

**postpone**

[pə(v)'spəʊn] *v*

1. откладывать, отсрочивать  
to postpone a conference [a meeting] - отложить конференцию [собрание]  
to postpone payment - отсрочить платёж
2. 1) относить в конец предложения  
to postpone an adjective - поставить /перенести/ прилагательное в конец предложения
- 2) подчинять; ставить ниже  
to postpone one's own interests to the public welfare - ставить общественные интересы выше личных

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**post·pone** [postpone postpones postponed postponing] *BrE* [pə'spəʊn] <sup>Ⓜ</sup>

*NAmE* [pou'spoun] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *verb*

to arrange for an event, etc. to take place at a later time or date

**Syn:** put off

- ~ **sth** The game has already been postponed three times.
- ~ **sth to/until sth** We'll have to postpone the meeting until next week.
- They have agreed to postpone repayment of the loan to a future unspecified date.
- ~ **doing sth** It was an unpopular decision to postpone building the new hospital.

**compare** ↑cancel

Derived Word ↑postponement

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	postpone
	<i>BrE</i> /pə'spəʊn/
	<i>NAmE</i> /pou'spoun/
he / she /it	postpones
	<i>BrE</i> /pə'spəʊnz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /pou'spounz/
past simple, past participle	postponed
	<i>BrE</i> /pə'spəʊnd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /pou'spound/
-ing form	postponing
	<i>BrE</i> /pə'spəʊnɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /pou'spounɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 15th cent.: from Latin **postponere**, from **post** 'after' + **ponere** 'to place' .

Example Bank:

- Ruth wrote at once, asking Maria to postpone her visit.
- The event has been postponed indefinitely due to lack of interest.
- The game has been postponed from Wednesday night to Friday night.
- The inevitable conflict was merely postponed till the next meeting.
- The meeting has been postponed until next week.
- We'll have to postpone the meeting until next week.

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**post·pone** /pəʊs'pəʊn \$ pouz'poun/ *BrE* <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *AmE* <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: **postponere**, from **ponere**; ⇒ ↑position<sup>1</sup>]

to change the date or time of a planned event or action to a later one **SYN** put back **OPP** bring forward :

Ⓜ The match had to be **postponed** **until** next week.

**postpone doing something**

Ⓜ They've decided to postpone having a family for a while.

Ⓜ His trial has been **postponed indefinitely** (=no one knows when it will happen).

—**postponement** *noun* [uncountable and countable]

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**THESAURUS**

- **postpone** *verb* [transitive] to change the date or time of a planned event or action to a later one: The game was postponed because of heavy snow. | We had to postpone the trip because of my father's illness. | The trial has been postponed until November.
- **put something off** *phrasal verb* [transitive] to decide to do something later than you planned to do it or later than you should do it, especially because there is a problem or because you do not want to do it now: I really should go to the dentist, but I keep putting it off. | The concert's been put off till next week. | The committee decided to put off making any decision until the new year.
- **delay** *verb* [transitive] to not do something until something else has happened or until a more suitable time: He decided to delay his departure until after he'd seen the Director. | Police delayed making any announcement until the girl's relatives had been contacted.
- **procrastinate** *verb* [intransitive] *formal* to delay doing something that you ought to do, usually because you do not want to do it — used especially to show disapproval: Kerry procrastinated for as long as possible before firing anyone. | He had been procrastinating over starting the work.

- **be pushed/moved/put back** if an event is pushed back, someone arranges for it to be held at a later time or date than originally planned: Their meeting has been put back to next Thursday. | The museum's opening date was pushed back so that safety checks could be carried out. | The game on April 1 has been moved back to April 5.
- **shelve** *verb* [transitive] to decide not to continue with a plan, project etc now although it may be considered again at some time in the future: Plans for a new stadium have been shelved for now. | The city shelved the project due to lack of funding.
- **put something on ice/put something on the back burner** to decide not to continue with a plan, project etc until a later time. These expressions are rather informal and are often used in business English: The project has had to be put on ice due to lack of funding. | Blears called for the discussions to be put on ice until after the elections. | The plan seems to have been put on the back burner.

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