

**equal****1. ['i:kwəl] n****1) равный, ровня**

equals in age - сверстники

to have no equal for wisdom - не иметь себе равного по уму

he is not your equal - он вам не ровня

to mix with one's equals - общаться с людьми своего круга

he has no equal in elocution - ему нет равного в красноречии

he has few equals among living authors - из современных писателей с ним мало кто может сравниться

**2) (что-л.) подобное**

it is without equal in the history of journalism - ничего подобного история журналистики не знает

I never saw its equal - ничего равного этому я не видел

**3) что-л. равное другому**

let  $x$  be the equal of  $y$  - **мат.** пусть /предположим, что/  $x$  равен  $y$

**2. ['i:kwəl] a****1. одинаковый, равный**

equal parts - равные части

equal distance - одинаковое расстояние

equal rights - равноправие

equal triangles - **мат.** равновеликие треугольники

to be of equal height - быть одного роста (с кем-л.)

equal pay for equal work - равная оплата за равный труд

equal opportunity employer - **амер.** предприятие, принимающее работников независимо от расы, пола **и т. п.**

add an equal quantity of sugar - добавьте столько же сахару

with equal ease - одинаково свободно; с той же лёгкостью

on equal terms - на равных началах

other things being equal - при прочих равных условиях

equal in number [strength] - равный по количеству [по силе]

it is equal to me - мне всё равно

**2. равноправный; равный (по положению)**

all of the citizens are equal under the law - все граждане равны перед законом

**3. 1) (with, to) не уступающий, такой же, равный**

equal in bravery to ancient heroes - не уступающий в храбрости героям древности

for wisdom he was equal to his father - по мудрости он не уступал своему отцу

all men are not equal in ability - по способностям люди отличаются друг от друга

**2) (to) равняющийся, равный**

four times five is equal to twenty - четырежды пять равняется двадцати

**4. (to) способный, пригодный**

he is not equal to the task - он не может справиться с этим заданием; эта задача ему не по силам /не по плечу/

I don't feel equal to it - я не в состоянии это сделать, это выше моих сил

to be equal to the occasion - быть на высоте положения

to be equal to smb.'s expectations - оправдать чьи-л. надежды /ожидания/

he is equal to anything - он способен на всё

**5. (часто to) соответствующий, достаточный**

reward equal to merit - достойная награда (за заслуги)

equal to demand - **эк.** соответствующий спросу

equal to sample - **ком.** полностью соответствующий образцу

an equal treatment of a subject - достаточно тщательное рассмотрение /достаточно полная разработка/ вопроса

**6. 1) уравновешенный, спокойный**

to keep an equal mind - сохранять невозмутимость /спокойствие/

**2) равномерный, единообразный****3. ['i:kwəl] v****1. 1) равняться, быть равным**

if  $x$  equals 5, then  $5x$  equals 25 - если  $x$  равен 5, то  $5x$  равны 25

**2) не уступать, равняться, быть таким же, быть равным**

peonies often equal roses in beauty - пионы часто по красоте не уступают розам

he equals me in strength - у нас с ним силы равны

nothing can equal this - с этим ничто не может сравниться

not to be equal led - не иметь себе равного

**2. приравнивать, отождествлять; ставить знак равенства**

he equalled life with art - он отождествлял жизнь и искусство

to equal desertion with treason - приравнивать дезертирство к предательству

**3. сравняться**

to equal smb.'s record - повторить чей-л. рекорд

**4. амер. полностью отплачивать; компенсировать**

he equalled all her love - он платил ей такой же любовью

**5. редк. сровнять; уровнять**

cities equalled to the ground - города, которые сровняли с землёй

**equal** [equal equals equalled equaled equalling equaling] **adjective, noun,**  
verb *BrE* ['iːkwəl] *NAmE* ['iːkwɑː]

**adjective**

- the same in size, quantity, value, etc. as sth else
  - There is an equal number of boys and girls in the class.
  - two pieces of wood equal in length/of equal length
  - ~ **to sb/sth** One unit of alcohol is equal to half a pint of beer.
  - An area of forest equal to the size of Wales has been destroyed. You can use **exactly**, **precisely**, **approximately**, etc. with **equal** in this meaning.
- having the same rights or being treated the same as other people, without differences such as race, religion or sex being considered
  - equal rights/pay**
  - The company has an **equal opportunities** policy (= gives the same chances of employment to everyone).
  - the desire for a more equal society (= in which everyone has the same rights and chances) You can use **more** with **equal** in this meaning.
- ~ **to sth** (**formal**) having the necessary strength, courage and ability to deal with sth successfully
  - I hope that he proves equal to the challenge.

**see also** ↑**equally**

**more at** all/other things being equal **at** ↑**thing**

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin *aequalis*, from *aequus* 'even, level, equal'.

Thesaurus:

**equal** **adj.**

- Cut it into four equal parts.

**the same** • **identical** • **uniform** • **interchangeable** • **indistinguishable** • **synonymous** • **formal homogeneous** • **written tantamount to sth** •

**Opp: unequal**

equal/identical/tantamount **to** sth  
identical/interchangeable/synonymous **with** sth  
**roughly** equal/the same/synonymous

- a desire for a more equal society

**just** • **fair** • **formal equitable** •

**Opp: unequal**  
a/an equal/just/fair/equitable **division/distribution/share** of sth

Example Bank:

- Fitness is important in sport, but of at least equal importance are skills.
- I believe everyone is born equal.
- I felt more than equal to the task.
- I felt that nothing could make me equal to the demands being made of me.
- One pound is roughly equal to two dollars.
- The EU nations together have an economy about equal in size to that of the US.
- The two books are more or less equal in length.
- Their test results were equal in every way.
- Three feet is roughly equal to one metre.
- We moved some of the better players to make the two sides equal.
- Cut it into four equal parts.
- Don't you think that both views have equal validity?
- Mix the colours in equal amounts.
- Take two pieces of wood of equal length.
- The company employs men and women in roughly equal proportions.
- The company has an equal opportunities policy.
- The ideal would be an equal distribution of wealth between people of different age groups.
- The loan is repaid in equal annual instalments.
- equal rights/pay
- the desire for a more equal society

Idioms: ↑**have no equal** ▪ ↑**on equal terms** ▪ ↑**some are more equal than others** ▪ ↑**without equal**

**noun**

- a person or thing of the same quality or with the same status, rights, etc. as another
- She treats the people who work for her as her equals.
  - Our cars are the equal of those produced anywhere in the world.

**more at** first among equals **at** ↑**first** <sub>n.</sub>

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Example Bank:

- An interview should be a conversation between equals.
- He did not regard himself as her intellectual equal.
- He talks even to small children as equals.
- He was regarded as the 'first among equals' by the other office clerks.
- His guitar playing is without equal.
- I shall never be his equal at chess.
- In fighting, they had no equals.
- When it comes to plain speaking, she has few equals.
- As a poet, he had few equals.

verb (-ll-, US -l-)

**1. linking verb + noun** to be the same in size, quantity, value, etc. as sth else

- 2x plus y equals 7 ( $2x+y=7$ )
- A metre equals 39.38 inches.

**2. ~ sth** to be as good as sth else or do sth to the same standard as sb else

- This achievement is unlikely ever to be equalled.
- Her hatred of religion is equalled only by her loathing for politicians.
- With his last jump he equalled the world record.

**3. ~ sth** to lead to or result in sth

- Cooperation equals success.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	equal
	BrE / 'i:kwəl/
	NAmE / 'i:kwəl/
he / she / it	equals
	BrE / 'i:kwəlz/
	NAmE / 'i:kwəlz/
past simple, past participle	equalled (US) equaled
	BrE / 'i:kwəld/
	NAmE / 'i:kwəld/
-ing form	equalling (US) equalling
	BrE / 'i:kwəlzɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'i:kwəlzɪŋ/

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**equal** verb

**1. linking verb**

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**be** • • **add up to sth** • • **amount to sth** • • **run to sth** • |especially business total •

**Equal or be?** Equal is not usually used in questions and is only used in exact sums:

- How much is a thousand pounds in Euros?

✗ How much does a thousand pounds equal in Euros?:

- A metre is about/around/approximately 40 inches.

✗ A metre equals about/around/approximately 40 inches.

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- With his last jump he equalled the world record.

**match** • • **rival** • • **compare** • • **be on a par with sb/sth** •

equal/match/compare with sb's **achievements**

equal/match/rival the **performance** of sth

be equalled/matched/rivalled **only by sth**

Example Bank:

- 2x plus y equals 7
- Let x be/equal the sum of a and b.
- Three and three is/equals six.
- Half-year profits equalled the best expectations.
- Her achievement is unlikely ever to be equalled.
- Maria Theresa displayed a courage and tenacity equalled by very few contemporary rulers.
- More knowledge equals less prejudice.
- Natural dyes produce a beauty of tone that has never been equalled by synthetic dyes.
- The theatre is equalled in size only by one or two others in the world.

## equal

I. eɪkwəl<sup>1</sup> S1 W2 /'iːkwəl BrE<sup>1</sup> AmE<sup>1</sup> adjective

[Word Family: noun: ↑equality ≠ ↑inequality, ↑equal, ↑equalizer; verb: ↑equalize, ↑equal; adverb: ↑equally ≠ ↑unequally; adjective: ↑equal ≠ ↑unequal]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: aequalis, from aequus 'level, equal']

1. **SAME** the same in size, number, amount, value etc as something else ⇒ **equivalent**

**equal number/amount (of something)**

Both candidates received an equal number of votes.

**(of) equal value/importance**

They believe that all work is of equal value.

**equal in size/length/height etc**

The two towns are roughly equal in size.

**of equal size/length/height etc**

**equal to**

The rent was equal to half his monthly income.

2. **SAME RIGHTS/CHANCES** having the same rights, opportunities etc as everyone else, whatever your race, religion, or sex:

Our constitution states that all men are equal.

Our education system should provide equal opportunities for all children.

The government is committed to achieving equal rights for women.

3. **be equal to something**

a) to have the ability to deal with a problem, piece of work etc successfully **SYN be up to:**

I'm not sure he's equal to the task.

Are you equal to this challenge?

b) to be as good as something else:

The architecture here is equal to any in the world.

4. **on equal terms/on an equal footing** with neither side having any advantage over the other:

This law will help small businesses to compete on equal terms with large multinational corporations.

5. **all (other) things being equal** *spoken* if things are as you normally expect them to be:

All things being equal, a small car will cost less than a larger one.

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

#### adverbs

- **exactly equal** The food is shared out in exactly equal portions among all members of the community.
- **roughly/approximately equal** The number of buyers and sellers must be roughly equal before trading begins.
- **about/almost equal** They are about equal in height and weight.

#### nouns

- **an equal number/amount** Both candidates received an equal number of votes.

#### phrases

- **be of equal size/length/height etc** Draw two lines of equal length.
- **be equal in size/length/height etc** The population of each town is roughly equal in size.
- **be equal in value** Your pension will be equal in value to two thirds of your final year salary.
- **be equal in number/numbers** In higher education, women are equal in numbers to men.
- **of equal value/importance** He is remembered for his novels, but his scientific work is of equal importance.

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

#### nouns

- **equal rights** In many countries, women do not have equal rights with men.
- **equal opportunities** The government must make sure that all children have equal opportunities in education.
- **equal pay** The workers' demands include equal pay for equal work.
- **equal access** (=the same right to do or receive something) The law states that disabled people must have equal access to employment.
- **equal treatment** Everyone should get equal treatment under the law.

#### phrases

- **be born equal** It is a myth that all men are born equal.
- **be created equal** They believe that everyone is created equal by God.

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### THESAURUS

- **the same** used to say that two people, things, events etc are exactly like each other: The houses on the street all look the same. | They were doing the same jobs as the men, but being paid less.
- **just like/exactly like** *especially spoken* used to say that there is very little difference between two people, things etc: He's just like his father. | There are insects that look exactly like green leaves.
- **identical** identical things are exactly the same in every way: The tablets were identical in size, shape, and colour. | identical names
- **indistinguishable** two things that are indistinguishable are so similar that it is impossible to know which is which or to see any differences between them: The copy was indistinguishable from the original painting.
- **equal** two or more amounts, totals, levels etc that are equal are the same as each other: Spend an equal amount of time on each essay question.
- **be no different from somebody/something** to be the same, even though you expect them to be different: People often think

that movie stars are special, but really they're no different from anybody else.

- **can't tell the difference** (also **can't tell somebody/something apart**) *especially spoken* if you can't tell the difference between two people or things, or if you can't tell them apart, they look, sound, or seem exactly the same to you: Emma and Louise sound so alike on the phone that I can't tell the difference.

II. **equal** <sup>2</sup> **S2** *BrE* <sup>\*</sup> *AmE* <sup>\*</sup> *verb* (past tense and past participle **equalled**, present participle **equalling** *British English*, **equaled**, **equaling** *American English*)

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- [linking verb] to be exactly the same in size, number, or amount as something else:
  - Two plus two equals four.
  - Prices become more stable when supply equals demand.
- [transitive] to be as good as something else, or get to the same standard as someone or something else:
  - Thompson equalled the world record.
- be equalled (only) by something** used to say that two things are as strong or as important as each other:
  - Her distaste for books was equalled only by her dislike of people.
- [transitive] to produce a particular result or effect:
  - A highly-trained workforce equals high productivity.

III. **equal** <sup>3</sup> *BrE* <sup>\*</sup> *AmE* <sup>\*</sup> *noun* [countable]

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- someone who is as important, intelligent etc as you are, or who has the same rights and opportunities as you do:
  - He treats all his staff as equals.
  - a friendship between equals

**equal in**

She wasn't his equal in intelligence.

- be the equal of somebody/something** to be as good as someone or something else:
  - The company proved to be the equal of its US rivals.
- be without equal** (also **have no equal**) *formal* to be better than everyone or everything else of the same type:
  - His paintings are without equal.

**equal**

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