

[fækt] *n*

## 1. факт, событие, явление; обстоятельство

dry facts - голые факты

stark facts - голые /неприкрашенные/ факты

established fact - установленный факт

fixed fact - твёрдо установленный факт

salient facts - самые существенные /основные/ факты; суть дела

accomplished fact - свершившийся факт

to place before an accomplished fact - поставить перед свершившимся фактом

a certain physical fact - известное физическое явление

fact of common knowledge - *юр.* общеизвестный факт (*не требующий доказательств*)facts of life - а) факты как они есть; правда жизни; б) *эвф.* сведения о половой жизни

to let children know the facts of life - сообщать детям сведения, нужные для их полового воспитания

the facts are as follows - факты таковы

facts are stubborn things - факты - упрямая вещь

## 2. истина, реальность, действительность

to look facts in the face - видеть вещи такими, какие они есть; смотреть фактам в лицо

but this is a fact! - но ведь это правда!

I know it for a fact - я знаю, что это факт /правда/; в этом нет никакого сомнения

he would always do it himself, that's a fact - он всегда делал это сам, честное слово

is this a fact or is it just your opinion? - это действительно факт или только ваше предположение?

the fact is that ... - дело в том, что ...

the fact is she didn't even read the letter - дело в том, что она даже не прочла этого письма

in /as a matter of, in point of/ fact - а) на самом деле, в действительности in fact, not in word - не на словах, а на деле; б) даже,

к тому же; I think so, in fact I am sure - думаю, что это так, я даже уверен в этом

he does not mind, in fact he is very pleased - он вовсе не огорчён, наоборот, он очень рад

3. *pl*

## 1) данные; аргументы

his facts are false - приведённые им данные неверны

you must prove your facts - вам придётся доказать правильность ваших данных

I dispute all your facts - я отрицаю всё, что вы утверждаете

2) *юр.* доказательства, улики4. *юр.* противоправное деяние; правонарушение; преступлениеaccessory after [before] the fact *см.* accessory | 1

to confess the fact - сознаться в преступлении /в правонарушении/

## fact

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**fact** [fact facts] *BrE* [fækt] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [fækt] <sup>ˈ</sup> noun

## 1. singular ~ (that...) used to refer to a particular situation that exists

• I could no longer ignore the fact that he was deeply unhappy.

• **Despite the fact that** she was wearing a seat belt, she was thrown sharply forward• **Due to the fact that** they did not read English, the prisoners were unaware of what they were signing.• She was happy **apart from the fact that** she could not return home.• Voluntary work was particularly important **in view of the fact that** women were often forced to give up paid work on marriage.

• How do you account for the fact that unemployment is still rising?

• **The fact remains** that we are still two teachers short.

• The mere fact of being poor makes such children criminals in the eyes of the police.

## 2. countable a thing that is known to be true, especially when it can be proved

• Isn't it a fact that the firm is losing money?

• (*informal*) I haven't spoken to anyone in English for days **and that's a fact** .• I **know for a fact** (= I am certain) that she's involved in something illegal.• The judge instructed both lawyers to **stick to the facts** of the case.

• First, some basic facts about healthy eating!

• The report is based on **hard facts** (= information that can be proved to be true) .• If you're going to make accusations, you'd better **get your facts right** (= make sure your information is correct) .• It's about time you learnt to **face (the) facts** (= accepted the truth about the situation) .

## 3. uncountable things that are true rather than things that have been invented

• The story is based on fact.

• It's important to distinguish fact from fiction.

**more at** as a matter of fact **at** ↑ **matter** <sub>n</sub>, in point of fact **at** ↑ **point** <sub>n</sub>.**Idioms:** ↑ **Is that a fact?** ▪ ↑ **after the fact** ▪ ↑ **fact is ...** ▪ ↑ **fact of life** ▪ ↑ **facts and figures** ▪ ↑ **facts of life** ▪ ↑ **facts speak for themselves** ▪↑ **in fact**Word Origin:late 15th cent.: from Latin **factum**, neuter past participle of **facere** 'do'. The original sense was 'an act', later 'a crime', surviving in the phrase before (or after) the fact. The earliest of the current senses ('truth, reality') dates from the late 16th cent.Thesaurus:

fact noun

1. sing., U

- In actual fact, the work is very easy.

**the truth • • reality • • so • • the case • • the real world • • real life •**

**Opp:** fiction

**in** fact/reality/the real world/real life

the fact (of the matter)/the truth (of the matter)/the case **is that...**

**face/accept/ignore** the fact/the truth/reality

2. C

- Let's look at some basic facts about healthy eating.

**point • • detail • • information • • data • • intelligence • • figure • • statistics • |informal stats • • info • |formal particular •**

(a) fact/point/detail/information/data/intelligence/stats/info/particulars **about/relating to** sb/sth

**accurate/precise** facts/details/information/data/intelligence/figures/statistics /stats/info

**give (sb)** the facts/details/information/data/figures/statistics /stats/info/particulars

### Language Bank:

**however**

*Ways of saying 'but'*

- Politicians have promised to improve road safety. So far, **however** ▪, little has been achieved.

**Despite** ▪ clear evidence from road safety studies, no new measures have been introduced.

- Politicians have promised to improve road safety. **In spite of this** ▪ / **Despite this** ▪, little has been achieved so far.

**Although** ▪ politicians have promised to improve road safety, little has been achieved so far.

- Some politicians claim that the new transport policy has been a success. **In fact** ▪, it has been a total disaster.

▪ Government campaigns have had a measure of success, **but the fact remains that** ▪ large numbers of accidents are still caused by careless drivers.

Language Bank at [↑nevertheless](#)

### Example Bank:

- All the facts and figures were presented at the meeting.
- Do you know for a fact that he is in London?
- Due to the fact that they did not read English, the prisoners were unaware of what they were signing.
- For God's sake, look at the facts!
- He doesn't seem able to grasp this basic fact.
- He got the job, despite the fact that he has no experience.
- He knew their bitterness stemmed from the fact that he was in charge.
- Historians must first select the facts that they present.
- I appreciate the fact that you're under a lot of pressure at the moment.
- I think you need to check your facts.
- I thought the work would be difficult. In actual fact, it's very easy.
- I used to live in France; in fact, not far from where you're going.
- I'm afraid you'll have to face facts. She'll never marry you.
- I'm not making excuses— I'm just stating a fact.
- If he was bored, he managed to hide the fact very well.
- If you're going to make accusations, you'd better get your facts right.
- It is a well-known fact that girls do better than boys at school.
- It is an sad fact of life that the most deserving people do not often achieve the most success.
- It's a simple statement of fact.
- It's not wild speculation! It's a plain matter of fact.
- It's very hard to do this on a home computer. Not to mention the fact that it's actually illegal.
- Just stick to the facts.
- No one can deny this fact.
- Prices reflect the fact that the company is aiming at the luxury market.
- She already knew the facts she needed.
- She resented the fact that I had more freedom than her.
- She resented the fact that I was older and had more freedom than her.
- She was happy, apart from the fact that she could not return home.
- She wouldn't accept the fact that she had lost.
- She's taking her children on holiday, despite the fact that school starts tomorrow.
- Students need time to assimilate the facts.
- The Loch Ness Monster: fact or fiction?
- The fact remains that we are still two teachers short.
- The facts of the case are quite straightforward.
- The findings are not surprising, given the facts:...
- The job of the teacher is not simply to impart facts.
- The known facts of the case are as follows.
- The mere fact of your being there will arouse their suspicions.
- The police have to support their case with hard facts.
- The problem was compounded by the fact that I had no idea what I was looking for— only 'some sort of clue'.
- The recent improvements should not obscure the fact that general standards are still far too low.
- The report draws attention to the fact that the country is now a net exporter of the product.

- These are all incontrovertible facts.
- These facts have not yet been proved.
- This approach ignores the fact that people, not computers, commit crimes.
- This does not change the fact that a crime has been committed.
- We don't have all the facts yet.
- We learned several interesting facts about elephants.
- We sat miserably in the pub, lamenting the fact that our dry clothes were a 60-mile bus journey away.
- We waited miserably, lamenting the fact that our suitcases had been put on the wrong plane.
- When making your presentation, it is important to have all the facts at your fingertips.
- You must look at all the relevant facts.
- a growing recognition of the fact that learning may take different forms
- a novel based on historical fact
- a rather harsh fact of life
- different ways of interpreting the facts
- the bare facts of war
- the best way of establishing the facts
- Despite the fact that she was wearing a seat belt, she was thrown sharply forward.
- First, let's look at some basic facts about healthy eating.
- I know for a fact that he's involved in something illegal.
- I wish you'd get your facts right!
- I've asked to see all the facts and figures before I make a decision.
- Isn't it a fact that the firm is losing money?
- It's a fact of life that you don't get anything for nothing.
- It's important to distinguish fact from fiction.
- It's time you learnt to face the facts.
- She'd never even met him till last week and that's a fact.
- The facts speak for themselves.
- The judge ordered both lawyers to stick to the facts.
- The report is based on hard facts.
- There are certain facts you need to be aware of.

## fact

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**fact** **S1 W1** /fækt/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun*

[**Word Family:** *noun:* ↑**fact**; *adverb:* ↑**factually**; *adjective:* ↑**factual**]

[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** factum 'thing done', from facere 'to do, make']

**1. TRUE INFORMATION** [**countable**] a piece of information that is known to be true

**fact about**

▪ The book is full of facts about the World Cup.

**fact of**

▪ First of all, we need to know the facts of the case.

**it's a fact/that's a fact** (=used to emphasize that something is definitely true or that something definitely happened)

▪ The divorce rate is twice as high as in the 1950s – that's a fact.

**is that a fact?** (=used to reply to a statement that you find surprising, interesting, or difficult to believe)

▪ 'She used to be a professional singer.' 'Is that a fact?'

**2. the fact (that)** used when talking about a situation and saying that it is true:

▪ Our decision to build the museum in Hartlepool was influenced by the fact that there were no national museums in the North East.

▪ He refused to help me, despite the fact that I asked him several times.

**given the fact (that)/in view of the fact (that)** (=used when saying that a particular fact influences your judgement about something or someone)

▪ Given the fact that this is their first game, I think they did pretty well.

**due to the fact (that)/owing to the fact (that)** (=because)

▪ The school's poor exam record is largely due to the fact that it is chronically underfunded.

▪ The fact we didn't win when we were so close is very disappointing.

**3. in (actual) fact**

**a)** used when you are adding something, especially something surprising, to emphasize what you have just said:

▪ I know the mayor really well. In fact, I had dinner with her last week.

**b)** used to emphasize that the truth about a situation is the opposite of what has been mentioned:

▪ They told me it would be cheap but in fact it cost me nearly \$500.

▪ Her teachers said she was a slow learner, whereas in actual fact she was partially deaf.

**4. the fact (of the matter) is spoken** used when you are telling someone what is actually true in a particular situation, especially when this may be difficult to accept, or different from what people believe:

▪ The fact of the matter is that he's just not up to the job.

**5. the fact remains** used to emphasize that what you are saying about a situation is true and people must realize this:

▪ The fact remains that the number of homeless people is rising daily.

**6. REAL EVENTS/NOT A STORY** [**uncountable**] situations, events etc that really happened and have not been invented **OPP** **fiction**:

▪ Much of the novel is based on fact.

▪ It's a news reporter's job to separate fact from fiction.

**7. facts and figures** [**plural**] the basic details, numbers etc concerning a particular situation or subject:

▪ Here are a few facts and figures about the country.

8. **the facts speak for themselves** used to say that the things that have happened or the things someone has done show clearly that something is true

9. **after the fact** after something has happened or been done, especially after a mistake has been made

⇒ **as a matter of fact** at ↑*matter*<sup>1</sup>(4), ⇒ **face facts** at ↑*face*<sup>2</sup>(2), ⇒ **in point of fact** at ↑*point*<sup>1</sup>(17)

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ adjectives

- **the basic/key facts** The report outlines the basic facts concerning the case.
- **a well-known fact** It is a well-known fact that new cars lose a lot of their value in the first year.
- **a little-known fact** It is a little-known fact that the actor was born in London.
- **an interesting fact** The research revealed some interesting facts about the behaviour of cats.
- **a curious/remarkable fact** It is a remarkable fact that elephants do not use their trunks to suck up water until they are over four months old.
- **hard facts** (=information that is definitely true and can be proven) His theory is supported by hard facts.
- **a historical/scientific fact** This was presented as a historical fact when it was just an opinion.
- **the bare facts** (=only the basic general facts of a situation) We know the bare facts of his life, but nothing about what he was really like.

### ■ verbs

- **give somebody/provide the facts** Newspapers have a duty to give their readers the facts.
- **establish/piece together the facts** (=find out what actually happened in a situation) The police are still piecing together the facts.
- **examine the facts** I decided to examine the facts for myself.
- **state the facts** (=say what you know is true) Press reports often fail to state the facts completely.
- **stick to the facts** (=say only what you know is true) Just stick to the facts when the police interview you.

### ■ phrases

- **know for a fact** (=used to say that something is definitely true) I know for a fact that she is older than me.
- **get your facts right/straight** (=make sure that what you say or believe is correct) You should get your facts straight before making accusations.
- **get your facts wrong** It's no use putting together a beautifully-written argument if you get your facts wrong.

## fact

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