

prolong

[prə'lonʒ] *v*

1. продлевать, продолжать, увеличивать в длину
to prolong a line [a road] - продлить линию [дорогу]
2. отсрочить, пролонгировать, продлить (*срок*)
to prolong one's life - продлить жизнь
to prolong a visit - продлить визит

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pro·long [prɒlɒŋ prɒlɒŋs prɒlɒŋd prɒlɒŋɪŋ] *BrE* [prə'lonʒ] ^m *NAmE*

[prə'lonʒɪŋ] ^m *NAmE* [prə'lonʒɪŋ] ^m **verb** ~ **sth**

to make sth last longer

Syn: ↑extend

- The operation could prolong his life by two or three years.
- Don't **prolong the agony** (= of not knowing sth) — just tell us who won!

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	prolong
I / you / we / they	prolong
	<i>BrE</i> /prə'lonʒ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /prə'lonʒ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /prə'lonʒ/
he / she / it	prolongs
	<i>BrE</i> /prə'lonʒ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /prə'lonʒ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /prə'lonʒ/
past simple, past participle	prolonged
	<i>BrE</i> /prə'lonʒd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /prə'lonʒd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /prə'lonʒd/
-ing form	prolonging
	<i>BrE</i> /prə'lonʒɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /prə'lonʒɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /prə'lonʒɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French *prolonguer*, from late Latin *prolongare*, from *pro-* 'forward, onward' + *longus* 'long'.

Example Bank:

- Might it be possible to prolong life indefinitely?
- We do not want to prolong the meeting unnecessarily.
- Don't prolong the agony — just tell us who won!
- to prolong your stay/visit/life/survival/agony/misery

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pro·long /prə'lonʒ \$ -'lonʒɪŋ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **verb** [transitive]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: *prolonguer*, from Late Latin *prolongare*, from Latin *longus* 'long']

1. to deliberately make something such as a feeling or an activity last longer **SYN** **lengthen** :
" I was trying to think of some way to prolong the conversation.
2. **prolong the agony** *informal* to make an unpleasant or anxious time last longer, especially when people are waiting for news:
" There's no point in prolonging the agony any longer.

THESAURUS

- **prolong** to make something last longer: The issue divided the country and prolonged the civil war. | Successful treatment is prolonging people's lives. | No one wants to prolong the violence. | This would only prolong the unhappiness she felt.
- **lengthen** to make something last longer than the usual time: They suggested lengthening the training period for new teachers. | New security measures have lengthened the time passengers spend in airports.
- **extend** to make something that is coming to an end continue for a longer period of time – used especially about official arrangements such as ↑contracts and ↑visas: They agreed to extend his contract by a year. | The offer has been extended for a further fourteen days. | I applied to extend my visa.
- **drag something out** to make a situation or event last longer than necessary: I wish they'd make a decision and not keep dragging it out. | Each side accused the other of dragging out the negotiations.

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