

great**1. [greɪt] n**

1. (the great)

1) **собир.** сильные мира сего

2) великие писатели, классики

2. **pl студ. жарг.** последний экзамен на степень бакалавра гуманитарных наук (в Кембридже и Оксфорде)

◇ by /in/ the great - оптом, гуртом

2. [greɪt] a

1. 1) большой; огромный, громадный, колоссальный

great mountain - большая /огромная, громадная/ гора

great city - огромный город

great building - громадное /огромное/ здание

great sum of money - большая /крупная/ сумма денег

great A - прописное «А»

great cattle - крупный рогатый скот

great gut - **анат.** толстая кишкаgreat toe - большой палец (*на ноге*)

great oak - могучий дуб

great cathedral - величественный собор

take your great feet off the sofa - убери свои ножищи с дивана

he hit me with a great stick - он ударил меня здоровенной палкой

a great [the great er] part of the work was done by him - большая [большая] часть работы была сделана им

2) большой, значительный, многочисленный (*о числе, количестве, мере, степени и т. п.*)

a great company - большое /многочисленное/ общество

the great majority - подавляющее большинство

to a great extent - в большой степени

in a great measure - в значительной /большой/ мере

a great deal, a great many, a great number - большое количество; множество

with a great deal of trouble - с большими неприятностями с множеством хлопот

he is a great deal better - ему намного лучше

there is a great deal of truth in what you say - в том, что вы говорите, много правды

a great many people were there - там было великое множество людей

3) длинный, большой (*о пространственной протяжённости*)

a great way - длинный путь

a great distance - большое расстояние

4) долгий, продолжительный, длительный, большой (*о временной протяжённости*)

a great while - долгое время

a great while ago - очень давно

great age - глубокая старость

to reach a great age - достичь глубокой старости, дожить до глубокой старости

of great antiquity - очень древний, относящийся к глубокой древности

5) большой, сильный, глубокий, колоссальный, огромный (*о чувствах, состояниях, свойствах и т. п.*)

great love - сильная любовь

great friendship - большая дружба

great admiration - восторг

great ignorance - глубокое невежество

great scoundrel - отъявленный негодяй

his greatest fault - его величайшая ошибка

great patience - колоссальное /большое, огромное/ терпение; большая /колоссальная/ выдержка

with great [the greatest] pleasure - с большим [величайшим] удовольствием

it's a great shame! - какая жалость!

6) сильный, интенсивный, высокий, большой (*о действиях, процессах и т. п.*)

great activity - кипучая деятельность

great fire - большой пожар

great light - сильный /яркий/ свет

great pain - сильная боль

great wind [noise, heat] - сильный ветер [шум, -ая жара]

great admirer - большой почитатель

great talker [eater] - (большой) любитель поговорить [поесть]

a great reader of novels - страстный /большой/ любитель романов

at a great pace - на большой /высокой/ скорости

to take great care of smb., smth. - очень заботиться о ком-л., чём-л.

to pay great attention to smb. - обращать большое внимание на кого-л.; оказывать большое внимание кому-л.; быть очень внимательным к кому-л.

7) крупный, значительный

great transactions at the stock-exchange - крупные сделки на фондовой бирже

the great people of Chicago - заправилы Чикаго

great landowner [exporter] - крупный землевладелец [экспортёр]

2. 1) великий

the Great October Socialist Revolution - Великая Октябрьская социалистическая революция
great painter [writer, composer] - великий художник [писатель, композитор]
great power - великая держава
the Great Charter - *уст.* Великая хартия вольностей
the Great War - первая мировая война
Peter the Great - Пётр Великий
a great day for him - великий день в его жизни

2) **настоящий, большой**

a great friend of mine - мой большой друг

3. 1) **возвышенный, благородный**

great thoughts - возвышенные мысли
great deed - благородный/славный/ подвиг
great beginning - великое начинание, благородный почин

2) **хороший, положительный**

to have no great opinion of smb. - быть невысокого мнения о ком-л.

4. 1) **благородный (по происхождению)**

great lady - благородная дама, дама из аристократической семьи
the great families - аристократические семьи

2) **светский**

the great world - светское общество, высший свет

3) **пышный; внушительный**

great ceremony - пышная церемония
to live in great style - жить на широкую ногу

5. **разг.**

1) **замечательный, великолепный**

to have a great time - очень весело провести время
that's great! - вот здорово!
that's a great story! - до чего же интересно!
he is great! - он великолепен!, он замечательный (парень)!
he was great when he spoke - он был бесподобен, когда выступал
wouldn't it be great if ... - вот было бы здорово, если бы ...
it's a great thing to have knowledge of foreign languages - замечательно/здорово/, когда знаешь иностранные языки

2) **замечательный, важный, главный**

the great thing is that he's already on the spot - главное - он уже на месте

6. **эмоц.-усил. (обыкн. в сочетании с другим прилагательным размера)** большущий

great big man - большущий /высоченный/ человек
great fat boy - толстенный/очень толстый мальчишка
see what a great big fish I've caught - посмотри, какую рыбку /рыбицу/ я поймал

7. **predic (at, уст. in) опытный, искусный, сильный (в чём-л.)**

to be great at golf - быть великолепным игроком в гольф
a nation great in arms - страна, сильная в военном отношении

8. **predic (on)**

1) **понимающий, разбирающийся (в чём-л.)**

to be great on history - хорошо знать историю, хорошо разбираться в истории [*см. тж. 2*]
he is great on dates - он отлично знает даты (исторических событий), он отменный знаток хронологии

2) **страстно увлечённый**

to be great on history - страстно увлекаться историей [*см. тж. 1*]

9. (great-) **как компонент сложных слов** пра-

great-grandfather- прадед

10. **уст. беременная (тж. great with child)**

◇ great chair - кресло
great cats - львы, тигры, леопарды
great dozen - чёртова дюжина
great hundred - сто двадцать
great gross - 12 grossов
great Heavens!, great God /Lord!/ - боже мой!; о господи!; видит бог!
great Scott /guns!/ - чёрт возьми!; вот те на!
no great shakes - ничего особенного; не ахти как важно
to have a great mind to do smth. - намереваться /стремиться/ сделать что-л.
to have a great notion that ... - сильно подозревать, что ...

great

great [great greɪts greater greatest] **adjective, noun, adverb** BrE [greɪt] ¹
NAme [greɪt] ¹
adjective (great-er, great-est)

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LARGE

1. **usually before noun** very large; much bigger than average in size or quantity
• A great crowd had gathered.

- People were arriving in great numbers.
 - The **great majority of** (= most) people seem to agree with this view.
 - He must have fallen from a great height.
 - She lived to a great age.
2. **only before noun** (informal) used to emphasize an adjective of size or quality
- There was a **great big** pile of books on the table.
 - He cut himself a great thick slice of cake.
3. **much more than average** in degree or quantity
- a matter of great importance
 - The concert had been a great success .
 - Her death was a great shock to us all.
 - It gives me great pleasure to welcome you here today.
 - Take great care of it.
 - You've been a great help.
 - We are all **to a great extent** the products of our culture.

ADMIRER

4. extremely good in ability or quality and therefore admired by many people
- He has been described as the world's greatest violinist.
 - Sherlock Holmes, the great detective
 - Great art has the power to change lives.
 - This represents a great achievement

GOOD

5. (informal) very good or pleasant
- He's a great bloke.
 - It's great to see you again.
 - What a great goal!
 - We had a great time in Madrid.
 - 'I'll pick you up at seven.' 'That'll be great, thanks.'
 - (ironic) Oh great, they left without us.
 - You've been a great help, I must say (= no help at all) .

IMPORTANT/IMPRESSIVE

6. **only before noun** important and impressive
- The wedding was a great occasion.
 - As the great day approached, she grew more and more nervous
 - **The great thing** is to get it done quickly.
 - One great advantage of this metal is that it doesn't rust.

WITH INFLUENCE

7. having high status or a lot of influence
- the great powers (= important and powerful countries)
 - We can make this country great again.
 - Alexander the Great

IN GOOD HEALTH

8. in a very good state of physical or mental health
- She seemed in great spirits (= very cheerful) .
 - I **feel great** today.
 - I don't feel too great.
 - Everyone's in great form.

SKILLED

9. **not usually before noun** ~ **at (doing) sth** (informal) able to do sth well
- She's great at chess.

USEFUL

10. ~ **for (doing) sth** (informal) very suitable or useful for sth
- This gadget's great for opening jars.
 - Try this cream— it's great for spots.

FOR EMPHASIS

11. **only before noun** used when you are emphasizing a particular description of sb/sth
- We are great friends.
 - I've never been a great reader (= I do not read much) .
 - She's a great talker, isn't she?
 - I am a great admirer of your work.

FAMILY

12. **great-** added to words for family members to show a further stage in relationship

- my great-aunt (= my father's or mother's aunt)
- her great-grandson (= the grandson of her son or daughter)
- my great-great-grandfather (= the grandfather of my grandfather)

LARGER ANIMALS/PLANTS

13. **only before noun** used in the names of animals or plants which are larger than similar kinds

- the great tit

CITY NAME

14. **Greater** used with the name of a city to describe an area that includes the centre of the city and a large area all round it

- Greater London

more at great/tall oaks from little acorns grow **at** ↑oak, take (great) pains (to do sth) go to great pains (to do sth) take (great) pains

with/over sth **at** ↑pains, be greater/more than the sum of its parts **at** ↑sum _{n.}

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

great *adj.*

1. **usually before noun**

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large •• **big** •• **huge** •• **massive** •• **vast** •• **enormous** •• **tremendous** •• **immense** •• **extreme** •• **monumental** •• **substantial** •• **considerable** •

Opp: small, **Opp:** little

a/an great/large/big/huge/massive/vast/enormous/tremendous/substantial/considerable **amount**

a/an great/large/big/huge/massive/vast/enormous/substantial/considerable **area**

a/an great/large/big/huge/massive/vast/enormous/substantial **crowd**

great/huge/massive/enormous/tremendous/immense/extreme/considerable **pressure**

Great, large or big? Compare

- a big man/house/car/boy/dog/smile
- (a) large numbers/part/volume/population
- great interest/importance/difficulty/pleasure

Large is slightly more formal than **big** and is used more in writing. It is not usually used to describe people, except to avoid saying 'fat'. **Great** often suggests quality and not just size; it does not usually describe the physical size of objects or people.

2.

- She is one of the world's greatest cellists.

distinguished •• **eminent** •• **prestigious** • |formal humorous **exalted** •

Opp: minor

a/an great/distinguished/eminent **scientist/painter/writer/historian/philosopher/professor**

a great/distinguished/prestigious **collection**

a great/distinguished **achievement /career/position**

3. (informal)

- That was a great goal!

excellent •• **classic** •• **superb** •• **tremendous** • |informal **fantastic** •• **fabulous** •• **terrific** • |informal, spoken **cool** • |especially AmE, informal, spoken **awesome** • |BrE, informal, spoken **brilliant** • |slang **wicked** •

Opp: awful

have a/an great/tremendous/fantastic/fabulous/terrific/cool/awesome/brilliant **time**

a/an great/excellent/superb/tremendous/fantastic/terrific/awesome/brilliant **achievement**

a/an great/excellent/classic/superb/fantastic/fabulous/terrific/cool/brilliant **goal**

4. **only before noun**

- As the great day approached, she grew more and more nervous.

important •• **significant** •• **momentous** • |informal **big** •

a/an great/important/significant/momentous/big **day**

great/important/significant/momentous/big **events/changes/developments**

a/an great/important/significant/big **difference/feature/achievement /success**

5. (informal)

- He's great with the kids.

good •• **capable** •• **talented** •• **gifted** •• **skilled** •• **impressive** •• **expert** •• **accomplished** • |BrE **skilful** • |AmE **skillful** •

Opp: rotten

great/good/gifted/skilled/expert/accomplished/skilful **at** sth

great/good/gifted/skilled **with** sb/sth

a great/good/capable/talented/gifted/skilled/skilful **teacher**

a/an great/good/capable/talented/skilled/accomplished/skilful **performer**

a/an great/good/talented/gifted/skilled/accomplished/skilful **player**

6. (informal)

- This gadget's great for opening jars.

useful •• **convenient** •• **practical** • |informal **handy** •

Opp: rubbish

great/useful/convenient/handy for doing sth

Synonyms:

great

cool • fantastic • fabulous • terrific • brilliant • awesome

These are all informal words that describe sb/sth that is very good, pleasant, enjoyable, etc.

great • (informal) very good; giving a lot of pleasure: ▪ We had a great time in Madrid.

cool • (informal) used to show that you admire or approve of sth, often because it is fashionable, attractive or different ▪ I think their new song's really cool.

fantastic • (informal) extremely good; giving a lot of pleasure: ▪ 'How was your holiday?' 'Fantastic!'

fabulous • (informal) extremely good: ▪ Jane's a fabulous cook. (**Fabulous** is slightly more old-fashioned than the other words in this set.)

terrific • (informal) extremely good; wonderful ▪ She's doing a terrific job.

brilliant • (BrE, informal) extremely good; wonderful ▪ 'How was the show?' 'Brilliant!'

awesome • (informal, especially NAmE) very good, impressive, or enjoyable: ▪ The show was just awesome.

to have a(n) great/cool/fantastic/fabulous/terrific/brilliant/awesome **time**

to **look/sound** great/cool/fantastic/fabulous/terrific/brilliant/awesome

really great/cool/fantastic/fabulous/terrific/brilliant/awesome

absolutely great/fantastic/fabulous/terrific/brilliant/awesome

Synonyms:

big / large / great

These adjectives are frequently used with the following nouns:

big ~	large ~	great ~
man	numbers	success
house	part	majority
car	area	interest
boy	room	importance
dog	company	difficulty
smile	eyes	problem
problem	family	pleasure
surprise	volume	beauty
question	population	artist
difference	problem	surprise

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Great often suggests quality and not just size. Note also the phrases: ▪ a large amount of ◊ ▪ a large number of ◊ ▪ a large quantity of ◊ ▪ a great deal of ◊ ▪ in great detail ◊ ▪ a person of great age .

Example Bank:

- Don't worry. It's no great problem.
- He was a truly great man.
- That's really great news!
- The food smells absolutely great.
- The play was a very great success .
- There's a great big hole in this sleeve.
- You're looking great. Marriage must suit you!
- 'I'll pick you up at seven.' 'That'd be great, thanks.'
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- You're a great cook— this is delicious!
- You've been a great help, I must say .
- a great deal of sth
- a person of great age
- in great detail
- the great powers

Idioms: ↑ a great one for something ▪ ↑ going great guns ▪ ↑ great and small ▪ ↑ great minds think alike ▪ ↑ great ... in the sky ▪ ↑ no

great shakes

Derived Word ↑greatness

noun usually plural (informal)

a very well-known and successful person or thing

- He was one of boxing's all-time greats.

Word Origin:

Old English grēat 'big', of West Germanic origin; related to Dutch groot and German gross.

Example Bank:

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adverb (informal, non-standard)

very well

- Well done. You did great.

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great

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I. **great**¹ **S1 W1** /ɡreɪt/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ adjective (comparative **greater**, superlative **greatest**)

[Word Family: noun: ↑greatness, ↑great; adverb: ↑greatly; adjective: ↑great]

[Language: Old English]

1. **LARGE** [usually before noun] very large in amount or degree:

- The movie was a great success.
- The news came as possibly the greatest shock of my life.
- The paintings cost a great deal (=a lot) of money.
- John always takes great care over his work.
- It gives me great pleasure (=I am very pleased) to introduce tonight's speaker.
- It's a great pity that none of his poems survive.
- The temptation was too great to resist.

2. **EXCELLENT** *especially spoken*

very good **SYN** wonderful, fantastic:

- The weather here is great.
- It's great to be home.
- a great day out for all the family

sound/taste/smell/feel etc great

- I worked out this morning and I feel great.
- You look great in that dress.

great for doing something

- Email's great for keeping in touch.

the great thing about somebody/something (=the very good thing about someone or something)

- The great thing about Alex is that he's always willing to explain things to you.

3. **IMPORTANT**

a) [usually before noun] important or having a lot of influence:

- one of the greatest scientific achievements of our time
- What makes a novel truly great?
- great historical events

b) used in the title of a person or event that was very important in the past

Peter/Catherine etc the Great

- I'm reading a biography of Alexander the Great.
- the Great Depression

the Great War *old-fashioned* (=World War I)

4. **GENEROUS** very good or generous in a way that people admire:

- a great humanitarian gesture

5. **EXTREMELY SKILFUL** famous for being able to do something extremely well:

- Ali was undoubtedly one of the greatest boxers of all time.
- a book about the lives of the great composers

6. **BIG** *written* very big **SYN** huge:

- A great crowd had gathered.
- A great iron stove filled half the room.

7. **great big** *spoken* very big:

- Get your great big feet off my table!

8. **DOING SOMETHING A LOT** used to emphasize that someone does something a lot

a great talker/reader/admirer etc

- Anthony's a great talker – sometimes you just can't get a word in.
- Len was a great believer in the power of positive thinking.

be a great one for doing something

She's a great one for telling stories about her schooldays.

9. **to a greater or lesser extent** used to emphasize that something is always true, even though it is more true or noticeable in some situations than others:

Most companies operate in conditions that are to a greater or lesser extent competitive.

10. **be no great shakes** *informal* to not be very good, interesting, or skilful:

The work's no great shakes, but at least I'm earning.

11. **be going great guns** *informal* to be doing something extremely well:

After a slow start, the Tigers are going great guns.

12. **BAD** *spoken informal* used when you are disappointed or annoyed about something:

'Daniel's cancelled the party.' 'Oh great!'

13. **ANIMAL/BIRD/PLANT ETC** used in the names of some animals or plants, especially when they are bigger than other animals or plants of the same type:

the Great Crested Grebe

14. **the great outdoors** *informal* the countryside, considered as enjoyable and healthy:

He had a taste for adventure and the great outdoors.

15. **great minds (think alike)** *spoken* used humorously when you and another person have had the same idea

16. **the greater good** a general advantage that you can only gain by losing or harming something that is considered less important:

Some wars are fought for the greater good.

17. **the great apes** the different types of animals that are similar to large monkeys, considered as a group:

Alone of the great apes, the gorilla is not very efficient at using tools.

18. **the great divide** a situation in which there is a big difference between groups in society, areas of a country etc, for example a big difference between their wealth or attitudes:

The great divide between north and south seems to be as unbridgeable as ever.

19. **Greater London/Los Angeles/Manchester etc** London, Los Angeles etc and its outer areas

20. **huge/enormous great** *British English spoken* used to emphasize how big something is

21. **great Scott!/great Heavens!** *spoken old-fashioned* used to express shock or surprise

22. **great with child** *literary* very soon to have a baby

—**greatness** *noun* [uncountable]:

She was destined for greatness.

II. **great**² *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

[Word Family: *noun*: ↑greatness, ↑great; *adverb*: ↑greatly; *adjective*: ↑great]

1. [countable usually plural] a very successful and famous person in a particular sport, profession etc:

Jack Nicklaus is one of golf's all-time greats.

I think his show's OK, but I wouldn't call him one of the greats.

2. **the great and the good** people who are considered important – used humorously

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THESAURUS

■ a very famous person

- **superstar** an extremely famous performer, especially a musician or film actor: The film made Tom Cruise an international superstar.
- **legend** someone who is famous and admired for being extremely good at doing something – used especially about people who are at the end of a long career or who have died: blues legend John Lee Hooker | Jane Fonda is the daughter of film legend Henry Fonda.
- **great** [usually plural] someone who was one of the best players or performers that there have ever been: He was one of the all-time soccer greats.

great

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