

Need another word that means the same as “respite”? Find 52 synonyms and 30 related words for “respite” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Respite” are: abatement, hiatus, reprieve, suspension, break, recess, time out, relief, rest, rest period, breathing space, interval, intermission, interlude, lull, pause, halt, stop, stoppage, cessation, discontinuation, standstill, postponement, deferment, delay, stay, stay of execution, remission, adjournment, moratorium, postpone, put off, defer, put back, hold off, hold over, carry over, reschedule, do later, shelve, stand over, pigeonhole, hold in abeyance, put in abeyance, mothball, grant a stay of execution to, cancel someone's punishment, commute someone's punishment, postpone someone's punishment, remit someone's punishment

Respite as a Noun

Definitions of "Respite" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “respite” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A short delay permitted before an unpleasant obligation is met or a punishment is carried out.*
- *A short period of rest or relief from something difficult or unpleasant.*
- *The act of reprieving; postponing or remitting punishment.*
- *A pause for relaxation.*

- A pause from doing something (as work).
- An interruption in the intensity or amount of something.
- A (temporary) relief from harm or discomfort.



Synonyms of "Respite" as a noun (30 Words)

- abatement** The act of abating.
*This trend shows no sign of **abatement**.*
- adjournment** The termination of a meeting.
*She sought an **adjournment** of the trial.*
- break** An instance of breaking something or the point where something is broken.
*Those returning to work after a career **break**.*

breathing space	The bodily process of inhalation and exhalation; the process of taking in oxygen from inhaled air and releasing carbon dioxide by exhalation.
<u>cessation</u>	A stopping. <i>The cessation of hostilities.</i>
deferment	The action or fact of putting something off to a later time; postponement. <i>He was granted five deferments from the draft.</i>
delay	The act of delaying inactivity resulting in something being put off until a later time. <i>Instant replay caused too long a delay.</i>
discontinuation	The action of ceasing to do or provide something, especially something that has been provided on a regular basis. <i>The discontinuation of the product was a surprise to many.</i>
<u>halt</u>	A minor stopping place on a local railway line. <i>During the halt he got some lunch.</i>
<u>hiatus</u>	A pause or break in continuity in a sequence or activity. <i>There was a brief hiatus in the war with France.</i>
interlude	An intervening period or episode. <i>An orchestral interlude.</i>
intermission	The act of suspending activity temporarily. <i>He was granted an intermission in his studies.</i>
interval	A component of activity in interval training. <i>An interval of mourning.</i>
lull	A temporary interval of quiet or lack of activity. <i>For two days there had been a lull in the fighting.</i>
moratorium	A temporary prohibition of an activity. <i>The debt was to be subject to a five year moratorium.</i>
<u>pause</u>	A time interval during which there is a temporary cessation of something. <i>He chattered away without pause.</i>
postponement	The action of postponing something; deferral. <i>The postponement of the elections.</i>
recess	A break between school classes. <i>The mid morning recess.</i>
relief	A method of moulding carving or stamping in which the design stands out from the surface to a greater high relief or lesser low relief extent. <i>Tablets for the relief of pain.</i>

remission	(law) the act of remitting (especially the referral of a law case to another court. <i>Ten patients remained in remission.</i>
reprieve	An interruption in the intensity or amount of something. <i>A mother who faced eviction has been given a reprieve.</i>
rest	An instance or period of resting. <i>The car accelerates rapidly from rest.</i>
rest period	Something left after other parts have been taken away.
standstill	A situation in which no progress can be made or no advancement is possible. <i>The traffic came to a standstill.</i>
stay	A period of staying somewhere in particular of living somewhere temporarily as a visitor or guest. <i>Some men are always great at beginnings but they have no stay in them.</i>
stay of execution	Brace consisting of a heavy rope or wire cable used as a support for a mast or spar.
stop	A punctuation mark placed at the end of a declarative sentence to indicate a full stop or after abbreviations. <i>Stop consonants.</i>
stoppage	An obstruction in a pipe or tube. <i>One machine gun crew had a stoppage.</i>
suspension	Temporary cessation or suspension. <i>The investigation led to the suspension of several officers.</i>
time out	The fourth coordinate that is required (along with three spatial dimensions) to specify a physical event.

Usage Examples of "Respite" as a noun

- *The refugee encampments will provide some respite from the suffering.*
- *A brief respite from the heat.*
- *A Letter of Licence, by which creditors agreed to postpone claims, brought only temporary respite.*

Respite as a Verb

Definitions of "Respite" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "respite" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Grant a respite to (someone, especially a person condemned to death.*
- *Postpone (a sentence, obligation, etc.*
- *Postpone the punishment of a convicted criminal, such as an execution.*

Synonyms of "Respite" as a verb (22 Words)

cancel someone's punishment	Make invalid for use.
carry over	Pass on a communication.
commute someone's punishment	Travel back and forth regularly, as between one's place of work and home.
defer	Hold back to a later time. <i>The judge deferred sentence until 5 April for background reports.</i>
delay	Cause to be slowed down or delayed. <i>She delayed the work that she didn't want to perform.</i>
do later	Arrange attractively.
grant a stay of execution to	Give as judged due or on the basis of merit.
hold in abeyance	Drink alcohol without showing ill effects.
hold off	Have rightfully; of rights, titles, and offices.
hold over	Have as a major characteristic.
mothball	Store clothes with mothballs. <i>It would cost the company a lot of money just to mothball the mine.</i>
pigeonhole	Put a document in a pigeonhole. <i>He pigeonholed his charts and notes.</i>
postpone	Cause or arrange for (something) to take place at a time later than that first scheduled. <i>Let's postpone the exam.</i>
postpone someone's punishment	Hold back to a later time.

put back	Put into a certain place or abstract location.
put in abeyance	Attribute or give.
put off	Formulate in a particular style or language.
remit someone's punishment	Forgive.
reprieve	Cancel or postpone the punishment of (someone, especially someone condemned to death). <i>Under the new regime prisoners under sentence of death were reprieved.</i>
reschedule	Change the time of (a planned event). <i>They rescheduled external debts to improve their economic situation.</i>
shelve	Fit with shelves. <i>One whole long wall was shelved.</i>
stand over	Be standing; be upright.

Usage Examples of "Respite" as a verb

- *The execution was only respited a few months.*
- *Some poor criminal ... from the gibbet or the wheel, respited for a day.*

Associations of "Respite" (30 Words)

abeyance	The position of being without, or of waiting for, an owner or claimant. <i>Matters were held in abeyance pending further enquiries.</i>
<u>armistice</u>	A state of peace agreed to between opponents so they can discuss peace terms. <i>The Italian government signed an armistice with the Allies.</i>
<u>cessation</u>	The fact or process of ending or being brought to an end. <i>A cessation of animal testing of cosmetics.</i>
<u>deadlock</u>	Secure a door with a deadlock. <i>The meeting is deadlocked.</i>
desist	Stop doing something; cease or abstain. <i>Each pledged to desist from acts of sabotage.</i>
discontinuance	The act of discontinuing or breaking off; an interruption (temporary or permanent).

disruption	Disturbance or problems which interrupt an event, activity, or process. <i>The scheme was planned to minimize disruption.</i>
fallow	Leave land fallow for a period. <i>Strips of summer fallow.</i>
fleeting	Lasting for a markedly brief time. <i>For a fleeting moment I saw the face of a boy.</i>
halt	Come to a halt stop moving. <i>Halt the presses.</i>
hiatus	A pause or break in continuity in a sequence or activity. <i>There was a brief hiatus in the war with France.</i>
intermission	The act of suspending activity temporarily. <i>The daily work goes on without intermission.</i>
interruption	An act of delaying or interrupting the continuity. <i>The telephone is an annoying interruption.</i>
layover	A brief stay in the course of a journey. <i>There was only a forty eight minute layover.</i>
momentarily	At any moment. <i>My husband will be here to pick me up momentarily.</i>
momentary	Lasting for a markedly brief time. <i>A momentary lapse of concentration.</i>
outage	A period when a power supply or other service is not available or when equipment is closed down. <i>Frequent power outages.</i>
pause	Cease an action temporarily. <i>We pause for station identification.</i>
relaxation	(physiology) the gradual lengthening of inactive muscle or muscle fibers. <i>Relaxation of censorship rules.</i>
relief	A cause of or occasion for relief. <i>The sharp relief of many mountains.</i>
repose	A disposition free from stress or emotion. <i>The nation reposed its confidence in the King.</i>
reprieve	Relieve temporarily. <i>Under the new regime prisoners under sentence of death were reprieved.</i>
rest	Be at rest. <i>The country s security rested on its alliances.</i>

sojourn	Stay somewhere temporarily. <i>She had sojourned once in Egypt.</i>
<u>stasis</u>	Civil strife. <i>Long periods of stasis.</i>
stop	The act of stopping something. <i>You can't stop me from getting what I want.</i>
suspension	Temporary cessation or suspension. <i>A suspension of maize starch in arachis oil.</i>
temporary	A worker especially in an office hired on a temporary basis. <i>Employed on a temporary basis.</i>
<u>tentative</u>	Under terms not final or fully worked out or agreed upon. <i>Drew a few tentative conclusions.</i>
<u>truce</u>	A state of peace agreed to between opponents so they can discuss peace terms. <i>The guerrillas called a three day truce.</i>