

compromise yourself

" She had already compromised herself by accepting his invitation.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ **compromise + NOUN**

- **compromise your integrity** The journalist would not compromise his integrity by revealing the source for the story.
- **compromise your principles** The government says the plans will not compromise its environmental principles.
- **compromise your standards** Universities should not have to compromise their academic standards.
- **compromise your beliefs/convictions/ideals** Anti-war activists were put in prison for refusing to compromise their beliefs.

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- **compromise** to reach an agreement with someone in which both of you accept less than you really want: The employers will have to be ready to compromise if they want to avoid a strike. | The President might be willing to compromise on defense spending.
- **meet somebody halfway** to do part of what someone wants if they do part of what you want, in order to reach an agreement: Is the President ready to meet these senators halfway? | The asking price is £270,000. If the sellers won't accept £250,000, maybe they would be prepared to meet us halfway and take £260,000?
- **make concessions** if one group in a disagreement makes concessions, they let their opponents have something that they are asking for, in order to reach an agreement: The company has already made significant concessions on pay and conditions. | There is a policy of making no concessions to terrorists.

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