

alleviate

[ə'li:vieɪt] v

- 1) облегчать, смягчать (*боль, страдание*)
to alleviate sorrows [sufferings] - облегчать горе [страдания]
her sympathy alleviated his distress - её сочувствие умерило его отчаяние
- 2) *мед.* частично снимать (*симптомы*)

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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al·le·vi·ate [alleviate alleviates alleviated alleviating] BrE [ə'li:vieɪt] NAmE

[ə'li:vieɪt] verb ~ sth
to make sth less severe

Syn: ↑ease

- to alleviate suffering
- A number of measures were taken to alleviate the problem.

Derived Word ↑alleviation

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	alleviate
	BrE /ə'li:vieɪt/
	NAmE /ə'li:vieɪt/
he / she / it	alleviates
	BrE /ə'li:vieɪtɪz/
	NAmE /ə'li:vieɪtɪz/
past simple, past participle	alleviated
	BrE /ə'li:vieɪtɪd/
	NAmE /ə'li:vieɪtɪd/
-ing form	alleviating
	BrE /ə'li:vieɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE /ə'li:vieɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from late Latin **alleviat-** 'lightened', from the verb **alleviare**, from Latin **allevare**, from **ad-** 'to' + **levare** 'raise', influenced by **levis** 'light'.

Example Bank:

- These measures are designed to alleviate the situation.
- These problems have been greatly alleviated by the passing of the new Act.
- Are we doing enough to alleviate poverty in these countries?

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al·le·vi·ate /ə'li:vieɪt/ BrE " AmE " verb [transitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Late Latin; Origin: past participle of alleviare, from Latin ad- 'to' + levis 'light']

to make something less painful or difficult to deal with

alleviate the problem/situation/suffering etc

- a new medicine to alleviate the symptoms of flu
- measures to alleviate poverty

—**alleviation** /ə,li:vieɪʃən/ noun [uncountable]

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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.

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