

country

1. ['kʌntri] *n*
- 1) страна
member country - страна-член (*какой-л. организации*); страна-участница (*какого-л. соглашения*)
giving country - страна, предоставляющая помощь
country of origin - страна происхождения (*особ. товара*)
 - население, народ страны
the country is opposed to war - вся страна /весь народ/ против войны
 - избиратели
to go /to appeal/ to the country - распустить парламент и назначить новые выборы
to put oneself on one's /the/ country - обратиться (своим) избирателям
 - родина, отечество
this country - наша страна, моё отечество
country sickness - тоска по родине, ностальгия
 - мк. sing* местность, территория
wooded [mountainous, hilly, sandy, fertile, barren] country - лесистая [гористая, холмистая, песчаная, плодородная, бесплодная] местность
broken /rough/ country - пересечённая /неровная/ местность
level country - равнина
 - (the country) *мк. sing* деревня, сельская местность, провинция
in the country - в деревне, за городом; на даче
 - область, сфера (*знаний, идей и т. п.*)
this is unknown country to me - это неизвестная для меня область
 - юр.* присяжные заседатели; жюри присяжных заседателей
 - (the Country) *спорт.* бег по пересечённой местности
 - музыка «кантри»
◇ every country has its customs; so many countries, so many customs - ≅ что (ни) город, то норов, что (ни) деревня, то обычай
2. ['kʌntri] *a*
- деревенский, сельский
fresh country air - свежий деревенский воздух
country speech - просторечие
country manners [wit] - грубоватые манеры [остроты]
country road - просёлочная дорога; дорога местного значения
 - отдалённый от центра, провинциальный
country town - провинциальный город
 - относящийся к музыке «кантри»
country singer - исполнитель песен «кантри»

country

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coun-try [country countries] *BrE* ['kʌntri] ^m *NAmE* ['kʌntri] ^m noun (pl.**coun-tries**)

- countable** an area of land that has or used to have its own government and laws
 - European countries
 - leading industrial countries
 - She didn't know what life in a **foreign country** would be like.
 - It's good to meet people from **different parts of the country**.
- uncountable** (often following an adjective) an area of land, especially with particular physical features, suitable for a particular purpose or connected with a particular person or people
 - open/wooded, etc. country**
 - superb **walking country**
 - Explore Thomas Hardy country.

see also ↑backcountry
- the country singular** the people of a **country**; the nation as a whole
 - They have the support of most of the country.
 - The rich benefited from the reforms, not the **country as a whole**.

see also ↑mother country, ↑old country, ↑up-country
- the country singular** any area outside towns and cities, with fields, woods, farms, etc
 - to live **in the country**
 - We spent a pleasant day in the country.
 - a country lane
- uncountable** = ↑country and western
 - pop, folk and country

more at it's a free country **at** ↑free _{adj.}

Idioms: ↑across country ▪ ↑go to the country

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **cuntree**, from medieval Latin **contrata (terra)** '(land) lying opposite', from Latin **contra** 'against, opposite'.

Thesaurus:

country noun

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- I like travelling to different countries.

nation • **state** • **power** • **superpower** • **literary land** •

a **foreign** country/nation/state/power/land

rule a country/nation/state/land

govern a country/nation/state

Country, nation or state? You can use all these words to refer to a country as a political unit or to its government **Country** and **nation** can also refer to an area where people live, its economy, culture, etc. **Country** is the only word which can be used to refer to a country as a geographical area

- a newly independent nation/country/state
- a wealthy nation/country
- a hot country

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- She lives in the country.
- We came to an area of wooded country.

countryside • **landscape** • **the land** • **scenery** • **written terrain** • **technical topography** •

the surrounding country/countryside/landscape/land/scenery/terrain

mountain/mountainous/wild/rugged country/countryside/landscape/scenery/terrain

beautiful/glorious/stunning/dramatic/magnificent/spectacular country/countryside/landscape/scenery

3. the country sing.

- This issue has divided the country.

the nation • **population** • **the public** • **community** • **society** •

the country/the nation/the population/the public/the community/society **at large/as a whole**

the **entire** country/nation/population/community

shock the country/nation/public/community

The country or the nation? **The country** is used slightly more to talk about political issues; **the nation** is used slightly more when talking about cultural issues.

Collocations:

Town and country

Town

live in a city/a town/an urban environment/(informal) a concrete jungle/the suburbs/shanty towns/slums

live (*especially NAmE*) downtown/in the downtown area/(BrE) in the city centre

enjoy/like the hectic pace of life/the hustle and bustle of city life

cope with the stress/pressure of urban life

get caught up in the rat race

prefer/seek the anonymity of life in a big city

be drawn by/resist the lure of the big city

head for the bright lights (of the big city/New York)

enjoy/love the vibrant/lively nightlife

have/be close to all the amenities

be surrounded by towering skyscrapers/a soulless urban sprawl

use/travel by/rely on (BrE) public transport/(NAmE) public transportation

put up with/get stuck in/sit in massive/huge/heavy/constant traffic jams

tackle/ease/relieve/alleviate the heavy/severe traffic congestion

be affected/choked/damaged by pollution

Country

live in a village/the countryside/an isolated area/a rural backwater/(informal) the sticks

enjoy/like the relaxed/slower pace of life

enjoy/love/explore the great outdoors

look for/find/get/enjoy a little peace and quiet

need/want to get back/closer to nature

be surrounded by open/unspoilt/picturesque countryside

escape/quit/get out of/leave the rat race

seek/achieve a better/healthy work-life balance

downshift to a less stressful life

seek/start a new life in the country

(BrE, informal) **up sticks** (NAmE, informal) **pull up stakes** and move to/head for...

create/build/foster a strong sense of community

depend on/be employed in/work in agriculture

live off/farm/work the land

tackle/address the problem of rural unemployment

Synonyms:

country

landscape • countryside • terrain • land • scenery

These are all words for areas away from towns and cities, with fields, woods and farms.

country • (often **the country**) an area that is away from towns and cities, especially one with particular natural features: ▪ She

lives in the country. ◇ an area of wooded country

landscape • everything that you can see when you look across a large area of land, especially in the country: ▫ This pattern of woods and fields is typical of the English landscape.

countryside • land outside towns and cities, with fields, woods and farms. **Countryside** is usually used when you are talking about the beauty or peacefulness of a country area: ▫ a little village in the French countryside .

terrain • (formal) land. **Terrain** is used when you are describing the natural features of an area, for example if it is rough, flat, etc: ▫ The truck bumped its way over the rough terrain.

land • (usually **the land**) the countryside; the way people live in the country as opposed to in towns and cities: ▫ Many younger people are leaving the land to find work in the cities.

scenery • the natural features of an area, such as mountains, valleys, rivers and forests, especially when these are attractive to look at: ▫ We stopped on the mountain pass to admire the scenery.

mountainous/mountain/wild/rugged country/landscape/countryside/terrain/scenery

beautiful/glorious/dramatic country/landscape/countryside/scenery

open country/landscape/countryside/terrain/land

rolling country/landscape/countryside

to **protect** the landscape/countryside/land

Which Word?:

country / state

Country is the most usual, neutral word for a geographical area that has or used to have its own government

State emphasizes the political organization of an area under an independent government Especially in *BrE*, it can also mean the government ▫ the member states of the EU ◇ ▫ The state provides free education. In *NAmE* **the state** usually refers to one of the 50 states of the US, not to the government of the country as a whole.

Example Bank:

- 'It's a free country!' he shouted. 'I can do what I like!'
- All goods must be clearly labelled with their country of origin.
- He accused the government of leading the country to disaster.
- He cannot be deported to his country of origin.
- He loved his country deeply.
- He plans to travel the country by motorcycle.
- He travelled the country on his motorbike.
- I'm proud to serve my country.
- It's difficult to live in a foreign country when you don't speak the language.
- Many refugee servicemen gave their lives for their adopted country.
- New schools are being built throughout the country.
- OECD member countries
- Our country needs a leader like her.
- Over 30 countries participated in the Games.
- She lives in the country.
- She represented her country at the Beijing Olympics.
- The country exports around 80% of its output.
- The country is suffering from rising unemployment.
- The country was ruled by a brutal dictatorship.
- The former president has been forced to flee the country.
- The issue of the single currency has divided the country.
- The play has been enjoyed by audiences in this country and abroad for many years.
- The refugees do jobs that workers in the host country refuse to do.
- The rich benefited from the reforms, not the country as a whole.
- The town is surrounded by miles and miles of open country.
- The two countries signed a basic treaty of cooperation.
- There will be rain in many parts of the country tomorrow.
- They are holding special events all over the country.
- They drove across the country.
- This is just one of 30 sites around the country.
- This part of Africa is rich farming country.
- We must remember those who died defending their country.
- We operate in ten countries around the globe.
- What must it be like, to grow old in a strange country?
- Whole tracts of country, once fertile, have become arid.
- Years of civil war had ravaged the country.
- a beautiful stretch of country
- a commander who saved his country from invasion
- countries bordering the Black Sea
- economically advanced countries
- industrially backward countries
- new restrictions on goods entering the country
- people who live in this country
- students from overseas countries

- superb walking country
- the country of his birth
- the politicians who run the country
- this great country of ours
- I don't really enjoy country life.
- I like going to different countries and meeting new people.
- It's good to meet people from different parts of the country.
- She didn't know what life in a foreign country would be like.
- Sugar is only produced in tropical countries.
- The country air should do you good.
- The house is at the end of a narrow country lane.
- There have often been disagreements between town and country.
- They drove along a remote country road.
- They tramped across miles of open country.
- We came to an area of wooded country.
- We need to improve the standards of education in this country.
- a little country town
- a typical country cottage with roses around the door

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I. **country**¹ **S1 W1** /'kʌntri/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun** (plural **countries**)

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: contrée, from Medieval Latin contrata '(land) which lies opposite', from Latin contra;

⇒ †contra-]

1. **[countable]** an area of land that is controlled by its own government, president, king etc ⇒ **nation**:

- the Scandinavian countries
- developing countries
- travelling to a foreign country ⇒ †mother country

2. **the country**

a) land that is outside towns and cities, including land used for farming **SYN the countryside**

in the country

- I've always wanted to live in the country.

b) all the people who live in a particular country:

- The President has the support of the country.

3. **[uncountable]** an area of land that is suitable for a particular activity, has particular features, or is connected with a particular person or people:

- The Peak District is good walking country.
- mountainous country
- the rugged moors of Brontë country

4. **[uncountable]** country and western music:

- I'm a big fan of country.

5. **go to the country** *British English* if a prime minister goes to the country, they ask for a †general election to be held

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + country

- **a foreign country** (=not your own country) Have you ever worked in a foreign country?
- **a strange country** (=not your own country) She was in a strange country, with no friends and no family.
- **a European/African/Asian etc country** The President will be visiting four European countries.
- **a democratic/capitalist/communist etc country** the former socialist countries of Eastern Europe
- **your home/native country** (=where you were born or live permanently) After five years in America, she returned to her home country, Japan.
- **a developing/Third World country** (=poor and trying to increase its industry and trade) Many developing countries receive some foreign aid.
- **a developed country** (=rich and where most people have a comfortable life) Developed countries are responsible for most emissions of carbon dioxide.
- **an underdeveloped country** (=poor and developing more slowly than others) The disease still exists, mainly in underdeveloped countries.
- **an industrialized country** America and other industrialized countries
- **an advanced country** technologically advanced countries such as Japan
- **a Christian/Muslim/Catholic etc country** England became a Christian country in the seventh century.
- **your adopted country** (=that you have chosen to live in permanently) I felt proud of my adopted country, America.
- **a great country** (=important, with many past achievements) the great countries of Europe
- **an independent country** (=not controlled by another country) Malaysia has been an independent country since 1963.
- **an occupied country** (=controlled by an army from another country) For many years, Egypt was an occupied country.
- **a free country** (=where people's actions are not too restricted) You can go where you like – it's a free country.
- **a member country** (=belonging to a particular international organization) the member countries of the European Community
- **the host country** (=where an event is held) Which is the host country for the next Olympic Games?

■ verbs

- **run/govern the country** (=officially control a country) The government has the job of running the country.
- **rule a country** (=have complete control of a country) For a long time the country was ruled by military dictators.

- **leave the country** The journalists were given 24 hours to leave the country.
- **flee the country** (=leave it very quickly to avoid trouble) At the outbreak of the war, many people fled the country.
- **serve your country** (=work for your country in an official way) Remember those who are serving our country as soldiers, sailors, and airmen.
- **lead the country** She became the first woman to lead the country.
- **represent your country** It's a great honour to be chosen to represent your country in a sport.
- **betray your country** (=be disloyal, especially by giving secrets to other countries) He betrayed his country for the sake of communism.

■ phrases

- **sb's/sth's country of origin** (=where you were born or live permanently, or where something was produced) Please give your name, age, and country of origin.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + country

- **open country** (=away from towns, and with few buildings, walls, trees etc) We left the city and headed towards the open country in the north.
- **wild country** (=not used or farmed by people) I love the wild country of the Scottish Highlands.
- **rough country** (=difficult to travel over) a vehicle especially designed for rough country
- **walking/riding/farming etc country** To the east is an area of rich farming country.
- **mountain/mountainous country** a vast stretch of mountain country
- **hill/hilly country** He grew up in Texas hill country.
- **wooded country** (=with a lot of trees) They escaped through hilly, wooded country.
- **desert country** Not much grows in this desert country.

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- **country** an area of land controlled by its own government, president, king etc: Thailand is a beautiful country. | Which country would you most like to visit?
- **nation** a country, considered especially in relation to its people and its political and economic structure: The events shocked the whole nation. | The US is the most powerful nation in the world. | Leaders of the world's major industrialized nations attended the meeting.
- **state** a country considered as a political organization with its own government: They believe that Scotland should be an independent sovereign state. | Most European states joined the Council of Europe.
- **power** a country that is very strong and important: a meeting of the great powers | Britain is still a world power.
- **superpower** one of the most powerful countries in the world: During the Cuban Missile Crisis there was a real danger of conflict between the two world superpowers.
- **land literary** a country – used in stories: He told them about his journeys to foreign lands. | a traveller from a far-offland

II. country² BrE² AmE² adjective [only before noun]

1. belonging to or connected with the countryside **SYN rural** **OPP urban**:

" They much preferred country life to life in the city.

2. relating to country and western music:

" a country singer

country

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