

place**1. [pleis] n****1) место**

some place - где-то

some place, some time - где-нибудь, когда-нибудь

starting place - *спорт.* центральный круг

jumping place - *спорт.* сектор для прыжков

landing place - а) *спорт.* место соскока; б) *ав.* место приземления

turnback place - место поворота (*велоспорт*)

reporting place - *спорт.* место сбора спортсменов

I can't be at two places at once - я не могу быть в двух местах одновременно

this would be a good place for us to picnic in - это хорошее место для пикника

2) место, город, местечко; (населённый) пункт

holy places - святые места

from place to place - с места на место

to move from place to place - переезжать с места на место

to come to a place - прибыть в какой-л. пункт /куда-л./

it is a quiet place - это тихое местечко /-ий городок/

London is a noisy place - Лондон - шумный город

Bath is a very hot place in summer - летом в Бате очень жарко

N. is a great place for oysters - в N. отлично ловятся устрицы

what place do you come from? - откуда вы родом?

place of arrival [of destination] - место прибытия [назначения]

3) место, точка на поверхности; участок

a wet place on the floor - мокрое пятно на полу

a rough place on the road - скверный участок дороги

bad /raw, tender, sore/ place - больное место, болячка

show me the sore place on your arm - покажите, где /в каком месте/ у вас болит рука

2) 1) обычное, привычное, отведённое место

in place - а) на месте; everything in its place - всё на месте; to put a book (back) in its place - поставить книгу на место; to put smth. in the wrong place - поставить /положить/ что-л. не на место; he would be very much in place as a journalist - ему бы очень подошло быть журналистом; б) уместный

the proposal is not quite in place - это предложение не совсем уместно

out of place - а) не на месте; the book is out of (its) place - книга не на (своём) месте; б) неуместный

to look (sadly) out of place - быть удивительно неуместным /неподходящим/

remark out of place - неуместное замечание

familiarity is quite out of place - фамильярность здесь совсем неуместна

to give place to smb., smth. - уступить место кому-л., чему-л.

his anger gave place to a feeling of pity - его гнев уступил место жалости

to take the place of smth. - заменить что-л. [*ср. тж.* 7, 1)]

electricity took the place of candles - на смену свечам пришло электричество

2) сиденье, место (в классе, за столом, в поезде и т. п.)

to book /to engage, to secure/ places - заказать билеты

to change places with smb. - обменяться с кем-л. местами

go back to your place - садитесь на своё место

there is no place for you - для вас нет места

would you like to take my place? - не хотите ли сесть на моё место?

six places were laid - стол был накрыт на шесть персон

3) место в книге; страница; отрывок

to find one's place - найти нужное место в книге [*ср. тж.* ◇]

put smth. to mark the place - заложите чем-л. это место

the author repeats that in another place - автор повторяет это в другом месте

I've lost my place - я не помню, до какого места я дочитал /где я остановился/

3) 1) место, пространство

place and time - пространство и время

you must find place for this bookcase - вы должны найти место для этого книжного шкафа

fear can have no place in his heart - в его сердце нет места страху

2) существенное место; важная роль

sports never had a place in his life - спорт никогда не занимал важного места в его жизни

3) подходящий момент, ситуация

this isn't a place to talk about one's private affairs - здесь не место обсуждать свои личные дела

4. (Place) в названиях**1) площадь**

Woburn Place - Уоборн-плейс

2) небольшая улица, тупик**3) имение**

Penhurst Place - имение /усадьба/ Пенхерст

5. 1) здание, помещение, место и т. п. специального назначения

place of amusement - место развлечений

place of residence - место жительства
place of business - контора
place of resort - место отдыха
place of worship - молитвенный дом
place of joining - **воен.** призывной пункт
public place - общественное здание, учреждение **и т. п.**

2) дом, жилище

come round to my place tonight - заходите ко мне вечером
you can all come and lunch at our place - вы все можете у нас позавтракать
all over the place - везде, по всему дому
he leaves his things all over the place - он разбрасывает свои вещи по всей квартире
they are looking for you all over the place - вас ищут по всему дому

6. 1) имение, загородный дом

he has a place in Hampshire - у него имение в Гемпшире
he has a nice little place in the country - у него хорошенький загородный домик

2) **уст.** укрепление

7. 1) должность, место, служба

out of a place - безработный
a place at court - придворная должность
the place of President - должность президента
to take smb.'s place - а) заменять кого-л.; б) занять чье-л. место; [**ср. тж.** 2, 1)]
to fill smb.'s place = to take smb.'s place а)
he has got a place in the Custom House - он получил место на таможне
he worked ten years in his last place - на последнем месте он проработал десять лет
has he got a place yet? - нашёл ли он себе работу /место/?

2) высокая государственная должность; ответственная должность, высокий пост

hunting after places - погоня за должностями

3) членство, участие (**в спортивной команде**)

a place in the Oxford boat - участие /членство/ в гребной команде Оксфордского университета

4) **тж. sing** дело, право, обязанность

it is not my place to do it - это не моя обязанность
it is not my place to correct his errors - не моё дело исправлять его ошибки

8. положение, статус

high places - высший свет
to attain a high place - достичь высокого положения
to know /to keep/ one's place - знать своё место
to put smb. in his (proper) place - поставить кого-л. на место
his place among physicists is in the front rank - он занимает видное место среди физиков
his name has taken its place /has found a place/ in history - его имя вошло в историю

9. **спорт.**

1) второе или третье призовое место

2) **амер.** второе место (**на скачках**)

10. **горн.** забой, выработка

11. **мат.** разряд

decimal place - разряд десятичной дроби
to calculate to five decimal places - вычислить с точностью до одной сотысячной

12. **астр.** местонахождение (**небесного тела**)

◇ another place - **парл.** палата лордов
in place of - вместо
in the first place - а) во-первых, прежде всего; первым делом; б) вообще
he shouldn't be here in the first place - ему вообще здесь делать нечего
in the second place - во-вторых
in the next place - затем
to take place - случаться, иметь место
changes have taken place - произошли изменения
it took place ten years ago - это случилось десять лет тому назад
the marriage will not take place - этот брак не состоится
to have /to find/ place - иметь место [**ср. тж.** 2, 3)]
to go places - достичь успеха
to have a soft place in one's heart for smb. - питать к кому-л. слабость
the place where you cough - уборная, туалет
one's place in the sun - место под солнцем
there is no place like home - ≅ в гостях хорошо, а дома лучше

2. [pleis] **v**

1. 1) ставить, помещать; размещать

to place a cake in the oven - поставить пирог в духовку
to place a board edgeways - поставить доску на ребро
to place sentries - расставить часовых
to place in the clearest light - полностью осветить (**вопрос, положение и т. п.**)

to place in jeopardy - поставить под угрозу
to place no restrictions on smth. - не устанавливать каких-л. ограничений на что-л.
to place a question on the agenda - поставить вопрос на повестку дня
to place on /in/ orbit - **косм.** выводить на орбиту; **воен.** размещать на орбите
to place the bar - **спорт.** установить планку (для прыжков)
to place a seal to a document - приложить печать к документу
to place in inverted commas - поставить в кавычки
to place down the weight - опустить штангу (*тяжёлая атлетика*)
to place oneself on all fours - переходить в партер (*борьба*)
to place on the defensive - **воен.** вынуждать (*противника*) перейти к обороне

2) помещать, отдавать (куда-л.)

to place a child under smb.'s care - отдать ребёнка на чьё-л. попечение
to place a child for adoption - отдать ребёнка на усыновление
to place in reserve - **воен.** выделять в резерв
to place smb., smth. in /at/ smb.'s service - отдать /выделить/ кого-л., что-л. в чьё-л. распоряжение
he placed his car in our service - он отдал /предоставил/ свой автомобиль в наше распоряжение
to place oneself under smb.'s orders - поступить в чье-л. распоряжение
to place a matter in smb.'s hands - отдать дело в чьи-л. руки
I place my fate in your hands - я отдаю свою судьбу в ваши руки
to place under the command (of) - **воен.** подчинять, передавать в подчинение

2. определять на должность; ставить на приход (священника)

to place smb. in an office - устроить кого-л. в учреждение
to place smb. in a good situation - устроить кого-л. на хорошую должность
to place smb. in command (of) - поставить кого-л. во главе
I am placing you in charge - вы будете старшим
he has been placed at the head of the department - его поставили во главе /начальником/ отдела

3. 1) помещать, вкладывать деньги (*тж.* place out)

to place one's money to the best advantage - наилучшим образом поместить свои деньги
to place an amount to smb.'s credit - положить сумму на чей-л. счёт

2) делать, помещать заказ

to place an order with smb. for goods - поместить заказ у кого-л. /у какой-л. фирмы/ на какие-л. товары
to place a call - **амер.** заказать разговор по телефону
the French Government placed orders in England - французское правительство поместило заказы в Англии

3) договориться об издании книги, постановке пьесы *и т. п.*

to place a play - пристроить пьесу
he placed his book with a publisher - он договорился об издании своей книги

4. продавать товары, акции

difficult to place - плохо продаётся, плохо идёт

5. (in, on) возлагать (*надежды и т. п.*)

to place importance on smth. - придавать значение чему-л.
to place pressure on /upon/ smb. - оказывать давление на кого-л.
to place confidence in /reliance upon/ smb. - довериться кому-л.
no confidence could be placed in any of the twelve judges - из двенадцати судей нельзя было верить ни одному

6. 1) определять местоположение *или* дату; соотносить (*с чем-л.*)

to try to place the spot where Caesar landed - пытаться определить то место, где высадился Цезарь
to place a manuscript - датировать рукопись
the manuscript is placed not later than the tenth century - установлено, что рукопись относится к десятому веку, не позже
I know his face but I cannot place him - мне знакомо его лицо, но я не могу вспомнить, где я его видел /кто он такой *и т. п.* /
he could not place her particular peculiarities of pronunciation - он не мог установить, в чём особенности её произношения
he is a difficult man to place - трудно определить, что он из себя представляет

2) считать, причислять; оценивать

as a poet I place him among the first - как поэта я считаю его одним из первых

3) **спорт.** определять занятые места в соревновании

4) **спорт.** присудить второе *или* третье призовое место

5) **амер. спорт.** присудить второе место (*на скачках*)

6) занять (*какое-л.*) место (*на конкурсе, выборах и т. п.*)

he campaigned for 10 weeks and placed fifth - он проводил предвыборную кампанию десять недель и вышел на пятое место

7. **pass**

1) занимать определённое положение

to be well [badly] placed - занимать хорошее [плохое] положение

2) находиться в определённом положении

to be awkwardly placed - находиться в неудобном положении

I explained to him how I was placed - я объяснил ему, в каком я нахожусь положении, я объяснил ему ситуацию

8. **амер. разг.** повысить голос (*в разговоре, пении*)

◇ to place a construction on smth., smb. - по-своему понимать, интерпретировать что-л., кого-л.

what construction am I to place on that? - как прикажете это понимать?

to place one's cards on the table - раскрыть свои карты

place [place places placed placing] noun, verb *BrE* [ˈpleɪs] ^ɳ *NAmE* [ˈpleɪs] ^ɳ
noun

POSITION/POINT/AREA

1. countable a particular position, point or area

- Is this the place where it happened?
- This would be a good place for a picnic.
- I can't be in two places at once.

CITY/TOWN/BUILDING

2. countable a particular city, town, building, etc

- I can't remember all the places we visited in Thailand.
- I used to live in York and I'm still fond of the place.
- The police searched the place.
- We were looking for a **place to eat** .
- Let's get out of this place!

3. countable (especially in compounds or phrases) a building or an area of land used for a particular purpose

- a **meeting place**
- The town has many excellent **eating places** .
- (formal) churches and other **places of worship**
- He can usually be contacted at his **place of work** .

see also ↑resting place

AREA ON SURFACE

4. countable a particular area on a surface, especially on a person's body

- He broke his arm in three places.
- The paint was peeling off the wall **in places** .

IN BOOK/SPEECH, ETC.

5. countable a point in a book, speech, piece of music, etc, especially one that sb has reached at a particular time

- She had marked her place with a bookmark.
- Excuse me, I seem to have **lost my place** .
- The audience laughed in all the right places.
- This is one of the few places in his work where he mentions his childhood.

SEAT

6. countable a position, seat, etc, especially one that is available for or being used by a person or vehicle

- Come and sit here— I've **saved you a place** .
- I don't want to **lose my place** in the line.
- Would you like to **change places** with me so you can see better?
- I've **set a place** for you at the table.

ROLE/IMPORTANCE

7. singular ~ (in sth) the role or importance of sb/sth in a particular situation, usually in relation to others

- He is assured of his place in history.
- Accurate reporting **takes second place** to lurid detail.
- My father believed that people should **know their place** (= behave according to their social position) .
- It's **not your place** (= your role) to give advice.
- Anecdotes **have no place in** (= are not acceptable in) an academic essay.

AT UNIVERSITY/SCHOOL

8. countable an opportunity to take part in sth, especially to study at a school or university or on a course

- She's been offered a place at Bath to study Business.
- There are very few places left on the course.

IN SPORTS TEAM

9. countable the position of being a member of a sports team

- She has **won a place** in the Olympic team.
- He **lost his place** in the first team.

CORRECT POSITION

10. countable the natural or correct position for sth

- Is there a place on the form to put your address?
- Put it back in its place when you've finished with it.

SAFE AREA

11. countable (usually with a negative) a suitable or safe area for sb to be

- These streets are **no place for** a child to be out alone at night.

HOME

12. singular (informal) a house or flat/apartment; a person's home

- What about dinner at **my place** ?
- I'm fed up with living with my parents, so I'm looking for a **place of my own** .
- I thought I'd better clean the place up.

IN RACE/COMPETITION

13. countable, usually singular a position among the winners of a race or competition

- He finished in third place.

MATHEMATICS

14. countable the position of a figure after a **decimal point**

- The number is correct to three decimal places.

STREET/SQUARE

15. Place singular (abbr. **Pl.**) used as part of a name for a short street or square

- 66 Portland Place

more at not have a hair out of place **at** **hair**, sb's heart is in the right place **at** **heart**, lightning never strikes (in the same place) twice **at** **lightning** _{n.}, behave/act as if you own the place think you own the place **at** **town** _{v.}, pride of place **at** **pride** _{n.}, (caught/stuck) between a rock and a hard place **at** **rock** _{n.}

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French, from an alteration of Latin **platea** 'open space', from Greek **plateia** (hodos) 'broad (way)'.

Thesaurus:

place **noun**

1. C

- This is a good place for a picnic.

location • **spot** • **site** • **scene** • **venue** • **point** • **area** • **position** • **whereabouts** •

a (good, etc.) place/location/spot/site/venue/position **for** sth

at a place/location/spot/site/scene/venue/point/position

in a/an place/location/venue/area/position

2. C

- Sit next to me— I've saved you a place.

seat •

a/an **good/empty** place/seat

take/book/reserve a place/seat

save sb a place/seat

Synonyms:

place

site • **area** • **position** • **point** • **location** • **scene** • **spot** • **venue**

These are all words for a particular area or part of an area, especially one used for a particular purpose or where sb/sth is situated or happens.

place • a particular point, area, city, town, building, etc, especially one used for a particular purpose or where a particular thing happens: ▫ This would be a good place for a picnic.

site • the place where sth, especially a building, is or will be situated; a place where sth happened or that is used for a particular purpose: ▫ They've chosen a site for the new school.

area • a part of a room, building or particular space that is used for a special purpose; a particular place on an object: ▫ the hotel reception area ◊ ▫ Move the cursor to a blank area on the screen.

position • the place where a person or thing is situated; the place where sb/sth is meant to be: ▫ From his position at the top of the hill, he could see the harbour.

The **position** of sb/sth is often temporary: the place where sb/sth is at a particular time.

point • a particular place within an area, where sth happens or is supposed to happen: ▫ the point at which the river divides

location • a place where sth happens or exists, especially a place that is not named or not known: ▫ The company is moving to a new location.

scene • a place where sth happens, especially sth unpleasant: ▫ the scene of the accident

spot • a particular point or area, especially one that has a particular character or where sth particular happens: ▫ The lake is one of the local ▫ beauty spots ▫.

venue • the place where people meet for an organized event such as a performance or sports event

at a place/site/position/point/location/scene/spot/venue

in a(n) place/area/position/location/venue

the place/site/point/location/spot/venue **where...**

the **right** place/site/position/location/spot/venue

a **central** site/position/location/venue

the/sb's/sth's **exact/precise** place/site/position/point/location/spot

Example Bank:

- Dance has a central place in their culture.
- He changed places with me.
- He has been restored to his rightful place in the community.
- He holds a special place in her affections.
- He lost his place in the team.
- He took the place of honour on his hostess's right.
- He was awarded a place at Leeds University.
- He was injured and lost his place in the side.
- His victory secured him a place in history.
- Housing occupied a prominent place in the discussions.
- I forgot to mark my place.
- I happened to be in the right place at the right time.
- I lost my place in line.
- I'm sorry— I was forgetting my place.
- I've laid four places for dinner.
- It was a terrible place to live.
- It was held in place with tape.
- It's a nice place you've got here.
- It's not your place to correct her.
- Keep your purse in a safe place.
- Please state your date and place of birth.
- Second place went to the Moroccan athlete.
- She got a place on the French course.
- She knows her place.
- She showed them to their places.
- She tapped the lid into place.
- She took third place.
- The boy returned to his place
- There will be rain in places.
- This is not the place for an argument.
- We had dinner at a crowded place in Chelsea.
- We took our places around the table.
- a statesman who is assured a place in history
- holidays in faraway places
- trips to faraway places
- Anecdotes have no place in an academic essay.
- Come and sit here— I've saved you a place.
- He can usually be contacted at his place of work.
- Here is a list of churches and other places of worship.
- I can't be in two places at once.
- I couldn't find a parking place anywhere.
- I don't want to lose my place in the line.
- I thought I'd better clean the place up.
- I used to live in York and I'm still fond of the place.
- I'm fed up with living with my parents, so I'm looking for a place of my own.
- I've set a place for you at the table.
- Let's get out of this place!
- My father believed that people should know their place.
- Please write your full name, date and place of birth.
- Schools should be a safe place for children to work in.
- The town has many excellent eating places.
- There was no hiding place.
- These streets are no place for a child to be out alone at night.
- They gathered at a meeting place in the town square.
- They met at a place in the centre of town.
- We're looking for a place to eat.
- What about dinner at my place?
- What places did you visit in Thailand?
- Would you like to change places with me so you can see better?

Idioms: ↑fall over the place ▪ ↑fall into place ▪ ↑give place to somebody ▪ ↑going places ▪ ↑if I was in your place ▪ in my/your place ▪ ↑in place ▪ ↑in place of somebody ▪ ↑in somebody's place ▪ ↑in the first place ▪ in the first/second place ▪ ↑out of place ▪ ↑place in the sun ▪ ↑put somebody in their place ▪ ↑put yourself in somebody else's place ▪ ↑swap places ▪ ↑take place ▪ ↑take somebody's place ▪ ↑take the place of somebody ▪ ↑take your place ▪ well/ideally/uniquely/better placed for something do something

verb

IN POSITION

1. transitive ~ **sth + adv./prep.** to put sth in a particular place, especially when you do it carefully or deliberately

- He placed his hand on her shoulder.
- A bomb had been placed under the seat.
- The parking areas in the town are few, but strategically placed.

IN SITUATION

2. transitive ~ sb/yourself + adv./prep. (more formal than put) to put sb/yourself in a particular situation

- to place sb in command
- She was placed in the care of an uncle.
- His resignation placed us in a difficult position.
- The job places great demands on me.
- He has placed himself above party politics.

ATTITUDE

3. transitive ~ sth on sth/doing sth used to express the attitude sb has towards sb/sth

- Great emphasis is placed on education.
- They place a high value on punctuality.

RECOGNIZE

4. transitive ~ sb/sth (usually used in negative sentences) to recognize sb/sth and be able to identify them/it

- I've seen her before but I just can't place her.
- His accent was impossible to place.

BET/ORDER/ADVERTISEMENT

5. transitive ~ sth to give instructions about sth or make a request for sth to happen

- to place a bet/an order
- We placed an advertisement for a cleaner in the local paper.

FIND HOME/JOB

6. transitive to find a suitable home, job, etc. for sb

- ~ **sb (with sb/sth)** The children were placed with foster parents.
- ~ **sb (in sth)** The agency placed about 2 000 secretaries last year.

GIVE RANK

7. transitive ~ sb/sth + adv./prep. to decide that sb/sth has a particular position or rank compared with other people or things

- I would place her among the top five tennis players in the world.
- Nursing attracts people who place relationships high on their list of priorities.

IN RACE

8. transitive, intransitive used to describe a person, a team, a horse, etc. finishing in a particular position in a race

- ~ **sb/sth + adj.** He was placed fifth in last Saturday's race.
- ~ **(sth)** (BrE) My horse has been placed several times (= it was among the first three or four to finish the race).
- (NAme) His horse placed in the last race (= it was among the first three to finish the race, usually in second place).

more at to put/place sb on a pedestal **at** ↑pedestal, put/place/set a premium on sb/sth **at** ↑premium _n, put/place sth on (the) record **at** ↑record _n.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	place
	BrE /pleɪs/
	NAme /pleɪs/
he / she /it	places
	BrE /ˈpleɪsɪz/
	NAme /ˈpleɪsɪz/
past simple, past participle	placed
	BrE /ˈpleɪst/
	NAme /ˈpleɪst/
-ing form	placing
	BrE /ˈpleɪsɪŋ/
	NAme /ˈpleɪsɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French, from an alteration of Latin **platea** 'open space', from Greek **plateia** (hodos) 'broad (way)'.

Thesaurus:

place verb

1. T (always used with an adverb or preposition)

- He placed a hand on her shoulder.

lay • • put • • set • • position • • plant • • settle • |informal **dump • • stuff • • stick •** |especially BrE, informal **pop •**

place/lay/put/set/position/dump/stick/pop sth **on** sth

place/put/set/dump/stuff/stick/pop sth **in/into** sth

place/lay/put sth **carefully**

Place or lay? **Place** is usually more deliberate; **lay** is usually more gentle. You **place** things but not people; you can **lay**

things or people:

- A bomb had been placed under the seat.

✗ A bomb had been laid under the seat.:

- She laid the baby on the bed.

✗ She placed the baby on the bed.

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- We place a high value on punctuality.

put • • attach • • lay •

place/put/attach/lay sth **on** sth

place/put/attach/lay (the) **blame**

place/put/lay **responsibility/emphasis**

Place or put? Put does not collocate with **importance** and is not usually used in the passive in this meaning:

- Great importance is placed on education.

✗ Great importance is put on education.

Example Bank:

- He placed the letter in a drawer.
- I've heard his name before, but I can't quite place him.
- She produced a long silver whistle and placed it firmly between her lips.
- She tried to place the faint West Country burr in his voice.
- The blame was placed squarely on the doctor.
- The books were placed haphazardly on the shelf.
- The boots were neatly placed side by side.
- The boots, neatly placed side by side, were near the bed.
- The company is ideally placed to win the contract.
- The table was placed centrally.
- There are candles strategically placed— in case we have another blackout.
- an attempt to place the question firmly back on the political agenda
- children who are difficult to place in foster homes
- highly placed officials in the government
- Great importance is placed on education.
- I would place him among the top five tennis players in the world.
- I've seen her before but I just can't place her.
- Nursing attracts people who place relationships high on their list of priorities.

See also: ↑all over the lot ▪ ↑all over the shop ▪ ↑into place

place

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I. **place**¹ **S1 W1** /pleɪs/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑place, ↑placement, ↑placing, ↑displacement, ↑replacement; **verb**: ↑place, ↑displace, ↑misplace, ↑replace;

adjective: ↑displaced, ↑misplaced, ↑replaceable]

[Date: 900-1000; Language: Old French; Origin: 'open space', from Latin platea 'broad street', from Greek plateia (hodos), from platys 'broad, flat']

1. AREA/SPACE/BUILDING ETC a space or area, for example a particular point on a surface or in a room, building, town, city etc:

- Make sure you keep the key in a safe place.
- I've spent the day dashing about from place to place.
- The place was full of screaming children.
- He was threatening to burn the place down.
- She had never been back to the place where the accident happened.
- The theatre bar was our usual meeting place.
- We were living then in a place called Alberiga.
- The wall was quite damp in places (=in some places).

place for

- This is a great place for a holiday.

a place to do something

- I couldn't find a place to park.
- Did the accident happen at your place of work (=the place where you work)?
- The Great Mosque has been a place of worship for Muslims for centuries.

2. HOME informal a house or apartment where someone lives:

- They've got quite a big place on the outskirts of Leeds.

sb's place

- Do you want to come back to my place for coffee?
- It took us ages to find a place to live.
- He's staying with us until he can find a place of his own.

3. take place to happen, especially after being planned or arranged:

- The next meeting will take place on Thursday.
- Talks between the two sides are still taking place.
- Major changes are taking place in society.

4. SPACE TO SIT OR PUT SOMETHING a space where someone can sit, or a space where you can put something:

I might arrive a bit late, so could you save me a place?

There are still a few places left on the coach.

Make sure you put everything back in its proper place.

place for

Can you find a good place for this vase?

5. POINT IN BOOK/SPEECH a point that you have reached in a book or a speech:

This would be a good place to stop and answer any questions that people have.

I used a bookmark so that I wouldn't lose my place (=forget the point that I had reached).

6. OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING if someone has a place somewhere, they have the opportunity to go there or join in an activity

place in

If you don't come to training you might lose your place in the team.

We've been trying to find her a place in a residential home.

place on

He was offered a place on the management committee.

There are still a couple of places left on the course.

place at

I've been offered a place at York University.

7. ROLE/POSITION the role or important position that someone or something has in a situation or in society

sb's place

the old idea that a woman's place is in the home

place in

He finally reached the summit of Everest and secured his place in history.

Working has a very important place in all our lives.

8. in place

a) in the correct position:

The chairs for the concert were nearly all in place.

The glass was held in place by a few pieces of sellotape.

b) existing and ready to be used:

Funding arrangements are already in place.

9. in place of somebody/something (also in sb's/sth's place) instead of someone or something else:

In place of our advertised programme, we will have live coverage of the special memorial service.

The company flag had been taken down and in its place hung the Union Jack.

If I refused to go, they would send someone else in my place.

10. take the place of somebody/something (also take sb's/sth's place) to exist or be used instead of someone or something else SYN replace :

Natural methods of pest control are now taking the place of chemicals.

I had to find someone to take Jenny's place.

11. in sb's place used to talk about what you would do if you were in someone else's situation:

What would you do in my place?

Try to put yourself in my place and think how you would feel.

12. be no place for somebody to be a completely unsuitable place for someone:

This is no place for a child.

13. first/second/third etc place first, second etc position in a race or competition:

He took second place in the long jump.

in first/second etc place

I finished in third place.

14. in the first place

a) used to introduce a series of points in an argument, discussion etc:

In the first place, I'm too busy, and in the second I don't really want to go.

b) used to talk about what someone did or should have done at the start of a situation:

I wish I'd never got involved in the first place!

15. take second place (to somebody/something) to be less important than someone or something else:

She wasn't prepared to take second place in his life.

16. take your places used to tell people to go to the correct place or position that they need to be in for an activity:

If you would like to take your places, the food will be served shortly.

17. all over the place informal

a) everywhere:

There was blood all over the place.

b) in a very untidy state:

She came in with her hair all over the place.

18. put somebody in their place to show someone that they are not as clever or important as they think they are:

I soon put him in his place.

19. out of place

a) not suitable for a particular situation or occasion:

He never seemed to feel out of place at social functions.

The paintings looked strangely out of place.

b) not in the correct or usual position:

The kitchen was spotlessly clean, with nothing out of place.

20. **it is not sb's place (to do something)** if it is not your place to do something, you do not have the duty or right to do it:

It's not your place to criticize me!

21. **have no place** *formal* to be completely unacceptable

have no place in

Capital punishment has no place in a modern society.

22. **fall into place**

a) if things fall into place in your mind, you suddenly realize and understand what is really happening:

Things were beginning to fall into place in my mind.

Everything suddenly fell into place.

b) if plans or events fall into place, they start to happen in the way that you hoped they would:

Eventually I got a job, and my life began to fall into place.

23. **be going places** *informal* to start becoming successful in your life:

William is a young man who is definitely going places.

24. **be in a good/bad etc place** *American English informal* to be in a good, bad etc situation

⇒ a/my/your etc happy place at ↑happy(10), ⇒ have/take pride of place at ↑pride¹(6)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ phrases

▪ **a meeting place** The club was a meeting place for musicians.

▪ **a hiding place** He had watched the farm workers from his hiding place.

▪ **a resting place** (=a place where someone or something stays or is buried) This tomb is the last resting place of the Davison family.

▪ **sb's place of birth** *formal* I need to know his date of birth, and his place of birth.

▪ **sb's place of work/employment** *formal* Please give the address of your place of work.

▪ **sb's place of residence** *formal* By law, you must inform us if you change your place of residence.

▪ **sb's/sth's place of origin** *formal* (=the place where someone or something first came from) I believe my mother's place of origin was Sierra Leone.

▪ **a place of safety** His young son had been sent away to a place of safety.

▪ **a place of refuge** (=somewhere safe to go or hide) If ever you need a place of refuge, come to us.

▪ **a place of worship** The church is much more than a place of worship.

▪ **a place of pilgrimage** (=one that people visit because it is special, usually for a religious reason) Her grave became a place of pilgrimage.

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THESAURUS

▪ **place** a point or area, especially one that you visit or use for a particular purpose: He's been to lots of places. | a good meeting place

▪ **position** the exact place where someone or something is, in relation to other things: She showed me the position of the village on the map. | I changed the position of the mirror slightly. | Jessica moved to a position where she could see the stage better.

▪ **point** a particular place on a line or surface: At this point the path gets narrower. | No cars are allowed beyond this point.

▪ **spot** a place, especially a particular kind of place, or a place where something happens. **Spot** sounds rather informal: She chose a sunny spot. | The area is a favourite spot for windsurfers. | This is the exact spot where I asked her to marry me.

▪ **location** a place where someone or something is, or where something happens. **Location** sounds more formal than **place**: your exact location | The prisoners were taken to an undisclosed location. | an ideal location for a winter break

▪ **site** a place, especially one that will be used for a particular purpose, or where something important happened: the site of a great battle | There are plans to develop the site for housing. | The area has become a dumping site for nuclear waste.

▪ **venue** a place where something such as a meeting, concert, game etc takes place: the venue for the next Olympic Games | The hotel is a popular wedding venue.

▪ **scene** the place where something bad such as an accident or crime happened: the scene of the crime | Ambulance crews were at the scene within minutes.

▪ **setting** the place and the area around it, where something is or where something happens: The hotel is in a beautiful setting. | the setting for the film 'A Room With a View' | Beautiful gardens provide the perfect setting for outdoor dining.

▪ **somewhere** used for talking about a place when you are not sure exactly which place: She came from somewhere in London.

▪ **whereabouts** the place where someone or something is – used especially when you do not know this or do not want to tell people: The whereabouts of the painting is unknown. | He refused to disclose his whereabouts. | I'm not sure about her whereabouts.

II. **place** ² **S2 W1** *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb*

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1. **POSITION** [**transitive** always + **adverb/preposition**] to put something somewhere, especially with care **SYN** put:

She poured the doctor a cup of tea and placed it on the table.

He carefully placed the folder back in his desk drawer.

2. **SITUATION** [**transitive** always + **adverb/preposition**] to put someone or something in a particular situation **SYN** put:

The government is being placed under pressure to give financial help to farmers.

Children must not be placed at risk.

Some areas of the city have been placed under curfew.

This places me in a very difficult position.

3. **IN A JOB/HOME** [**transitive**] *formal* to find a suitable job or home for someone:

Some unemployed people can be very difficult to place.

He was later placed with a foster family.

4. **ARRANGE SOMETHING** [transitive] to arrange for something to be done:

- He placed an advertisement in the local paper.
- You can place orders by telephone.
- I had no idea which horse I should place a bet on.

5. **HOW GOOD/IMPORTANT** [transitive always + adverb/preposition] to say how good or important you think someone or something is:

- I would place health quite high on my list of priorities.

place somebody/something above/before somebody/something

- Some museums seem to place profit above education.

6. **place value/importance/emphasis etc on something** to decide that something is important:

- Most people place too much value on money.
- The company places a lot of emphasis on training.

7. **can't place somebody** to recognize someone, but be unable to remember where you have met them before:

- I've seen her somewhere before, but I can't quite place her.

8. **be well/ideally etc placed**

a) to be in a good situation where you have the ability or opportunity to do something

be well/ideally placed to do something

- The company is now well placed to compete in Europe.

b) *British English* to be in a good place or position

be well/ideally etc placed for

- The hotel is well placed for most of London's theatres.

9. **RACES be placed first/second etc** to be first, second etc in a race or competition

REGISTER

Place is slightly formal in most of its meanings. In everyday English, people usually use **put** instead:

- She put the cup on the table.
- Innocent people were put at risk.
- They put an ad in the paper.
- ...

THESAURUS

- put** to move something to a particular place: I've put the wine in the fridge. | Where have you put my grey shirt?
- place** to put something somewhere carefully: 'It's beautiful,' he said, placing it back on the shelf.
- lay** to put someone or something down carefully on a flat surface: He laid all the money on the table. | She laid the baby on his bed.
- position** to carefully put something in a suitable position: Position the microphone to suit your height. | Troops were positioned around the city.
- slip** to put something somewhere with a quick movement: He slipped his arm around her waist. | Carrie quickly slipped the money into her bag.
- shove** to put something into a space or container quickly or carelessly: Shove anything you don't want in that sack. | I've ironed those shirts so don't just shove them in a drawer.
- stick** (also **bung** *British English*) *informal* to put something somewhere quickly or carelessly: I stuck the address in my pocket and I can't find it now. | Could you bung those clothes in the washing machine?
- dump** to put something down somewhere in a careless and untidy way: Don't just dump all your bags in the kitchen. | People shouldn't dump rubbish at the side of the street.
- pop** *informal* to quickly put something somewhere, usually for a short time: Pop it in the microwave for a minute.
- thrust** *literary* to put something somewhere suddenly or forcefully: 'Hide it,' he said, thrusting the watch into her hand.

place

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placement 5686

placements 826

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154 **57521**¹⁷¹ *nnu*

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