

literal

1. ['lɪt(ə)rəl] *n*
буквенная опечатка
2. ['lɪt(ə)rəl] *a*
 1. буквенный
literal error - *полицар* опечатка или глазная /буквенная/ ошибка
literal marking - буквенное обозначение (вместо порядковых номеров)
 2. 1) буквальный, дословный
literal translation - буквальный перевод
 - 2) точный
literal interpretation - точное, не отступающее от текста, толкование
 3. 1) сухой, педантичный, лишённый воображения; прозаический
a literal, rather barren mind - педантичный, бесплодный ум
 - 2) скрупулёзно точный
a literal description of an event - совершенно точное описание события
literal account - точный/строго выдержанный/ отчёт
4. *эмоц.-усил.* сущий, настоящий
the gale has made a literal desert of my garden - буря превратила мой сад в форменную пустыню

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

lit·er·al [lɪtərəl] *BrE* ['lɪtərəl] ^ˈ *NAmE* ['lɪtərəl] ^ˈ **adjective**

1. **usually before noun** being the basic or usual meaning of a word or phrase
 - I am not referring to 'small' people in the literal sense of the word.
 - The literal meaning of 'petrify' is 'turn to stone'.

compare ↑figurative ↑metaphorical
2. **usually before noun** that follows the original words exactly
 - a literal translation

compare ↑free
3. (disapproving) lacking imagination
 - Her interpretation of the music was too literal.

Derived Word ↑literalness

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French, or from late Latin *litteralis*, from Latin *littera* 'letter of the alphabet', (plural) 'epistle, literature, culture'.

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1. the literal meaning of a word or expression is its basic or original meaning ⇨ **figurative**
literal meaning/sense/interpretation etc
^ˈ A trade war is not a war in the literal sense.
2. **literal translation** a translation that translates each word exactly instead of giving the general meaning in a more natural way
OPP free
3. **literal-minded** not showing much imagination
—literalness *noun* [uncountable]

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