

countdown[ˈkaʊntdaʊn] *n*

- 1) отсчёт в обратном порядке
 - 2) отсчёт времени перед стартом (*ракеты*), обратный (от)счёт
 - 3) критический, решающий момент, ≅ считанные часы перед решающим событием
- the countdown has begun - ≅ ждать уже недолго; всё скоро выяснится

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

count-down [countdown countdowns] *BrE* [ˈkaʊntdaʊn] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˈkaʊntdaʊn]^ˈ **noun** ~ (to sth)

1. **singular, uncountable** the action of counting seconds backwards to zero, for example before a ↑**spacecraft** is launched
2. **singular** the period of time just before sth important happens
 - the countdown to the wedding

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count-down /ˈkaʊntdaʊn/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun** [countable usually singular]

1. the period of time before something happens, such as a spacecraft being ↑**launched**, when someone counts backwards until the event happens
 2. the period of time before an important event, when people become more and more excited about it
- countdown to**
^ˈ the countdown to the World Cup

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