

mainly['meɪnli] *adv*

- главным образом, в основном
you are mainly to blame - в основном виноват ты (сам)
- большей частью
the people who came were mainly women - среди пришедших было больше женщин

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main·ly ['mainly] *BrE* ['meɪnli] *NAme* ['meɪnli] *adverb*

- more than anything else; also used to talk about the most important reason for sth

Syn: ↑chiefly, **Syn:** ↑primarily

- They eat mainly fruit and nuts.
- 'Where do you export to?' 'France, mainly.'
- The population almost doubles in summer, **mainly because of** the jazz festival.
- During the day it'll become mainly dry with clear skies.

- in most cases; used to talk about the largest part of a group of people or things

- Anorexia is an illness that occurs mainly in adolescents.
- The people in the hotel were mainly foreign tourists.

Language Bank:**generally***Ways of saying 'in general'*

- Women **generally** ▪ earn less than men.

Generally speaking ▪, jobs traditionally done by women are paid at a lower rate than those traditionally done by men.**In general** ▪ / **By and large** ▪, women do not earn as much as men.

- Certain jobs, like nursing and cleaning, are still **mainly** ▪ carried out by women.
- Senior management posts are **predominantly** ▪ held by men.
- Most senior management posts **tend to** ▪ be held by men.
- Women are, **for the most part** ▪, still paid less than men.
- Economic and social factors are, **to a large extent** ▪, responsible for women being concentrated in low-paid jobs.

Language Banks at ↑conclusion, ↑except, ↑similarly

Example Bank:

- Rosewood is used mainly for fine furniture and musical instruments.
- The injuries were mainly facial cuts and bruises.
- The population almost doubles in August, mainly because of the film festival.
- The sun consists mainly of hydrogen.

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main·ly **S2 W2** /'meɪnli/ *BrE* *AmE* *adverb*used to mention the main part or cause of something, the main reason for something etc **SYN primarily** :

- Her illness was caused mainly by stress.
- The workforce is mainly made up of women.
- I don't go out much, mainly because I have to look after the kids.
- Increased sales during the summer were mainly due to tourism.
- We talked about various things – work, mainly.

GRAMMAR**Mainly** is not used at the beginning of a sentence:

- They play mainly on Wednesday evenings (NOT Mainly they play...).

REGISTERIn written English, people often prefer to use **chiefly** or **primarily**, which sound more formal than **mainly** :

- The disease is caused chiefly by poor sanitation.

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THESAURUS

- **in general** used when saying that something is usually true in most situations, or about most people or things: In general, temporary jobs are less well-paid. | In general, the bigger a company becomes, the harder it is to maintain customer satisfaction.
- **generally** another way of saying 'in general', which is often used before a verb. **Generally** can also be used to say that most people have a particular opinion: Women generally live longer than men. | Newton is generally regarded as the father of modern science.
- **generally speaking/as a rule** other ways of saying 'in general': Generally speaking, large breeds of dog are becoming less popular. | He's a singer who doesn't do interviews, as a rule. | The graduates are, generally speaking, a confident and articulate group of young people.
- **mostly/mainly/largely** used when saying that something is true about most people or things, or about most of something. **Largely** is slightly more formal than **mostly** or **mainly**: The disease mainly affects women. | Their attempts were largely unsuccessful. | The students were mostly French and German, but there were a few Japanese students too.
- **for the most part** used when saying that something is true in most cases, but not in every case: These problems have for the most part been resolved. | For the most part, the gangs were made up of boys aged between 11 and 16.
- **by and large/on the whole** used for saying that something is true in most ways or in most cases: The project was, by and large, a success. | On the whole, people were very friendly.

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