

essential1. [ɪ'senʃ(ə)l] *n*1. *обыкн. pl* сущность, неотъемлемая часть; основное, самое главное

the essentials of astronomy - основные положения /основы/ астрономии

to grasp the essential - ухватить самое главное

to hold different views on the essentials of the situation - расходиться в оценке основных моментов /сущности/ создавшегося положения

on these essentials they will back him - они поддержат его по этим основным вопросам

to come down to essentials - перейти к сути вопроса

2. *pl*1) предметы первой необходимости; основные жизненные блага (*пища, одежда, жильё*)2) *воен.* основные предметы снабжения2. [ɪ'senʃ(ə)l] *a*1. 1) **непременный, обязательный, необходимый**

essential condition - обязательное /непременное/ условие

an essential first step - первый шаг, без которого нельзя обойтись

essential to health - необходимый для здоровья

water is essential to life - без воды нет жизни

experience not essential - стаж необязателен /стаж иметь необязательно

impartiality is absolutely essential to a judge - беспристрастность - это самое необходимое качество любого судьи

struggle is essential to the historical process - борьба является неотъемлемой частью исторического процесса

disarmament is essential for the progress of mankind - разоружение необходимо для прогресса человечества

2) **составляющий сущность; относящийся к сущности, к существу; основной**

essential disagreement - расхождение по существу

essential difference - а) существенный признак (*по которому классифицируются предметы*); б) *биол.* видовое различиеessential notes - *муз.* аккордовые звуки

essential part of his character - основная черта его характера

3) **неотъемлемый, присущий**2) **существенный, существенно важный**

essential service - важна услуга

essential history - важнейшие исторические факты

punctuality is essential in the business world - пунктуальность очень важна в деловом мире

3. *редк.* **полный, совершенный**

essential happiness - (полное) блаженство

4. *спец.* **эфирный, относящийся к эфирному маслу**

essential oils - эфирные масла

5. *мед.* **идиопатический, первичный (о заболевании)****essential**

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es·sen·tial [essential essentials] adjective, noun BrE [ɪ'senʃl] ^u NAmE [ɪ'senʃl]

adjective

1. completely necessary; extremely important in a particular situation or for a particular activity

Syn: ↑vital

- an **essential part/ingredient/component** of sth
- essential services such as gas, water and electricity
- The museum is closed while essential repairs are being carried out.
- Even in small companies, computers are an essential tool.
- The charity will be taking food and essential supplies to six refugee camps.
- This book is essential reading for all nature lovers.
- ~ **to sth** Money is not essential to happiness.
- ~ **for sth** Experience is essential for this job.
- **it is essential to do sth** It is essential to keep the two groups separate
- **it is essential that...** It is essential that you have some experience.

compare ↑inessential, ↑non-essential, **Opp:** ↑dispensable2. **only before noun** connected with the most important aspect or basic nature of sb/sth**Syn:** ↑fundamental

- The essential difference between Sara and me is in our attitude to money.
- The essential character of the town has been destroyed by the new road.

Word Origin:Middle English (in the sense 'in the highest degree'): from late Latin *essentialis*, from Latin *essentia*, from *esse* 'be'.Thesaurus:**essential** adj.

1.

- Experience is essential for this job.

vital • **crucial** • **critical** • **indispensable** • **of the essence** • **key** • **necessary** • **compulsory** • **important** • |formal| **imperative** • **mandatory** • **obligatory** •

Opp: inessential

essential/vital/crucial/critical/indispensable/key/necessary/important to sth

be essential/vital/crucial/critical/necessary/compulsory/important/imperative/mandatory/obligatory **that...**

be essential/vital/crucial/critical/necessary/compulsory/important/imperative/mandatory/obligatory **to do sth**

be essential/vital/crucial/critical/necessary/compulsory/important/imperative/mandatory/obligatory **that.../to do sth**

2.

- The essential difference between us is our attitude to money.

basic • • **ultimate** • • **elementary** • |especially written **fundamental** • • **underlying** •

a/an essential/basic/fundamental/underlying **difference/distinction**

a/an essential/basic/elementary/fundamental/underlying **rule/principle**

an essential/a basic/the ultimate/a fundamental/an underlying **truth/cause/reason**

Essential or basic? **Basic** looks at things from a practical point of view, **essential** looks at things from a more philosophical point of view, considering the very nature of things.

Language Bank:

emphasis

Highlighting an important point

- This case **emphasizes** ▪ / **highlights** ▪ the importance of honest communication between managers and employees.

- Effective communication skills are **essential** ▪ / **crucial** ▪ / **vital** ▪.

It should be noted that ▪ this study considers only verbal communication. Non-verbal communication is not dealt with here.

It is important to remember that ▪ / **An important point to remember is that** ▪ non-verbal communication plays a key role in getting your message across.

- Communication is not only about the words you use but also your body language and, **especially** ▪ / **above all** ▪, the effectiveness with which you listen.

- I would like to **draw attention to** ▪ the role of listening in effective communication.

- Choose your words carefully: **in particular** ▪, avoid confusing and ambiguous language.

- Finally, and perhaps **most importantly** ▪, you must learn to listen as well as to speak.

note at ↑**essential**

Language Bank at ↑**vital**

Language Bank:

vital

Saying that something is necessary

It is vital that ▪ journalists can verify the accuracy of their reports.

- Journalists play a **vital** ▪ / **crucial** ▪ role in educating the public.

- Public trust is a **crucial** ▪ issue for all news organizations.

- The ability to write well is **essential** ▪ for any journalist.

- The Internet has become an **indispensable** ▪ tool for reporters.

- In journalism, accuracy is **paramount** ▪. / ...is **of paramount importance** ▪.

It is imperative that ▪ journalists maintain the highest possible standards of reporting.

Synonyms at ↑**essential**

Language Banks at ↑**emphasis**, ↑**impersonal**

Synonyms:

essential

vital • **crucial** • **critical** • **decisive** • **indispensable**

These words all describe sb/sth that is extremely important and completely necessary because a particular situation or activity depends on them.

essential • extremely important and completely necessary, because without it sth cannot exist, be made or be successful: ▪ Experience is essential for this job.

vital • essential: ▪ The police play a vital role in our society.

essential or vital?

These words have the same meaning but there can be a slight difference in tone. **Essential** is used to state a fact or opinion with authority. **Vital** is often used when there is some anxiety felt about sth, or a need to persuade sb that a fact or opinion is true, right or important. **Vital** is less often used in negative statements: ▪ It was vital to show that he was not afraid. ◇ Money is not vital to happiness.

crucial • extremely important because a particular situation or activity depends on it: ▪ It is crucial that we get this right.

critical • extremely important because a particular situation or activity depends on it: ▪ Your decision is critical to our future.

crucial or critical?

These words have the same meaning but there can be a slight difference in context. **Critical** is often used in technical matters of business or science; **crucial** is often used to talk about matters that may cause anxiety or other emotions.

decisive • of the greatest importance in affecting the final result of a particular situation: ▪ She has played a decisive role in the peace negotiations.

indispensable • essential; too important to be without: ▪ Cars have become an indispensable part of our lives.

essential/vital/crucial/critical/decisive/indispensable **for** sth

essential/vital/crucial/critical/indispensable **to** sth

essential/vital/crucial/critical **that...**

essential/vital/crucial/critical **to do sth**

a(n) essential/vital/crucial/critical/decisive/indispensable **part/factor**

of vital/crucial/critical/decisive importance
absolutely essential/vital/crucial/critical/decisive/indispensable

Example Bank:

- Although useful, the accessories are by no means essential.
- Diet is crucial; exercise is equally essential.
- Do you consider these textbooks essential for the course?
- He believed that some form of religion was essential to human life.
- Increased competition makes it essential for the business to innovate.
- It is becoming almost essential for students to have a second language.
- the skills essential for success
- It is essential that you have some experience.
- It is essential to keep the two groups separate.
- Listening to people's concerns is an essential part of my job.
- The essential difference between Sara and me is our attitude to money.
- The local government is not able to provide essential services such as gas, water and electricity.

noun usually plural

1. something that is needed in a particular situation or in order to do a particular thing

- I only had time to pack the **bare essentials** (= the most necessary things).
- The studio had all the essentials like heating and running water.

2. an important basic fact or piece of knowledge about a subject

- the essentials of English grammar

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Thesaurus:

essential noun

1. C, usually pl.

- Agencies are trying to provide food and other basic essentials.

need • |formal **necessity** • • **want** • • **requirement** •

basic essentials/needs/necessities/wants/requirements

the **bare** essentials/necessities

Essentials, necessities or wants? **Wants** are the most basic and physical of these; **essentials** are often more practical; **necessities** can cover both physical and practical needs

- human/bodily wants
- The studio had all the essentials like heating and running water.

2. **essentials** pl.

- the essentials of English grammar

basics • • **practicalities** • • **introduction** • |especially written **fundamentals** •

a/the **basic** essentials/introduction/fundamentals

teach/grasp the essentials/basics/fundamentals

understand/know/cover/concentrate on the essentials/basics

Basics, essentials or fundamentals? **Basics** are usually the most practical; **essentials** are often more theoretical; **fundamentals** are the most theoretical, concerned with ideas and beliefs

- the basics of survival/good nutrition
- the essentials of arithmetic/how we communicate using language
- the fundamentals of Christian belief/the western concept of law

Example Bank:

- I only had time to pack the bare essentials.
- The relief agencies are trying to provide food and other basic essentials.

essential

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1. **es sen tial** ¹ **S3 W2** /ɪ'senʃəl/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *adjective*

[Word Family: noun: ↑**essence**, essentials ≠ ↑**inessentials**; **adverb** ↑**essentially**; **adjective**: ↑**essential** ≠ ↑**inessential**]

1. extremely important and necessary

essential for/to

- A good diet is essential for everyone.

it is essential (that)

- It is essential that our pilots are given the best possible training.

it is essential to do something

- It is essential to book in advance.
- Window locks are fairly cheap and absolutely essential.
- Even in small companies, computers are an essential tool.

2. the essential part, quality, or feature of something is the most basic one **SYN fundamental** :

- The essential difference between Sam and me was the fact that I took life seriously.

The essential point of relay racing is that it is a team effort.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

nouns

- **essential information** You can get essential travel information from the website.
- **essential reading** The journal is essential reading for doctors.
- **essential services** (=organizations such as the police or the fire or health service) The law prohibits workers in essential services from striking.

adverbs

- **absolutely/really essential** It is absolutely essential to keep this information secret.

verbs

- **be seen/regarded as essential** These measures are seen as essential for national security.
- **be considered/deemed essential** During the summer, air conditioning is considered essential.

phrases

- **play/perform an essential role in something** Antibiotics play an essential role in controlling infection.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

nouns

- **the essential element** Hard work is the essential element of his success.
- **an essential ingredient** Most people believe that love is an essential ingredient in a marriage.
- **an essential difference** The essential difference between the two boats lies in the design of the hull.
- **the essential point** The essential point is that all children should have an equal opportunity to study.
- **an essential feature** A free press is an essential feature of a democracy.
- **an essential component** Controlling inflation is an essential component of the government's economic strategy.
- **the essential nature of something** The essential nature of stem cells is that they are the source of all other cells in the body.

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THESAURUS

- **essential** extremely important and necessary: Water is essential for life. | The right to protest is an essential part of any democracy. | I missed out an essential ingredient. | They learn skills that are essential for success in later life.
- **vital** extremely important and necessary. **Vital** sounds stronger than **essential**: His evidence was vital to the defence case. | Nurses and police officers provide vital services. | It is vital that leaking gas pipes are fixed immediately.
- **crucial** extremely important and making the difference between success and failure: Advertising is crucial to successful bookselling. | The headteacher has played a crucial role in transforming this school.
- **indispensable** if someone or something is indispensable, you cannot do something without them and they are extremely useful: She soon made herself indispensable in the office. | Mobile phones have become an indispensable part of our daily lives.
- **something is a must** *informal* used when recommending something to someone and saying that they should definitely have it, do it, visit it etc: Virus checkers are a must for computer users concerned with security. | If you're in Austria, a visit to Salzburg is a must.

II. **essential**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *noun*

1. [countable usually plural] something that is necessary to do something or in a particular situation **SYN necessity**:

" She packed a few essentials.

" We only had the bare essentials (=the most necessary things).

2. **the essentials** [plural] the basic and most important information or facts about a particular subject

the essentials of

" We have no reason to doubt the essentials of the girl's story.

essential

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