

I

1. [mæs] *n*

месса, литургия (у *католиков*); обедня

high mass - торжественная месса, обедня с пением

low mass - обедня без пения

pastoral mass - рождественская месса

Mass for the Dead - реквием, заупокойная месса

to say mass (for smb.'s soul) - служить обедню (за упокой чьей-л. души)

to go to mass - идти к обедне

2. [mæs] *v редк.*

1. служить обедню

2. присутствовать на обедне

II

1. [mæs] *n*

1. 1) масса

a mass of clay - глиняная масса

a solid mass of earth - сплошная /плотная/ масса земли

to mix flour and water until you get a uniform mass - смешивать муку и воду до получения однородной массы

the ship cut its way slowly through a mass /masses/ of ice - корабль медленно прокладывал путь через сплошную массу льда

2) куча, гряда; глыба

a mass of rock - а) каменная глыба; б) гряда /куча/ камня

a mass of snow - сугроб

2. 1) *тж. pl* масса, множество, большое количество; куча

a mass of flowers - масса /множество, изобилие/ цветов

a mass of things - масса /множество/ вещей

masses of people - *разг.* масса народу

a mass of evidence - множество /большое количество/ свидетельских показаний

he gave me a mass of useless information - он сообщил мне массу /кучу/ бесполезных сведений

there's masses of food - *разг.* полно еды

2) скопление

a mass of traffic - скопление машин; сплошной поток автомобилей

to gather in masses - скапливаться

3. большинство, большая часть

the (great) mass of the people - (огромное) большинство народа /людей/

the mass of the division - *воен.* главные силы дивизии

4. (the masses) *pl* народные массы

to improve the living conditions of the masses - улучшить условия жизни /поднять жизненный уровень/ простого народа

Shakespeare for the masses - Шекспир, изданный в серии народной библиотеки дешёвое издание Шекспира (*доступное всем*)

5. *воен.*

1) массирование; сосредоточение

a mass of fire - сосредоточение огня

2) линия колонн на сомкнутых интервалах

6. *физ.* масса

mass at rest - масса покоя

mass on the chemical [physical] scale - масса по химической [физической] шкале

the mass of a particle - масса частицы

mass analysis - анализ по массе

mass number - массовое число

mass scale - шкала масс

mass unit - единица массы

electrical charge per mass unit - удельный (электрический) заряд

◇ in the mass - в массе, в целом

the nation in the mass - весь народ

to be a /one/ mass of mistakes - быть полным ошибок

he is a /one/ mass of bruises - он весь в синяках

his story is a mass of lies - его рассказ - сплошная ложь

2. [mæs] *a*

массовый, широкий

mass execution [meeting, sports, destruction] - массовая казнь [-ый митинг, спорт, -ое уничтожение]

mass grave - братская могила

mass hysteria - повальная истерия

mass suggestion - а) массовое внушение; б) массовый гипноз

there was a mass drive against narcotics - развернулось широкое движение против наркомании

3. [mæs] *v*

1. 1) собирать в кучу; скапливать (*тж.* mass up)

the flowers were massed for effect - для создания эффекта цветы собрали в большой букет

2) собираться в кучу; скапливаться (*тж.* mass up)

crowds massed along the road - вдоль дороги скапливался народ
dark clouds massed and we expected rain - собирались тёмные тучи, предвещавшие дождь /следовало ждать дождя/

2. **воен.** сосредоточивать, массировать
to mass troops - сосредоточивать войска

mass

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

mass [mass masses massed massing] noun, adjective, verb BrE [mæs] ^ˈ NAmE [mæs] ^ˈ

noun

1. **countable** ~ (of sth) a large amount of a substance that does not have a definite shape or form

- a mass of snow and rocks falling down the mountain
- The hill appeared as a black mass in the distance.
- The sky was full of dark masses of clouds.

2. **countable, usually singular** ~ of sth a large amount or quantity of sth

- a mass of blonde hair
- I began sifting through the mass of evidence.

3. **singular** ~ of sth a large number of people or things grouped together, often in a confused way

- I struggled through the mass of people to the exit.
- The page was covered with a mass of figures.

4. **masses plural** ~ (of sth) (informal) a large number or amount of sth

Syn: ↑lots

- There were masses of people in the shops yesterday.
- I've got masses of work to do.
- Don't give me any more. I've eaten masses!

5. **the masses plural** the ordinary people in society who are not leaders or who are considered to be not very well educated

- government attempts to suppress dissatisfaction among the masses
- a TV programme that brings science to the masses

6. **the mass of sth singular** the most; the majority

- The reforms are unpopular with the mass of teachers and parents.

7. **uncountable (technical)** the quantity of material that sth contains

- calculating the mass of a planet **Weight** is used in non-technical language for this meaning.

see also ↑biomass, ↑critical mass, ↑land mass

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **masse**, from Latin **massa**, from Greek **maza** 'barley cake'; perhaps related to **massein** 'knead'.

Example Bank:

- Bodybuilders trying to gain muscle mass eat a lot of protein.
- Calcium deficiency can lead to low bone mass in adolescent girls.
- She never failed to attend Sunday Mass.
- The local priest celebrates Mass in the village church.
- The product has to be good enough to achieve a critical mass of customers.
- Their policies appeal to the broad mass of the population.
- There were masses of people at the concert.
- When I washed the jumper, it just turned into a shapeless mass.
- a chaotic mass of ideas
- a dense mass of smoke
- a requiem Mass for the sailors who drowned
- a swirling mass of shadows
- a tangled mass of hair
- the first women to cross Antarctica's land mass on foot
- the image of America with arms open wide to the world's huddled masses
- A mass of snow and rocks was falling down the mountain.
- As a black hole gives off particles and radiation, it will lose mass.
- The hill appeared as a dark mass in the distance.

Idiom: ↑a mass of

Derived Word ↑massed

adjective only before noun

affecting or involving a large number of people or things

- **mass unemployment /production**
- weapons of mass destruction
- Their latest product is aimed at the **mass market**.

see also ↑mass-market

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Thesaurus:

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large-scale •• **general** •• **widespread** •• **broad** •• **wide** •• **wholesale** •• **extensive** •

mass/large-scale/general/widespread/broad/wide/extensive **support**

mass/general/widespread/broad/wide **appeal**

mass/large-scale/general/widespread/wholesale/extensive **destruction**

Mass or large-scale ? **Mass** is used especially when a lot of people are involved especially all together in one place; **large-scale** is used especially to talk about business activities that need a lot of resources and affect a wide area

- a mass movement/audience/protest/demonstration
- a large-scale enterprise/project/operation

Example Bank:

- The industrial revolution heralded the start of mass production.
- The play was so awful that there was a mass exodus from the theatre at the interval
- Their latest product is aimed at the mass market.
- They were aiming to control the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
- a mass movement/audience/protest/demonstration
- a mass murderer/grave
- large-scale/mass production/unemployment
- the mass media/market

verb intransitive, transitive

to come together in large numbers; to gather people or things together in large numbers

- **(+ adv./prep.)** Demonstrators had massed outside the embassy.
- Dark clouds massed on the horizon.
- **~ sb/sth** The general massed his troops for a final attack.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	mass
	BrE /mæs/
	NAme /mæs/
he / she /it	masses
	BrE /mæsɪz/
	NAme /mæsɪz/
past simple, past participle	massed
-ing form	massing
	BrE /mæsɪŋ/
	NAme /mæsɪŋ/

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- Dark clouds massed heavily on the horizon.
- Their troops were massing for war.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **mass**¹ **W2** /mæs/ BrE " AmE " noun

[Sense 1-2,5-6: Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: masse, from Latin massa, from Greek maza]

[Sense 3-4: Date: 800-900; Language: Vulgar Latin; Origin: missa 'sending away at the end of a religious service', from Latin mittere 'to send']

1. LARGE AMOUNT

a) [countable] a large amount of a substance which does not have a definite or regular shape:

" The food had congealed into a sticky mass.

mass of

" a high mass of rock

b) [countable usually singular] a large amount or quantity of something

mass of

" a huge mass of data

c) masses of something *British English informal* a large amount of something, or a lot of people or things:

" Masses of books covered every surface in the room.

2. CROWD [singular] a large crowd

mass of

" There was a mass of people around the club entrance.

" The road was blocked by a solid mass of protesters.

3. the masses all the ordinary people in society who do not have power or influence:

The trains provided cheap travel for the masses.

4. **the mass of people /the population /workers etc** most of the people in a group or society **SYN the majority** :

" The war is strongly supported by the mass of the population.

5. **CHURCH CEREMONY (also Mass)**

a) [uncountable and countable] the main ceremony in some Christian churches, especially the Roman Catholic Church, which celebrates the last meal that Jesus Christ ate:

" What time do you go to mass?

morning/evening/midnight etc Mass

" Will I see you at morning Mass?

say/celebrate Mass (=perform this ceremony as a priest) ⇒ ↑High Mass

b) [countable] a piece of music written to be performed at the ceremony of mass:

" Mozart's Mass in C minor

6. **SCIENCE [uncountable] technical** the amount of material in something:

" The Sun makes up 99.9% of the mass of our solar system.

⇒ ↑critical mass

II. **mass**² **W3 BrE** ^{AmE} **adjective [only before noun]**

involving or intended for a very large number of people:

" a mass protest

" weapons of mass destruction

" the problem of mass unemployment

mass marketing/entertainment etc

" a mass marketing campaign

" Email has made mass mailings possible at the touch of a button.

III. **mass**³ **BrE** ^{AmE} **verb [intransitive and transitive]**

to come together, or to make people or things come together, in a large group **SYN gather**

mass (something) behind/along/in etc something

" Western reports say that troops have been massing in the region since December.

" grey clouds massing behind the mountains

" Both countries have massed troops along the border.

mass

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massed 544

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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3924 **6235**⁵⁸⁵¹ *np1*

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