

alternative**1.** [ɔ:l'tɜ:nətɪv] *n***1. альтернатива** выбор из двух возможностей

undesirable alternative - нежелательная альтернатива

to propose [to endorse, to reject] an alternative - предлагать [принимать, отклонять] альтернативу

to be confronted with an alternative - стоять перед альтернативой

her father gave her the alternative of staying in high school or going to work - отец предложил ей выбрать одно из двух: продолжать учиться в школе или поступить, на работу

2. одна из двух или нескольких возможностей; единственный выбор; одно из двух

to have no alternative - не иметь (другого) выбора

my preference is for the last of these alternatives - я предпочитаю последнюю из этих возможностей

there is no other alternative but - нет другого пути кроме

there was no alternative but to agree with him - ничего другого не оставалось, как согласиться с ним

3. лингв. дублет**2.** [ɔ:l'tɜ:nətɪv] *a***1. 1) альтернативный****2) второй (из двух возможных); другой**

we returned by the alternative road - мы вернулись другой дорогой

we have several alternative plans - у нас есть несколько разных планов, у нас есть и другие планы

2. взаимоисключающий

the two plans are not necessarily alternative - эти два плана отнюдь не исключают друг друга

3. спец.**1) знакопеременный****2) переменно действующий****4. нетрадиционный**alternative society - «альтернативное общество» (в *противоп.* современному буржуазному, лозунг радикально настроенной молодежи)

alternative culture - «альтернативная культура» (отказ от традиционных культурных ценностей; часто пропагандируется радикально настроенной молодежью)

alternative energy - *тех.* альтернативный вид энергии (энергия ветра, солнца и т. п.); нетрадиционный источник энергии**alternative**

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al-ter-na-tive **AW** [alternative alternatives] **noun, adjective** **BrE** [ɔ:l'tɜ:nətɪv]**NAme** [ɔ:l'tɜ:nətɪv]**noun**

a thing that you can choose to do or have out of two or more possibilities

- You can be paid in cash weekly or by cheque monthly; those are the two alternatives.
- We had **no alternative but to** fire Gibson.
- There is a vegetarian alternative on the menu every day.

Word Origin:mid 16th cent. (in the sense 'alternating, alternate'): from French **alternatif**, **-ive** or medieval Latin **alternativus**, from Latin **alternare** 'interchange', from **alternus** 'every other', from **alter** 'other'.Thesaurus:**alternative** **noun** **C**

- We had no alternative but to (= we had to) fire him.

option • • **choice** • • **possibility** •a **real/realistic/practical** alternative/option/choice/possibilitya/an **good/acceptable/reasonable** alternative/option/choice**have no** alternative/option/choice (**but to** do sth)**look at/limit** the alternatives/options/choices/possibilities**Alternative, choice or option?** **Alternative** is slightly more formal than **option** or **choice**, and is more frequently used to talk about choosing between two things rather than several.Synonyms:**option**

choice • alternative • possibility

These are all words for sth that you choose to do in a particular situation.

option • something that you can choose to have or do; the freedom to choose what you do: ▫ As I see it, we have two options... ◇
▫ Students have the option of studying abroad in their second year.**Option** is also the word used in computing for one of the choices you can make when using a computer program: ▫ Choose the 'Cut' option from the Edit menu.**choice** • the freedom to choose what you do; something that you can choose to have or do: ▫ If I had the choice, I would stop working tomorrow. ◇ ▫ There is a wide range of choices open to you.**alternative** • something that you can choose to have or do out of two or more possibilities: ▫ You can be paid in cash weekly or by cheque monthly: those are the two alternatives.**option, choice or alternative?****Choice** is slightly less formal than **option** and **alternative** is slightly more formal. **Choice** is most often used for 'the freedom to

choose', although you can sometimes also use **option** (but not usually **alternative**): = If I had the choice/option, I would... ◇ If I had the alternative, I would... ◇ = parental choice in education ◇ parental option/alternative in education. Things that you can choose are **options**, **choices** or **alternatives**. However, **alternative** is more frequently used to talk about choosing between two things rather than several

possibility • one of the different things that you can do in a particular situation: = We need to explore a wide range of possibilities.

◇ = The possibilities are endless.

Possibility can be used in a similar way to **option**, **choice** and **alternative**, but the emphasis here is less on the need to make a choice, and more on what is available

with/without the option/choice/possibility **of** sth

a(n) **good/acceptable/reasonable/possible** option/choice/alternative

the **only** option/choice/alternative/possibility **open to** sb

to **have** a/an/the option/choice **of doing** sth

to **have no** option/choice/alternative **but to** do sth)

a **number/range of** options/choices/alternatives/possibilities

Example Bank:

- He was left with no alternative but to hobble to the nearest telephone box.
- His idea seemed to offer a possible alternative.
- Is there a viable alternative to prison?
- Is there an alternative to surgery for this complaint?
- She had no alternative but to do as he said.
- There is no alternative for those with no car of their own.
- They are seeking alternatives to fossil fuels.
- We have two alternatives.
- We'll have to find an alternative.
- a healthier alternative to fizzy drinks
- a healthier alternative to fried chicken
- seeking alternatives to nuclear power
- This left us with two alternatives...
- You can be paid in cash weekly or by cheque monthly: those are the two alternatives.

adjective only before noun

1. (also **al-ter-nate** especially in NAmE) that can be used instead of sth else

- an alternative method of doing sth
- Do you have an alternative solution?

2. different from the usual or traditional way in which sth is done

- **alternative comedy/lifestyles/values**
- **alternative energy** (= electricity or power that is produced using the energy from the sun, wind, water, etc.)

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See also: ↑ **alternate**

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I. **al-ter-na-tive** ¹ **S2 W2 AC** /ɒl-tər-nə-tɪv/ BrE ^{BrE} AmE ^{AmE} **adjective**

[Word Family: noun: ↑ **alternative**; adverb: ↑ **alternatively**; adjective: ↑ **alternative**]

1. [only before noun] an alternative idea, plan etc is different from the one you have and can be used instead

alternative ways/approach/methods etc

- alternative approaches to learning
- Have you any alternative suggestions?
- An alternative route is along the Via Unione.

2. deliberately different from what is usual, expected, or traditional

alternative music/theatre etc

- Tucson's alternative radio station
- sources of alternative energy (=energy produced by the sun, wind etc rather than by gas, coal etc)
- tolerance of alternative lifestyles

alternative medicine/therapies (=medical treatment that is not based on the usual western methods)

- Acupuncture is widely used by practitioners of alternative medicine.

—**alternatively** **adverb**:

- You can relax on the beach or alternatively try the bustling town centre.

II. **al-ter-na-tive** ² **S2 W3 AC** BrE ^{BrE} AmE ^{AmE} **noun** [countable]

[Word Family: noun: ↑ **alternative**; adverb: ↑ **alternatively**; adjective: ↑ **alternative**]

something you can choose to do or use instead of something else

alternative to

- Is there a viable alternative to the present system?
- If payment is not received legal action will be our only alternative.
- I had no alternative but to report him to the police.

He quickly assessed what alternatives were open to him.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **a good/attractive alternative** If you don't want curtains, blinds are a good alternative.
- **a possible/acceptable /satisfactory alternative** I'm busy tomorrow but Wednesday is a possible alternative.
- **a real/serious alternative** Co-operation offers the only real alternative.
- **a viable alternative** (=that can work as successfully) Hydrogen offers a viable alternative to petrol and diesel.
- **a practical alternative** This treatment represents a practical alternative to surgery.
- **a cheap alternative** A take-away is a cheap alternative to eating out.
- **a safe alternative** Will there ever be a safe alternative to nuclear power?
- **a healthy alternative** Low-fat biscuits are a healthy alternative to cake.

■ verbs

- **have an alternative** You have a few alternatives to choose from.
- **offer/provide an alternative** If your first choice is not available, we always have alternatives to offer.
- **suggest an alternative** Do you have an alternative you can suggest?
- **seek an alternative** People are seeking alternatives to meat-based dishes.
- **find an alternative** The program is directed to finding alternatives to oil and natural gas.

■ phrases

- **have no/little alternative (but to do something)** He had no alternative but to resign.
- **leave somebody with no alternative (but to do something)** I was left with no alternative but to seek legal advice.

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- **choice: choice of:** The school seems OK, but there isn't a great choice of courses. | **have a choice** (=be able to choose from several things): With her high grades and athletic skill, Celeste had her choice of colleges. | **have no choice but to do something** (=to be forced to do something because there is nothing else you can choose): Spooner says he had no choice but to file for bankruptcy. | **wide choice** (=a lot of things to choose from): There is a wide choice of hotels and hostels in the town.
- **option** one of the things that you can choose to do in a particular situation: He basically has two options: he can have the surgery, or he can give up playing football. | **keep/leave your options open** (=delay choosing so that you continue to have several things to choose from): I haven't signed any contracts yet – I want to keep my options open.
- **alternative** one of two or more ways of doing something: Did you consider other alternatives before you moved in with Lucy? | **alternative to:** There is no practical alternative to our current policy. | **have no alternative** (=to not have a choice): He says he doesn't want to see a doctor, but I'm afraid he has no alternative.

alternative

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