

**prevail**

[pri'veil] v

1. (вос)торжествовать, одержать победу; добиться своего  
to prevail over/against/ smb., smth. - одолеть кого-л., что-л.  
to prevail (up) on /with/ smb. to do smth. - убедить /уговорить/ кого-л. сделать что-л.  
we hope that truth will prevail - мы надеемся, что правда восторжествует  
his argument prevailed and I yielded - его довод был очень убедителен, и я уступил  
I prevailed on him to accept the invitation [to stop smoking] - я уговорил его принять приглашение [бросить курить]  
could I prevail upon you to accept a piece of cake? - ну съешьте /возьмите/, пожалуйста, кусочек торта
2. преобладать, превалировать; господствовать  
the north wind prevails in those parts - в тех местах преобладает северный ветер
3. быть распространённым, признанным, принятым; существовать  
the theory prevails that ... - существует /распространена/ теория о том, что ...  
calm prevails - царит спокойствие
4. *дип.* иметь преимущественную силу

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**pre-vail** [prevail prevails prevailed prevailing] BrE [pri'veɪ] <sup>u</sup> NAmE [pri'veɪ]

verb (formal)

1. **intransitive** ~ (in/among sth) to exist or be very common at a particular time or in a particular place  
• We were horrified at the conditions prevailing in local prisons.  
• Those beliefs still prevail among certain social groups.
2. **intransitive** ~ (against/over sth) (of ideas, opinions, etc.) to be accepted, especially after a struggle or an argument  
**Syn:** ↑triumph  
• Justice will prevail over tyranny.  
• Fortunately, common sense prevailed
3. **intransitive** ~ (against/over sb) to defeat an opponent, especially after a long struggle

Derived ↑prevail on somebody to do something

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	prevail
	BrE /pri'veɪ/
	NAmE /pri'veɪ/
he / she / it	prevails
	BrE /pri'veɪz/
	NAmE /pri'veɪz/
past simple, past participle	prevailed
	BrE /pri'veɪd/
	NAmE /pri'veɪd/
-ing form	prevailing
	BrE /pri'veɪlɪŋ/
	NAmE /pri'veɪlɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin **praevalere** 'have greater power', from **prae** 'before' + **valere** 'have power'.

Example Bank:

- Her happy outlook always prevailed
- His view eventually prevailed over theirs.
- The wishes of 20 million people ought to prevail against those of 200 thousand.
- In a one-sided final, Spain prevailed against title-holder Croatia 40–34.
- The Act requires the will of the Commons ultimately to prevail over that of the upper house.
- They wasted two penalties but still prevailed 2–1.
- Ultimately, Rome prevailed over her neighbours.

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**pre-vail** /pri'veɪl/ BrE <sup>u</sup> AmE <sup>u</sup> verb [intransitive not in progressive] formal

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: praevalere from valere 'to be strong']

1. if a belief, custom, situation etc prevails, it exists among a group of people at a certain time  
**prevail in/among etc**  
• the economic conditions which prevail in England and Wales  
• I admired the creativity which prevailed among the young writers.
2. if a person, idea, or principle prevails in a fight, argument etc, they are successful in the end:  
• Justice will prevail.  
**common sense prevails/reason prevails (=a sensible decision is made)**  
• He considered lying, but then common sense prevailed.  
**prevail over/against**  
• Your inner strength will enable you to prevail over life's obstacles.  
**prevail on/upon somebody phrasal verb formal**

to persuade someone

prevail on/upon somebody to do something

" She prevailed upon her father to say nothing.

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625 **26642**<sup>680</sup> *vv0*

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