

relative**1.** ['relatɪv] *n*

1. родственник; родственница
2. *грам.* относительное местоимение

2. ['relatɪv] *a*

1. 1) относительный соотносительный
relative position - взаимное /относительное/ положение
relative index - *физ.* относительный показатель преломления
- 2) (to) относящийся к чему-л.; касающийся чего-л.
the papers relative to their case - документы по их делу
a letter relative to this matter - письмо, касающееся этого вопроса
matters relative to world peace - вопросы, связанные с обеспечением мира во всём мире
2. 1) условный, относительный
beauty is relative - красота - понятие относительное
- 2) сравнительный
he did it with relative coolness - он сделал это сравнительно спокойно
what are the relative merits of the two candidates? - сравните достоинства этих двух кандидатов
3. соответственный
supply must be relative to demand - предложение должно соответствовать спросу
4. связанный, взаимосвязанный
the relative responsibilities - взаимные обязанности
relative phenomena - связанные явления
5. *грам.* относительный
relative pronoun - относительное местоимение
6. *муз.* параллельный
relative keys - параллельные тональности

relative

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rela-tive [relative relatives] adjective, noun *BrE* ['relatɪv] ^m *NAmE* ['relatɪv] ^m**adjective**

1. considered and judged by being compared with sth else
 - the **relative merits** of the two plans
2. ~ (to sth) considered according to its position or connection with sth else
 - the position of the sun relative to the earth
3. **only before noun** that exists or that has a particular quality only when compared with sth else

Syn: ↑comparative

- They now live in relative comfort (= compared with how they lived before) .
- Given the failure of the previous plan, this turned out to be a relative success .
- **It's all relative** though, isn't it? We never had any money when I was a kid and \$500 was a fortune to us.

compare ↑absolute

4. ~ to sth (*formal*) having a connection with sth; referring to sth
 - the facts relative to the case
5. (*grammar*) referring to an earlier noun, sentence or part of a sentence
 - In 'the man who came', 'who' is a **relative pronoun** and 'who came' is a **relative clause** .

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:**relative** *adj.*

- You must consider the relative merits of the two plans.

comparative • • **respective** • • **corresponding** • • **comparable** • • **proportional** • |*formal* **proportionate** • • **analogous** •

relative/comparative/corresponding/comparable/proportional/proportionate/analogous to sth

a relative/corresponding/comparable/proportional/proportionate **increase**

relative/comparative/comparable **size**

Example Bank:

- It's all relative though, isn't it? We never had any money when I was a kid and \$500 was a fortune to us.
- They now live in relative comfort.
- You must consider the relative merits of the two plans.

noun

1. a person who is in the same family as sb else

Syn: ↑relation

- a **close/distant relative**
- her friends and relatives

2. a thing that belongs to the same group as sth else

- The ibex is a distant relative of the mountain goat.

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Thesaurus:

relative noun C

- She cares for an elderly relative.

relation • • **family** • • **connections** • | **formal kin** •

(a) **close/near/distant/female/male** relative/relation/kin

have/stay with/visit relatives/relations/family

friends and relatives/relations/family

Relative or relation? **Relative** is often used when the exact relationship is not known or does not matter; **relation** is often used when stating or asking the degree of relationship between people

- On his death the house will pass to the nearest surviving relative.
- What relation is Rita to you?

Example Bank:

- He believes that interior design is the poor relative of architecture.
- He greeted me like a long-lost relative.
- I have no parents or close relatives.
- If you die without a will, only a husband, wife, children and blood relatives are entitled to inherit your property.
- She's caring for an elderly relative.
- The deceased's immediate relatives will inherit her estate.
- The deceased's immediate relatives, her mother and father, will inherit her estate.
- The names of the victims are being withheld until the relatives have been informed.
- The police are trying to find the relatives of the deceased.
- The succession passed to the nearest surviving relative.
- an intimate reception for close friends and relatives
- an organization that helps people who have lost relatives= whose relatives have died
- an organization that helps people who have lost their relatives
- people who care for a sick or disabled relative
- the increase in dependent elderly relatives
- I have close relatives.
- If you die without a will, only blood relatives are entitled to inherit your property.

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I. **rel** | **ə** | **t** | **ɪ** | **v** ¹ **S3** **W3** /'relətɪv/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ³ *noun* [countable]

[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑*relation*, *relations*, ↑*relationship*, ↑*relative*; **adjective**: ↑*related* ≠ ↑*unrelated*, ↑*relative*; **verb**: ↑*relate*; **adverb**: ↑*relatively*]

a member of your family **SYN relation** :

" a gathering of friends and relatives

a **close/distant relative**

" Her boyfriend is a distant relative of mine.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- a **close relative** (=a *brother, parent, aunt etc*) He lost several close relatives in the war.
- a **distant relative** She claims to be a distant relative of the Queen.
- a **blood relative** (=one related by birth not marriage) 332 kidneys were donated last year by blood relatives or spouses.
- a **living/surviving relative** As far as she knew, she had no living relatives.

■ phrases

- a **relative by marriage** How many women would be willing to care for distant relatives by marriage?
- **friends and relatives** About thirty-five close friends and relatives attended the wedding.

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THESAURUS

- **relative** a member of your family, especially one who does not live with you: Most of her relatives were able to come to the wedding. | We have some *distant relatives* in Australia.
- **relation** a member of your family. **Relation** means the same as **relative**. It is often used when talking about whether someone is in the same family as another person: Big cities can be lonely places if you have no friends or relations there. | 'What relation is she to you?' 'She's my half sister.' | He's no relation to the singer.
- **descendant** someone who is a family member of a person who lived and died a long time ago, for example the great-grandchild of that person: The people are the descendants of slaves who were brought over from Africa.
- **ancestor** a member of your family who lived a long time ago, especially hundreds of years ago: My ancestors originally came from Ireland.
- **forefathers** *especially written* people in your family who lived a long time ago - often used in historical descriptions: His forefathers came to America over a century ago.
- **extended family** a family group that consists not only of parents and children, but also includes grandparents, aunts etc:

Extended families rarely live together in Britain, but they are still important.

- **folks** *especially American English informal* your family, especially your parents: Are you going to see your folks at Christmas?
- **next of kin** the person or people who are most closely related to you, for example your husband or mother, and who need to be told if something serious happens to you: The next of kin must be notified of his death before his name is released to the press.

II. **relative** ² **W2** *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *adjective*

[Word Family: noun: ↑relation, relations, ↑relationship, ↑relative; adjective: ↑related ≠ ↑unrelated, ↑relative; verb: ↑relate; adverb: ↑relatively]

1. having a particular quality when compared with something else:

- The relative merits of both approaches have to be considered.
- her opponent's relative lack of experience
- You may think you're poor, but it's all relative (=you are not poor compared to some people).

2. **relative to something** *formal* connected with a particular subject:

- facts relative to this issue

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