

**reef**

I

1. [ri:f] *n мор.*  
риф (*на парусе*)  
to take in a reef - а) брать риф б) принять меры предосторожности; в) не давать себе воли  
to let out a reef - а) отдавать риф; б) распустить пояс (*после сытного обеда*) в) давать себе волю
2. [ri:f] *v мор.*  
брать рифы (*тж. reef in*)  
reef (the) sail! - риф взять! (*команда*)  
reef away! - отдать рифы!

II

1. [ri:f] *n*
  1. риф, подводная скала  
atoll reef - атолл кольцеобразный риф  
sand reef - песчаный бар  
reef corals - рифовые кораллы  
reef knoll - рифовый холм  
wrecked on a reef - разбившийся на рифе (*о судне*)
  2. *горн.*  
1) рудная жила  
2) золотоносный пласт, алмазоносный пласт
2. [ri:f] *v горн.*  
разрабатывать рудную, золотоносную жилу

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**reef** [reef reefs reefed reefing] *noun, verb* BrE [riːf] AmE [riːf]

*noun*

1. a long line of rocks or sand near the surface of the sea
  - a coral reef
  - the Great Barrier Reef



2. a part of a sail that can be tied or rolled up to make the sail smaller in a strong wind

Word Origin:

*n. sense 1* late 16th cent. riff Middle Low German Middle Dutch rif ref Old Norse rif 'rib'  
*n. sense 2* and *v.* Middle English Middle Dutch reef rif Old Norse rif 'rib'

*verb ~ sth (technical)*

to make a sail smaller by tying or rolling up part of it  
• They set sail with the sails reefed against the strong winds.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	reef
	BrE /ri:f/
	NAme /ri:f/
he / she / it	reefs
	BrE /ri:fs/
	NAme /ri:fs/
past simple, past participle	reefed
	BrE /ri:ft/
	NAme /ri:ft/
-ing form	reefing
	BrE /ri:fiŋ/
	NAme /ri:fiŋ/

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I. **reef**<sup>1</sup> /riːf/ BrE AmE *noun* [countable]  
[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Dutch; Origin: rif]

a line of sharp rocks, often made of †coral, or a raised area of sand near the surface of the sea:

a proposal to protect several miles of thousand-year-old coral reef

II. reef<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>1</sup> AmE<sup>1</sup> (also reef in) verb [transitive] technical

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: reef 'part of a sail tied up' (14-21 centuries), from Old Norse ri]

to tie up part of a sail in order to make it smaller

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## reef

Freakuency Pack

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15000 **4705**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **7k** REEF<sup>3567</sup>

reef<sup>2202</sup>

reefs<sup>1365</sup>

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