

active**1. ['æktiv] n**1. *грам.*1) активный *или* действительный залог2) форма *или* конструкция в активном залоге

to put the sentence into the active - поставить глагол предложения в активный залог

2. *полит.* активист

the active - актив

2. ['æktiv] a

1. деятельный, энергичный; активный; живой

active child [mind] - живой ребёнок [ум]

active air defence - *воен.* активная противовоздушная оборонаactive repeater - *радио* активный ретранслятор

active satellite - активный спутник связи

active sports - активные виды спорта

under active consideration - внимательно/тщательно рассматриваемый/изучаемый, анализируемый

to be active for one's age - быть бодрым для своего возраста

to become active - активизироваться

as active as a kitten - резвый как котёнок

he leads an active life - он ведёт активный/подвижный/ образ жизни

2. действительный, эффективный, практический, действенный, настоящий

active help - настоящая помощь

active euthanasia *см.* euthanasia 1

3. 1) действующий

active volcano - действующий вулкан

active laws - действующие законы

active job - текущее задание

active face - а) рабочая грань (*режущего инструмента*); б) *горн.* действующий забой

2) быстродействующий

active remedy - быстродействующее средство

4. *воен.* действующий; действительный

active army - личный состав армии на действительной службе

active forces - регулярные войска

active service - а) участие в боевых действиях (*в Великобритании*); б) действительная военная служба (*в США*)

active duty - действительная военная служба

active list - список командного состава, состоящего на действительной службе

5. активно протестующий; возмущённый (*о демонстрантах и т. п.*); бунтующий, мятежный (*о толпе и т. п.*)6. *грам.* действительный

active voice - действительный залог

7. *фин.* активный, находящийся в активе

active debt - непогашенный долг

active balance - активный (платёжный) баланс

active assets - средства, находящиеся в обороте, активно используемые фонды

8. *эк.*

1) оживлённый

active demand - оживлённый спрос

the market is active - на рынке царит оживление

2) самостоятельный (*о населении*)9. *спец.* активныйactive immunity - *мед.* активный иммунитетactive mass - *физ.* действующая/активная/ массаactive site - *биохим.* активный центр (*фермента*)active transport - *биохим.* активный транспорт (*ионов через клеточную мембрану*)10. *физ.* радиоактивный**active****ac-tive** adjective, noun BrE ['æktiv] ^m NAmE ['æktiv] ^m

adjective

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BUSY**1.** always busy doing things, especially physical activities

• Although he's nearly 80, he is still very active.

Opp: †inactive

• Before our modern age, people had a more physical and active lifestyle.

TAKING PART**2.** involved in sth; making a determined effort and not leaving sth to happen by itself

• They were both politically active.

• **active involvement /participation/support/resistance**

- She takes an **active part** in school life.
- The parents were active in campaigning against cuts to the education budget.
- They took active steps to prevent the spread of the disease.

DOING AN ACTIVITY

3. doing sth regularly; functioning

- sexually active teenagers
- animals that are active only at night
- The virus is still active in the blood.
- an active volcano (= likely to **↑erupt**)

Opp: **↑inactive**

compare **↑dormant**

LIVELY

4. lively and full of ideas

- That child has a very active imagination.

CHEMICAL

5. having or causing a chemical effect

- What is the active ingredient in aspirin?

Opp: **↑inactive**

GRAMMAR

6. connected with a verb whose subject is the person or thing that performs the action

- In 'He was driving the car', the verb is active.

compare **↑passive**

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'preferring action to contemplation'): from Latin **activus**, from **act-** 'done', from the verb **agere**.

Thesaurus:

active **adj.**

1.

- a physical and active lifestyle
- energetic** • **vigorous** • **mobile** • **improving** **dynamic** •
- a/an active/energetic/dynamic **person/man/woman**
- a/an active/energetic **member** of sth
- a/an active/vigorous **supporter/opponent** of sb/sth

2.

- They were both politically active.
- engaged** • **involved** • **busy** •
- Opp:** **inactive**, **Opp:** **passive**
- active/engaged/involved **in** sth
- keep sb** active/involved **busy**

Example Bank:

- By the age of 18, 65% of teenagers report being sexually active.
- It's important to remain mentally active after retirement.
- She has been active in local politics for some years.
- Try to keep active in the cold weather.
- When did you first become politically active?
- a businessman who is equally active in politics
- a highly active volcano
- drugs that are active against cancers
- Although he's nearly 80, he is still very active.
- Before our modern age, people had a more physical and active lifestyle.
- Numbers of sexually active teenagers have continued to rise.
- The parents were active in campaigning against cuts to the education budget.
- These animals are active only at night.

Derived Word **↑actively**

noun (also 'active voice') **singular**

the form of a verb in which the subject is the person or thing that performs the action

- In 'She drove the car', 'she' is the subject and the verb 'drove' is in the active.

compare **↑passive**

Word Origin:

active

I. **ac·tive**¹ **S2 W2** /'æktɪv/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective*

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑act, ↑action ≠ ↑inaction, ↑activity ≠ ↑inactivity, ↑reaction, ↑interaction, ↑overacting; **adjective**: ↑acting, ↑active ≠ ↑inactive; **verb**: ↑act ≠ ↑overact; **adverb**: ↑actively]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: *activus*, from *agere*; ⇒ ↑ACT¹]

1. **BUSY** always busy doing things, especially physical or mental activities **OPP** **inactive** :

- games for active youngsters
- She's over 80, but is still very active.

active life/lifestyle

- My father always led a very active life.

active mind/imagination

- a child with a very active imagination

2. **INVOLVED** involved in an organization or activity and doing lots of practical things to achieve your aims:

- He became politically active at college.

be active in (doing) something

- The Bureau is active in promoting overseas investment.

take/play an active part/role in something

- Encourage students to take an active part in discussions.
- She took an active interest in local charities.

active participation/involvement

- the importance of active participation by elderly people in the life of the community
- We're taking active steps (=doing practical things) to deal with the problem.
- We maintain active links with other European universities.

active member/supporter

- He is an active member of the Labour Party.

3. **FUNCTIONING** operating in a way that is normal or expected **OPP** **inactive** :

- The virus is active even at low temperatures.

4. **DOING SOMETHING** doing something regularly:

- sexually active teenagers

5. **VOLCANO** an active ↑volcano is likely to explode at any time:

- The volcano became active last year with a series of eruptions.

6. **GRAMMAR** an active verb or sentence has the person or thing doing the action as its ↑subject. In 'The boy kicked the ball', the verb 'kick' is active ⇒ ↑passive¹(2)

7. **CHEMICAL** producing a chemical reaction:

- nicotine, the active ingredient in tobacco

—actively *adverb*:

- Carol was actively involved in the local sports club.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

nouns

- **an active life** He lived a full and active life.
- **an active lifestyle** Studies show that an active lifestyle can reduce your chance of developing heart disease.
- **an active mind** (=when someone is able to think quickly and clearly) A fit body is crucial if you want an active mind.
- **an active imagination** (=when someone is able to form pictures or ideas easily) Some of the children have an overactive imagination.

verbs

- **keep/remain active** We try to keep the patients active by taking them for a daily walk.

adverbs

- **physically active** You need to become more physically active and eat less.
- **highly/intensely active** an intensely active child

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

nouns

- **an active role** Most men play a less active role in family life than women.
- **an active part** Our members take an active part in fund-raising.
- **an active member** She became an active member of the Geological Society.
- **an active interest** As a teenager he began to take an active interest in politics.
- **active participation/involvement** (=in an activity or event) Active participation in community life is important in small towns and villages. | The school encourages the active involvement of parents.
- **an active participant** The student must be an active participant in the learning process.
- **active support** (=encouragement or help) He wrote the book with the active support of his wife, Pam.
- **an active supporter** The company is an active supporter of animal rights groups.

phrases

- **play an active role in something** Do you play an active role in your community?

- **take an active part in something** Most of the students take an active part in sports.
- **take active steps to do something** You should take active steps towards reducing stress.
- **take an active interest in something** Not many young people take an active interest in gardening.

■ **adverbs**

- **politically active** As a student, he was politically active.
- **economically active** The proportion of men aged 65–69 who are economically active has decreased.

II. **active**² *BrE*¹ *AmE*¹ *noun*

the active the active form of a verb, for example 'destroyed' in the sentence 'Enemy planes destroyed the village.'

⇒ ↑**passive**²

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