

positive**1. ['pɒzɪtɪv] n**

1. нечто положительное, положительность
2. нечто реальное, реальность
3. *грам.* положительная степень
4. *фото* позитив
5. *сокр. от* positive quantity [*см.* positive II 9]
6. *эл.* положительная пластина (*элемента*)
7. *муз.*, *церк.* позитив (*небольшой переносной орган*; *мж.* positive organ)

2. ['pɒzɪtɪv] а

1. 1) несомненный; определённый, совершенно ясный
positive proof - несомненное доказательство
- 2) точный, определённый
positive orders [instructions] - точные приказания [инструкции] [*см.* *мж.* 3])
positive promises - определённые /недвусмысленные/ обещания
- 3) решительный, категорический
positive order - категорический приказ [*см.* *мж.* 2])
positive refusal [denial] - решительный /категорический/ отказ [-ое отрицаниѳ]
2. положительный утвердительный
positive reaction to a suggestion - положительная реакция на предложение
3. верный, достоверный
positive information - достоверные сведения
positive ore - *геол.* достоверные запасы руды
4. 1) уверенный (*в чём-л.*), убеждённый в правильности (*чего-л.*)
are you sure? - Yes, I am positive - вы уверены? - Да, совершенно /абсолютно/
he is positive of his facts /on that point/ - он (абсолютно) уверен в этом
I'm positive (that) I saw him - я (совершенно) уверен, что видел его
- 2) самоуверенный
a positive sort of man - самоуверенный человек
positive tone of voice - безапелляционный тон
don't be so positive - не будьте так категоричны /самоуверенны/
5. 1) настоящий, определённый
positive help - настоящая /конкретная/ помощь
positive miracle - (самое) настоящее чудо
- 2) *разг.* абсолютный, сущий; законченный
positive fool - абсолютный /сущий, настоящий/ дурак
he is a positive nuisance - он просто невыносим
it's a positive shame - просто стыдно
6. абсолютный, безусловный, безотносительный
the idea of beauty is not positive - понятие красоты условно
7. позитивный, конструктивный
positive philosophy - позитивизм
positive criticism - конструктивная критика
positive approach - конструктивный подход
positive law - *юр.* позитивное /действующее/ право
8. *грам.* положительный (*о степени*)
9. *мат.* положительный
positive quantity - положительная величина
the positive sign - положительный знак, (знак) плюс
10. *физ.* положительный (*о заряде и т. п.*)
positive current - положительный ток
positive charge - положительный заряд
positive electrode - анод
11. *биохим.* положительный (*о реакции и т. п.*)
12. *биол.* положительный (*о тропизме*)
13. *фото* позитивный
14. *тех.* принудительный, нагнетательный, вдувной
positive blower - нагнетательный вентилятор
positive draft - искусственная тяга
positive motion - принудительное движение; движение без проскальзывания
positive pressure - давление выше атмосферного
15. 1) *спец.* движущийся, вращающийся по часовой стрелке; правовращающийся
- 2) *опт.* вращающий плоскость поляризации вправо
16. *опт.* собирающий (*о линзах*)

positive

posi-tive AW [positive positives] adjective, noun BrE ['pɒzətɪv] ^а NAmE

['pɑːzətɪv] ^в

adjective

CONFIDENT

1. thinking about what is good in a situation; feeling confident and sure that sth good will happen

- a **positive attitude/outlook**
- the power of positive thought
- ~ **(about sth)** She tried to be more positive about her new job.
- **On the positive side**, profits have increased.
- The report ended on a positive note.

Opp: ↑negative

EFFECTIVE/USEFUL

2. directed at dealing with sth or producing a successful result

- We must take **positive steps** to deal with the problem.
- It will require **positive action** by all in the industry.

Opp: ↑negative

3. expressing agreement or support

- We've had a very positive response to the idea.

Opp: ↑negative

4. good or useful

- to make a positive contribution to a discussion
- His family have been a very positive influence on him.
- Overseas investment has had a positive effect on exports.

Opp: ↑negative

SURE/DEFINITE

5. **not before noun** (of a person) completely sure that sth is correct or true

- ~ **(about sth)** I can't be positive about what time it happened.
- ~ **(that...)** She was positive that he had been there.
- 'Are you sure?' 'Positive.'

6. **only before noun** (informal) complete and definite

Syn: ↑absolute

- He has a positive genius for upsetting people.
- It was a positive miracle that we survived

7. giving clear and definite proof or information

Syn: ↑conclusive

- We have no positive evidence that she was involved
- (formal) This is **proof positive** that he stole the money.

SCIENTIFIC TEST

8. showing clear evidence that a particular substance or medical condition is present

- a positive pregnancy test
- The athlete **tested positive** for steroids.
- to be HIV positive

Opp: ↑negative

NUMBER/QUANTITY

9. greater than zero

Opp: ↑negative

ELECTRICITY

10. (technical) containing or producing the type of electricity that is carried by a ↑proton

- a **positive charge**
- the **positive terminal** of a battery

Opp: ↑negative

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **positif**, **-ive** or Latin **positivus**, from **posit-** 'placed', from the verb **ponere**. The original sense referred to laws as being formally 'laid down', which led to the sense 'explicitly laid down and admitting no question', hence 'certain'.

Thesaurus:

positive adj.

1. • She tried to be more positive about her new job.
optimistic • • **hopeful** • | **especially business bullish** • • **upbeat** •

Opp: **negative**

positive/optimistic/hopeful/bullish/upbeat **about** sth

a/an positive/optimistic/hopeful/bullish **view**

a/an positive/optimistic/bullish/upbeat **mood/note**

2. We got very positive feedback on the idea.
good • **approving** • **appreciative** • **complimentary** • **glowing** • |BrE **favourable** • |AmE **favorable** •

Opp: negative

positive/complimentary **about** sb/sth

a/an positive/good/approving/appreciative/complimentary/favourable **comment**

a positive/good/favourable **opinion/impression/reaction/response**

show sb/sth in a positive/good/favourable **light**

3.

- He made a positive contribution to the debate.

helpful • **valuable** • **good** • **constructive** • **worthwhile** • |BrE **favourable** • |AmE **favorable** • |formal **beneficial** •

Opp: negative

positive/helpful/valuable/good/constructive **suggestions/advice**

a positive/valuable/good/constructive/worthwhile/beneficial **experience**

a positive/good/constructive/beneficial **effect**

4. (especially spoken)

- 'Are you sure?' 'Positive.'

sure • **certain** • **convinced** • **confident** • **clear** • **satisfied** •

positive/sure/certain/convinced/confident/clear **about** sth

positive/sure/certain/convinced/confident/clear/satisfied **that...**

feel positive/sure/certain/convinced/confident/satisfied

5.

- We have no positive evidence that he was involved

concrete • **absolute** • **firm** • **hard** • **definite** • **definitive** • **final** • **proven** • |formal **categorical** •

positive/concrete/absolute/firm/hard/definite/definitive **evidence**

positive/concrete/absolute/firm/definite/definitive/final **proof**

Synonyms:

sure

confident • **convinced** • **certain** • **positive** • **clear**

These words all describe sb who knows without doubt that sth is true or will happen.

sure • [not before noun] without any doubt that you are right, that sth is true, that you will get sth or that sth will happen: 'Is that John over there?' 'I'm not sure.' ◇ 'Are you sure about that?' ◇ 'England must win this game to be sure of qualifying.'

Sure is often used in negative statements and questions, because there is some doubt or anxiety over the matter. If there is no doubt, people often say **quite sure**: 'I'm quite sure (that) I left my bag here' (= I have no doubt about it) =.

confident • completely sure that sth will happen in the way that you want or expect: 'I'm quite confident that you'll get the job.' ◇

• The team feels confident of winning.

Confident is a stronger and more definite word than **sure** and is more often used in positive statements, when you feel no anxiety.

convinced • [not before noun] completely sure that sth is true or right, especially because the evidence seems to prove it or sb else has persuaded you to believe it: 'I'm convinced that she's innocent.'

certain • [not usually before noun] sure that you are right or that sth is true: 'Are you absolutely certain about this?'

sure or certain?

Like **sure**, **certain** is often used in negative statements and questions. It is slightly more formal than **sure**; **sure** is more frequent, especially in spoken English.

positive • [not before noun] (rather informal) completely sure that sth is true: 'She was positive that he'd been there.' ◇ 'Are you sure?' 'Positive.'

clear • (often used in negative statements and questions) having no doubt or confusion about sth: 'My memory isn't really clear on that point.'

sure/confident/convinced/certain/positive/clear **about** sth

sure/confident/convinced/certain **of** sth

sure/confident/convinced/certain/positive/clear **that...**

sure/certain/clear **who/what/how**, etc.

to **feel** sure/confident/convinced/certain/positive

quite/absolutely/completely/fairly/pretty sure/confident/convinced/certain/positive/clear

not altogether sure/confident/convinced/certain/clear

Example Bank:

- He sounded very positive about his chances.
- He tested positive for HIV.
- He took a highly positive view of the matter.
- I'm absolutely positive it was him.
- She seemed fairly positive about it.
- The test proved positive.
- Friendlier relations between the countries had a positive effect on exports.
- I can't be positive about what time it happened.
- Local residents made a very positive contribution to the debate.
- Most of his remarks were positive, but there were a few criticisms.
- On the positive side, profits have increased.
- She was positive that he'd been there.

- The feedback from the public was very positive.
- Try to have a positive attitude.
- We got a very positive response to the idea.
- You should try to be a bit more positive about your students.

noun

GOOD QUALITY

1. **countable, uncountable** a good or useful quality or aspect
 - Take your weaknesses and translate them into positives.
 - To manage your way out of recession, accentuate the positive.

IN PHOTOGRAPHY

2. **countable (technical)** a developed film showing light and dark areas and colours as they actually were, especially one printed from a negative

RESULT OF TEST

3. **countable** the result of a test or an experiment that shows that a substance or condition is present
Opp: ↑negative

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positive

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I. **positive** ¹ **S2 W2 AC** /'pɒzətɪv, 'pɒzɪtv \$ 'pɑːtɪv- BrE " AmE " adjective

[Word Family: noun: ↑positive; adverb: ↑positively; adjective: ↑positive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: positif, from Latin positivus, from positus; ⇒ ↑position¹]

1. **ATTITUDE** if you are positive about things, you are hopeful and confident, and think about what is good in a situation rather than what is bad **OPP negative**

positive about

" You've got to be more positive about your work.

positive attitude/approach/outlook etc

" She's got a really positive attitude to life.

" the power of positive thinking

" 'Think positive!' she advised herself.

2. **GOOD THING** good or useful **OPP negative** :

" At least something positive has come out of the situation.

" Write down all the positive things about your life.

" The rural environment was having a positive effect on the children's health.

" It's been a very positive experience for her.

" TV can be a positive influence.

" the positive contribution to the community made by many older people

" It's been a difficult time but, on the positive side, I feel physically fine.

" Women should be portrayed in a more positive light.

3. **ACTION** if you take positive action, you do something definite in order to try to achieve something:

" We need to take positive steps to improve the situation of families in poverty.

" Positive action was required.

" It's a relief to know that something positive is being done.

4. **SUPPORT** expressing support, agreement, or approval **OPP negative**

positive response/reaction

" The response we've had from the public has been very positive.

" We've had a lot of positive feedback from the people of this city.

positive about

" Most people have been very positive about the show.

5. **SURE** [**not before noun**] very sure, with no doubt at all that something is right or true **SYN certain**

positive (that)

" Are you absolutely positive you locked the door?

" 'Are you sure about that?' 'Positive.'

6. **SIGN** showing that something is likely to succeed or improve:

" The fact that he's breathing on his own again is a positive sign.

7. **PROOF** **positive proof/evidence /identification etc** proof etc that shows that there is no doubt that something is true:

" The witness made a positive identification.

8. **SCIENTIFIC TEST** showing signs of the medical condition or chemical that is being looked for **OPP negative** :

" The test results came back positive.

" athletes who had tested positive for banned substances

" children who are HIV positive

9. **EMPHASIS** [**only before noun**] **spoken** used to emphasize how good or bad something is **SYN total**:

The journey was a positive nightmare.

10. NUMBER *technical* a positive number is more than zero **OPP negative**

11. ELECTRICITY *technical* having the type of electrical charge that is carried by ↑protons **OPP negative** :

▪ a positive charge

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

nouns

- a **positive attitude/outlook** Having a positive attitude makes life so much better.
- a **positive approach** This is just the positive approach that the school needs.
- a **positive view** He takes a fairly positive view of the future.
- a **positive thought** Think positive thoughts.
- **positive thinking** Many people believe that positive thinking can help your recovery from serious illnesses.

verbs

- **think positive** (=think positive thoughts) Cheer up and think positive.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

nouns

- a **positive thing** That's not a very positive thing to say.
- a **positive aspect** There are a lot of positive aspects to retirement.
- a **positive effect/impact** Exercise has a positive effect on health.
- a **positive influence** His mother was a strong positive influence.
- a **positive contribution** Most refugees are determined to make a positive contribution to their new country.
- a **positive result/outcome** We hope there will be a positive outcome to the talks.
- a **positive experience** Working here has been a very positive experience for me.
- a **positive role model** We should provide girls with more positive role models.
- a **positive image** It's important to promote a positive image of our industry to young people.

phrases

- **see/present something in a positive light** (=see or present something as good) If you spend a year travelling after school, employers often see this in a positive light. | The merger was presented to the world in a positive light.
- **on the positive side** (=used when saying what is good about something) On the positive side, the company's financial condition remains strong.

II. **positive**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *noun* [countable]

[Word Family: *noun*: ↑positive; *adverb*: ↑positively; *adjective*: ↑positive]

a quality or feature that is good or useful **OPP negative** :

▪ You can find positives in any situation.

▪ Always emphasise the positive.

⇒ ↑false positive

positive

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