

rely[rɪˈlaɪ] *v*

1. (on, upon)

1) полагаться, надеяться; доверять

you may rely (up)on me - вы можете положиться на меня

rely upon it - уверяю вас, будьте уверены

to rely on guesses rather than on documents - опираться на догадки, а не на документы

you can't rely on his assistance /on him for assistance, on him to assist you/ - на его помощь полагаться нельзя

he can always be relied on for help - на его помощь всегда можно рассчитывать; он никогда не откажет в помощи

you may rely on it that he will be early - можете быть уверены /можете не беспокоиться, не сомневаться/, он явится без опоздания

I rely on your honour - мне порукой ваша честь

2) зависеть (*от чего-л.*)

they rely on the spring for their water - они получают воду только из этого источника, их водоснабжение зависит от этого источника

2. (in) *редк.* посвящать (*кого-л.*) в свои дела3. *редк.* опираться, облакачиваться**rely****rely** *AW* [rely relies relied relying] *BrE* [rɪˈlaɪ] ^m *NAmE* [rɪˈlaɪ] ^m verb (re-*lies*,rely-*ing*, re-*lied*, re-*lied*)

Derived ↑rely on somebody

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	rely
	BrE /rɪˈlaɪ/
	NAmE /rɪˈlaɪ/
he / she / it	relies
	BrE /rɪˈlaɪz/
	NAmE /rɪˈlaɪz/
past simple, past participle	relied
	BrE /rɪˈlaɪd/
	NAmE /rɪˈlaɪd/
-ing form	relying
	BrE /rɪˈlaɪɪŋ/
	NAmE /rɪˈlaɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **relier** 'bind together', from Latin **religare**, from **re-** (expressing intensive force) + **ligare** 'bind'. The original sense was 'gather together', later 'turn to, associate with', which led to the sense 'depend upon with confidence'.

Word Family:**rely** verb**reliable** adjective (≠unreliable)**reliably** adverb**reliability** noun (≠unreliability)**reliance** nounSynonyms:**trust**

depend on sb/sth • rely on sb/sth • count on sb/sth • believe in sb

These words all mean to believe that sb/sth will do what you hope or expect of them or that what they tell you is correct or true.

trust • to believe that sb is good, honest, sincere, etc. and that they will do what you expect of them or do the right thing; to believe that sth is true or correct: ▫ You can trust me not to tell anyone. ◇ ▫ Don't trust what you read in the newspapers!**depend on/upon sb/sth** • (often used with *can/cannot/could/could not*) to trust sb/sth to do what you expect or want, to do the right thing, or to be true or correct: ▫ He was the sort of person you could depend on. ◇ ▫ Can you depend on her version of what happened?**rely on/upon sb/sth** • (used especially with *can/cannot/could/could not* and *should/should not*) to trust sb/sth to do what you expect or want, or to be honest, correct or good enough: ▫ Can I rely on you to keep this secret? ◇ ▫ You can't rely on any figures you get from them.**trust, depend or rely on/upon sb/sth?**You can **trust** a person but not a thing or system. You can **trust** sb's *judgement* or *advice*, but not their support. You can **depend on** sb's *support*, but not their judgement or advice. **Rely on/upon sb/sth** is used especially with *you can/could* or *you should* to give advice or a promise: I don't really rely on his judgement. ◇ ▫ You can't really rely on his judgement.**count on sb/sth** • (often used with *can/cannot/could/could not*) to be sure that sb will do what you need them to do, or that sth will happen as you want it to happen: ▫ I'm counting on you to help me. ◇ ▫ We can't count on the good weather lasting.**believe in sb** • to feel that you can trust sb and/or that they will be successful: ▫ They need a leader they can believe in.to trust/depend on/rely on/count on sb/sth **to do sth**to trust/believe **in** sb/sthto trust/rely on **sb's advice/judgement**

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to depend on/rely on/count on **sb's support**
to **completely** trust/depend on/rely on/believe in sb/sth

Example Bank:

- I couldn't rely on John for information.
- I generally rely on instinct when pairing wine and food.
- Most historians simply rely on archives.
- The party could no longer rely on its traditional supporters.
- They relied entirely on these few weapons for their defence.
- Who can you rely on these days?
- You can always rely on Holly to say the wrong thing.
- You can safely rely on his judgement.
- You can safely rely on the report's conclusions.
- countries that rely heavily on food aid
- people who are forced to rely on public transport/transportation

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re **ly** **S3** **W2** **AC** /rɪˈlaɪ/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *verb* (past tense and past participle **relied**, present participle **relying**, third person singular **relies**)

[Word Family: noun: ↑reliability, ↑reliance; adjective: ↑reliable ≠ ↑unreliable, ↑reliant; verb: ↑rely; adverb: ↑reliably]

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rely on/upon somebody/something *phrasal verb*

1. to trust or depend on someone or something to do what you need or expect them to do ⇒ **reliable**, **reliance** :

^m I knew I could rely on David.

rely on somebody/something to do something

^m Many working women rely on relatives to help take care of their children.

rely on/upon somebody/something for

^m Many people now rely on the Internet for news.

2. to depend on something in order to continue to live or exist:

^m For its income, the company relies heavily on only a few contracts.

rely on/upon somebody/something for

^m They have to rely on the river for their water.

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15000 **1082**^{COCA}

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rely 9941

reliability 7114

unreliability 183

reliable 8703

reliably 1204

reliance 3034

reliant 728

relied 4099

relies 3220

relying 3368

unreliable 1366

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