

expedient1. [ɪk'spi:diənt] *n*

средство для достижения цели, приём; уловка
questionable expedients - сомнительные приёмы
to exhaust every expedient for ... - исчерпать все средства к ...

2. [ɪk'spi:diənt] *a*

1. 1) целесообразный
I deemed it expedient to ... - я считал целесообразным ...
- 2) выгодный, рациональный, подходящий, уместный
it is not expedient to interfere now - сейчас вмешиваться несвоевременно /некстати/
it is expedient that you go - вам лучше уйти, будет лучше, если вы уйдёте
2. практически целесообразный, выгодный (*a не принципиальный*); соответствующий требованиям момента (*a не справедливый или правильный*); ловкий (*о ходе, шаге и т. п.*)
3. *арх., библи.* полезный

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ex·pe·di·ent [expedient expedients] *noun, adjective* BrE [ɪk'spiːdiənt] ^u NAmE

[ɪk'spiːdiənt] ^u**noun**

an action that is useful or necessary for a particular purpose, but not always fair or right

- The disease was controlled **by the simple expedient** of not allowing anyone to leave the city.

Word Origin:

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Derived Words ↑expediency ▫ ↑expediently

adjective not usually before noun (*of an action*)

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- The government has clearly decided that a cut in interest rates would be politically expedient.

Opp: ↑inexpedient

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Example Bank:

- The government found it expedient to relax censorship a little.

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I. **ex·pe·di·ent** ¹ /ɪk'spiːdiənt BrE ^u AmE ^u *adjective*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: Latin, present participle of expedire; ⇒ ↑expedite]

helping you to deal with a problem quickly and effectively although sometimes in a way that is not morally right **OPP** **inexpedient** :

This solution is politically expedient but may well cause long-term problems.

expedient to do something

We think it is expedient to make a good-will gesture to the new administration.

II. **expedient** ² BrE ^u AmE ^u *noun* [countable]

a quick and effective way of dealing with a problem:

Moore escaped by the simple expedient of lying down in a clump of grass.

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