

curtail

[kɜːˈteɪl] **v**

- сокращать; укорачивать, урезывать, уменьшать
 to curtail a speech [a lecture, one's holidays] - сокращать речь [лекцию, отпуск]
 to curtail words - сокращать слова
 to curtail spending - ограничить расходы
 to curtail smb.'s salary - урезать кому-л. зарплату
 to curtail smb. of his privileges - лишать кого-л. части привилегий, урезать кому-л. привилегии
- спорт.** укорачивать шаг

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

cur-tail [curtail curtails curtailed curtail^{ing}] **BrE** [kɜːrteɪl] **NAmE** [kɜːrteɪl]

verb ~ sth (formal)

- to limit sth or make it last for a shorter time
- Spending on books has been severely curtailed.
 - The lecture was curtailed by the fire alarm going off.

Derived Word ↑**curtailment**

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	curtail
	BrE /kɜːˈteɪl/
	NAmE /kɜːrˈteɪl/
he / she /it	curtails
	BrE /kɜːˈteɪlz/
	NAmE /kɜːrˈteɪlz/
past simple, past participle	curtailed
	BrE /kɜːˈteɪld/
	NAmE /kɜːrˈteɪld/
-ing form	curtail ^{ing}
	BrE /kɜːˈteɪlɪŋ/
	NAmE /kɜːrˈteɪlɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 15th cent.: from obsolete curtal 'horse with a docked tail', from French **courtault**, from **court** 'short', from Latin **curtus**. The change in the ending was due to association with ↑**tail** and perhaps also with French **tailler** 'to cut'.

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curtail /kɜːrteɪl/ **BrE** **AmE** **verb** [transitive] **formal**

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: curtal 'to cut short an animal's tail' (15-17 centuries), from Old French courtault 'animal with a shortened tail'; influenced by tail]

to reduce or limit something **SYN cut:**

- The new law will curtail police powers.
- severely/drastically curtail
- Budget cuts have drastically curtailed training programs.

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

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