

reduce[rɪ'dju:s] *v* (*обыкн. to*)

1. **снижать; сбавлять, уменьшать; сокращать**
 to reduce expenditure [production, staff] - сокращать расходы [производство, штат]
 to reduce taxes [prices, temperature] - снижать налоги [цены, температуру]
 to reduce vitality [pressure] - понижать жизнеспособность [давление]
 to reduce speed - уменьшать /сбавлять/ скорость
 to reduce the likelihood of war - уменьшить опасность возникновения войны
 to reduce the term of imprisonment - сократить срок тюремного заключения
 reduce that passage to half the number of words - сократите это место (*текста*) наполовину
2. **ослаблять, уменьшать**
 to reduce pain - облегчать боль
 to reduce one's sight [one's hearing, one's taste, one's sense of smell] - вызвать ослабление зрения [слуха, вкуса, обоняния]
 old age reduces one's power to remember names and figures - в старости память на имена и цифры слабеет
3. 1) **худеть; соблюдать диету для похудения**
 to reduce in weight - терять в весе
 to reduce by 10 pounds - похудеть на 10 фунтов, сбросить 10 фунтов
 to reduce from 160 pounds to 120 pounds - весить 120 фунтов вместо прежних 160
 she has been reducing for six weeks - она шесть недель сидит на диете, чтобы похудеть
- 2) **вызывать похудение, истощать**
 to be greatly reduced by illness - исхудать во время болезни
 to be reduced to a shadow [to a skeleton] - превратиться в тень [в скелет]
 reduced almost to nothing - \cong кожа да кости
 exercise reduces stout people - от моциона полные люди худеют
4. 1) **превращать, обращать**
 to reduce to powder - истолочь
 to reduce to its elements /components/ - разложить на части
 to reduce to ashes - сжечь дотла
 to reduce to dust - стереть в порошок
 to reduce to matchwood - изрубить в щепки
 to reduce wood to pulp - превратить древесину в целлюлозу
 to reduce theory to practice - применить теорию на практике
 to reduce to writing - изложить в письменной форме
 to be reduced to a nervous wreck - дойти до полного нервного истощения
 water can be reduced to oxygen and hydrogen by electrolysis - электролизом можно разложить воду на кислород и водород
 his clothes were reduced to rags - его одежда превратилась в лохмотья
 passions reduced to memories - пылкие чувства, превратившиеся в воспоминания
- 2) **переводить, превращать (в другие, более мелкие меры, единицы и т. п.)**
 to reduce yards to inches [dollars to cents] - переводить ярды в дюймы [доллары в центы]
 to reduce pounds to pence - превращать /обращать/ фунты в пенса
- 3) **мат. сокращать, преобразовывать; приводить**
 to reduce a common fraction to a decimal - превращать простую дробь в десятичную
 to reduce fractions to a common denominator - приводить дроби к общему знаменателю
 to reduce to scale - приводить к заданному масштабу; уменьшать до заданного масштаба
5. **приводить (в определённую систему, порядок и т. п.)**
 to reduce to a system - привести в систему
 to reduce to classes - классифицировать
 to reduce to order /to an orderly arrangement/ - привести в порядок; навести /восстановить/ порядок
6. 1) **доводить (до какого-л. состояния)**
 to reduce to begging [to tears, to despair, to extremity] - довести до нищеты [до слёз, до отчаяния, до крайности]
 to be reduced to penury - дойти до нищеты, впасть в нужду
 he was reduced to stealing - он был вынужден воровать; он дошёл до того, что стал вором
 he employed an accountant to reduce his money affairs to some semblance of order - он нанял счетовода, чтобы привести свои денежные дела хоть в какой-то порядок
- 2) **сводить (к чему-л.)**
 to reduce to nothing - свести на нет
 to reduce everything to a single principle - подвести всё под один принцип
 to reduce anomalies to rule - подвести отклонения под правило
 to reduce to an absurdity - довести до абсурда
 to reduce bribery to a system - возвести /превратить/ взяточничество в систему
 the facts may all be reduced to three headings - эти факты можно свести к трём рубрикам
 this reduced him to asserting /редк. to assert/ an absurdity - из-за этого /в итоге/ он договорился до абсурда
 an able barrister reduced the prosecutor's submissions to nothing - способный адвокат камня на камне не оставил от утверждений прокурора
 irony reduced to an art - тончайшая ирония
 the whole question reduces itself to the question whether ... - весь вопрос сводится к тому, было ли ...
7. **понижать в должности, звании и т. п.**
 to reduce to the ranks - *воен.* разжаловать в рядовые
 to reduce to a lower rank - *воен.* понизить в звании

8. заставляя, вынуждать
 to reduce to silence - заставить замолчать
 to reduce to submission - принудить к повиновению
 to reduce smb. to discipline - дисциплинировать кого-л.
 you must reduce those boys to order - вы должны заставить этих ребят слушаться
 the Indians were reduced to small reservations - индейцев загнали в тесные резервации
9. 1) покорять, подчинять себе, побеждать
 after a long siege they reduced the fort - после долгой осады они захватили форт
- 2) **воен.** подавлять (*огневую точку*)
10. 1) упрощать (*что-л.*)
 to reduce an argument - упростить рассуждение
- 2) **мат.** приводить /преобразовывать/ к более простому виду
11. укорачивать
 to reduce the length of a skirt - укоротить юбку
 to reduce an article - сократить /урезать/ статью
12. **мед.** вправлять (*вывих*); исправлять положение отломков кости
13. **уст.**, **поэт.** вернуть (*былое*); восстановить (*положение*)
14. **фон.** редуцировать, ослаблять
15. **тех.** измельчать; размалывать
 to reduce clods - измельчать комки
16. разбавить (*вино*); развести (*краску и т. п.*)
17. **фото** уменьшать плотность (*негатива*)
18. 1) **метал.** раскислять
- 2) **хим.** восстанавливать
19. **слец.** пересчитывать показатели на нормальную температуру и давление

reduce

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re-duce [reduce reduces reduced reducing] BrE [rɪ'djuːs] NAmE [rɪ'duːs]

verb

- transitive** to make sth less or smaller in size, quantity, price, etc
 - ~ **sth** Reduce speed now (= on a sign) .
 - Giving up smoking reduces the risk of heart disease.
 - ~ **sth by sth** Costs have been reduced by 20% over the past year.
 - ~ **sth (from sth) (to sth)** The number of employees was reduced from 40 to 25.
 - The skirt was reduced to £10 in the sale.
- transitive, intransitive** ~ (**sth**) if you reduce a liquid or a liquid reduces, you boil it so that it becomes less in quantity
- intransitive** (NAmE, informal) to lose weight by limiting the amount and type of food that you eat
 - a reducing plan
- transitive** ~ **sth** (**chemistry**) to add one or more ↑electrons to a substance or to remove ↑oxygen from a substance

compare ↑oxidize

Idiom: ↑reduced circumstances

Derived ↑reduce somebody to doing something ▪ ↑reduce something to something

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	reduce
	BrE /rɪ'djuːs/
	NAmE /rɪ'duːs/
he / she / it	reduces
	BrE /rɪ'djuːsɪz/
	NAmE /rɪ'duːsɪz/
past simple, past participle	reduced
	BrE /rɪ'djuːst/
	NAmE /rɪ'duːst/
-ing form	reducing
	BrE /rɪ'djuːsɪŋ/
	NAmE /rɪ'duːsɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin **reducere**, from **re-** 'back, again' + **ducere** 'bring, lead'. The original sense was 'bring back'; this led to 'bring to a different state', then 'bring to a simpler or lower state' (hence sense 2); and finally 'diminish in size or amount' (sense 1, dating from the late 18th cent.).

Thesaurus:

reduce verb T

• Costs have been reduced by 20% over the past year.

cut • **lower** • **cut sth back/cut back on sth** • **cut sth down/cut down on sth** • **bring sth down** • **discount** • **minimize** • **turn sth down** • **formal decrease** • **especially AmE business scale sth back** • **journalism slash** •

Opp: increase

reduce/cut/lower/cut back/cut down/bring down/decrease/scale back/slash sth **from** 100 **to** 75

reduce/cut/lower/cut back/cut down/bring down/discount/decrease/scale back/slash sth **by** half, 50, etc.

reduce/cut/lower/cut back (on)/cut down (on)/bring down/minimize/decrease/slash the **number/amount/level/cost** of sth

Example Bank:

- I noticed that my belly had drastically reduced in size.
- Legislation progressively reduced the number of situations in which industrial action could be taken.
- Pollution from the works has been reduced by 70 per cent.
- The price is reduced from 99 cents to 85 cents.
- The risks must be reduced to the absolute minimum.
- We need to reduce the speed slightly.
- Costs have been reduced by 20% over the past year.
- Reduce speed now.

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reduce **S1 W1** /rɪ'djuː/\$rɪ'duː/\$BrE " AmE " verb

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: *reducere* 'to lead back', from *ducere* 'to lead']

1. [transitive] to make something smaller or less in size, amount, or price **SYN cut** ⇒ **reduction**:

- " The governor announced a new plan to reduce crime.
- " The helmet law should reduce injuries in motorcycle accidents.
- " Small businesses will need to reduce costs in order to survive.

reduce something by something

- " The workforce has been reduced by half.

reduce something (from something) to something

- " All the shirts were reduced to £10.
- " The new bridge should reduce travelling time from 50 minutes to 15 minutes.

2. [intransitive and transitive] if you reduce a liquid, or if it reduces, you boil it so that there is less of it

3. [intransitive] *especially American English* to become thinner by losing weight ⇒ **diet**

4. **be in reduced circumstances** *old-fashioned* to be poorer than you were before

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adverbs

- **greatly/substantially/considerably reduce** He has greatly reduced the political power of the armed forces.
- **significantly reduce** Their symptoms were significantly reduced.
- **dramatically/drastically reduce** They are committed to drastically reducing the size and cost of government.
- **sharply reduce** Medical progress has sharply reduced death rates.
- **gradually reduce** The aim is to gradually reduce the number of troops in the area.

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THESAURUS

■ to reduce prices, numbers, or amounts

- **reduce** to make the price, amount, or size of something less or smaller: The price was reduced by 50%. | We need to reduce the amount of salt in our diet.
- **cut** to reduce something, especially by a large amount – used about prices, costs, jobs, or the time needed to do something: Companies are always looking for ways to cut costs. | The journey time will be cut to under 2 hours. | Staff numbers have been cut by half to about 150.
- **lower** to reduce the level, limit, or amount of something. **Lower** sounds rather formal: The voting age was lowered to 18. | The government decided to lower interest rates by 0.5%. | After twenty minutes, lower the temperature to 150 degrees.
- **bring something down** to reduce something such as prices or costs, or reduce the level of something. **Bring something down** is less formal than **lower**: The government wants to bring down the level of inflation. | The company is trying to bring its costs down.
- **slash** *informal* to reduce an amount or price by a very large amount – used especially in newspapers and advertisements: Public spending has been slashed over the past two years. | Prices slashed for one week only!
- **cut something back** to reduce the amount of something – used especially about people deciding to spend less, do less, or use less of something: The education budget has been cut back again. | I need to cut back on my workload.
- **downsize** to reduce the number of people employed in order to reduce costs – used about a company or organization: The company is planning to downsize its European operations.
- **scale something down/back** to reduce the size or the amount of money that is being spent on something: The research programme has been scaled down. | The navy is being scaled down.
- **relieve/ease** to make pain or feelings less unpleasant: The drug is used to relieve pain. | A joke can help to ease the tension.
- **alleviate** *formal* to reduce pain or suffering, or make a problem less serious: You can buy various medicines to alleviate the symptoms of flu. | The new road was supposed to alleviate the congestion problem.

reduce somebody/something to something *phrasal verb*

1. **reduce somebody to tears/silence etc** to make someone cry, be silent etc:

- " She was reduced to tears in front of her students.

2. **reduce somebody to doing something** to make someone do something they would rather not do, especially when it involves behaving or living in a way that is not as good as before:

- " Eventually Charlotte was reduced to begging on the streets.

3. **reduce something to ashes/rubble/ruins** to destroy something, especially a building, completely:

- " A massive earthquake reduced the city to rubble.

4. to change something into a shorter simpler form:

- " Many jobs can be reduced to a few simple points.

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