

1. [raɪt] *n*1. **правильность, правота, справедливость**

by right or wrong - всеми правдами и неправдами

to be in the right - быть правым

to defend the right - защищать справедливость /правое дело/

to know the difference between right and wrong - знать, что правильно и что неправильно; \cong отличать белое от чёрного

to do smb. right - отдавать кому-л. должное; поступать с кем-л. справедливо

2. **право; привилегия**

civil rights - гражданские права

fundamental rights - основные права

human rights - права человека

natural rights of man - естественные права человека

treaty rights - договорные права

right of action - *юр.* право на иск

right to work [to rest] - право на труд [на отдых]

rights and duties - права и обязанности

right of legation - *дип.* право посольства; право посылать дипломатическое представительство

right of passage - право проезда, прохода *и т. п.*

right of common - право на совместное /общее/ пользование (*чем-л.*); общее /совместное/ право (*на что-л.*)

right of war - *юр.* право войны, право обращения к войне

to claim a /one's/ right - предъявить претензию (*на что-л.*); требовать своего, требовать причитающегося по праву

as of right - как полагающийся по праву; как само собой разумеющийся

to be member as of right - быть автоматически членом (*организации*)

pensions should be given as of right - пенсии должны назначаться как нечто полагающееся по праву

in one's own right - а) *юр.* в своём праве; по себе; а peeress in her own right - пэресса в своём праве; женщина-пэр; а queen

in her own right - царствующая королева, королева по себе (*в отличие от жены короля*); б) сам по себе, независимо от других людей *или* обстоятельств

Marie Curie was a great scientist in her own right - Мария Кюри и сама была выдающимся учёным

by right of - по праву (*чего-л.*)

by right(s) - по праву, справедливо

the property is not mine by right(s) - это имущество не принадлежит мне по праву

3. *pl*1) **право на разработку *или* эксплуатацию чего-л.**

mineral rights - право на разработку недр

fishing rights - право на рыбную ловлю

2) **право на использование произведения искусства**

film rights of the novel - право на экранизацию романа

stage right - право на постановку пьесы

4. **обыкн. *pl* действительные факты, истинное положение вещей**

the rights (and wrongs) of a case - состояние дела

5. *pl* **порядок**

to bring /to set, to put/ to rights - а) приводить в порядок /в должное состояние/; наводить порядок; he set the boy to rights and showed him where his duty lay - он разъяснил юноше его заблуждения и указал ему на его истинные обязанности; б)

восстановить силы, вылечить

to be to rights - быть в порядке

2. [raɪt] *a*1. **правый, справедливый**

to be right - быть правым

to do the right thing by smb. - справедливо поступить с кем-л.

to do what is right - правильно поступать; сделать то, что следует

it would be only right to tell you - было бы только справедливо сказать вам

it is not right to tell lies - лгать нехорошо

2. **верный, правильный**

the right answer - верный /правильный/ ответ

right use of words - правильное употребление слов

right account of the matter - правильное изложение дела

to get smth. right - прекрасно понять что-л., быть /стать/ совершенно ясным (*для кого-л.*)

to get it right - понять правильно

that's right - верно, совершенно справедливо, правильно

right you are! - а) верно!, ваша правда!; б) идёт!, есть такое дело!

is that the right address? - это правильный адрес?

can you tell me the right time? - скажите, пожалуйста, точно, который сейчас час?

3. **надлежащий; подходящий, уместный**

the right size - нужный размер

just the right colour - как раз подходящий цвет

the right man in the right place - человек на своём месте, подходящий для данного дела человек

the right house - тот самый дом (который нужен)

not the right Mr. Smith - не тот-н Смит (а другой)

he will always find the right thing to say - он всегда говорит подходящие слова /кстати, то, что следует/

he understood that it was not the right thing to do - он понял, что этого не следовало делать

4. здоровый, в хорошем состоянии; исправный

to feel all right - хорошо себя чувствовать

to be all right - а) быть в порядке; б) чувствовать себя хорошо

not right in the head - ненормальный, безумный

in one's right mind - в здравом уме; нормальный

to put /to set/ smth. right - исправить /поправить/ что-л.

to set things right - уладить дела

to set oneself right with smb. - оправдать себя в чьих-л. глазах

this medicine will soon put you right - от этого лекарства вы скоро поправитесь

a good night's rest will set you right - за ночь вы отдохнёте как следует и снова будете чувствовать себя хорошо

5. (часто with) наиболее удобный, предпочтительный

if it is all right with you - если это вас устраивает

are you all right now? - удобно ли вам теперь?

is it all right for me to come this evening? - вы не возражаете, если я приду сегодня вечером?

it is all right with him - он согласен, он не против этого

6. прямой (о линии, угле)

7. лицевой, правый (о стороне материи)

to iron the right side - гладить с лица

right side up - налицо, лицевой стороной /лицом/ вверх

8. редк. праведный

9. часто *ирон.* занимающий положение в обществе

he knows all the right people - он знает всех нужных людей

◇ Miss Right - будущая жена; суженая

Mr. Right - будущий муж; суженый

on the right side of 40 - моложе сорока лет

right as rain /as a trivet/ - а) в хорошем состоянии, в полном порядке; б) совершенно здоров; в добром здравии, цел и невредим

3. [raɪt] *adv*

1. справедливо

to act right - действовать /поступать/ справедливо

to live right - жить честно

it serves him right - поделом ему, так ему и надо

2. верно, правильно

about right - более или менее правильно /достаточно/

to guess right - догадаться, отгадать

to get /to do/ a sum right - правильно решить пример

3. надлежащим образом

to do a thing right - делать что-л. как следует

do it right or not at all - делайте это как следует или не беритесь вовсе

nothing goes right with him - у него всё идёт не так

4. точно, как раз

right in the middle - как раз /точно/ в середине

right at the moment - как раз в тот самый момент

5. прямо

right opposite - прямо напротив

right after lunch - сразу после завтрака

to go right ahead - идти прямо вперёд

the wind was right behind us - ветер дул нам прямо в спину

curtains right to the floor - шторы до самого пола

come right in! - *амер.* входите (пожалуйста)!

6. *эмоц.-усил.*

1) совершенно, полностью

right to the end - до самого конца

rotten right through - прогнивший насквозь

to turn right round - повернуться кругом, сделать полный поворот

to sink right to the bottom - погрузиться на самое дно

veranda right round the house - веранда вокруг всего дома

he felt right at home - он чувствовал себя совсем как дома

2) *арх.* очень

a right pleasant day - прекрасный /очень приятный/ день

to know right well - очень хорошо знать (*что-л.*)

a right cunning worker - очень искусный работник

to feast right royally - пировать совсем по-царски

I was right glad to hear it - я был искренне рад услышать это

◇ right here - а) как раз здесь; б) в эту минуту

right now - в этот момент, сейчас, сегодня же, сразу

right away, **амер.** right off - сразу, немедленно
 let's go right away or we'll be late - пойдём сейчас же, иначе мы опоздаем
 I'll do it right - я сразу же сделаю это
 to put /to set/ oneself right with smb. - а) снискать чью-л. благосклонность; б) оправдать себя в чьих-л. глазах; в) помириться с кем-л.
 to put smb. right with smb. - оправдать кого-л. в чьих-л. глазах
 right off the bat - **амер.** с места в карьер, сразу же
 Right Reverend **см.** reverend
 Right Honourable - достопочтенный (*титулование пэров, министров и т. п.*)

4. [raɪt] **v**
1. исправлять; восстанавливать справедливость
 to right in justice - устранить несправедливость
 to right an error - исправить ошибку
 to right a wrong - восстановить справедливость
 2. защищать права
 to right the oppressed - защищать права угнетённых
 3. исправлять (*ошибки и т. п.*)
 that is a fault that will right itself - это само собой исправится
 4. 1) выпрямлять
 to right a boat - выравнивать лодку
 to right the helm - **мор.** поставить руль прямо
 to right oneself - а) выпрямляться; б) реабилитировать себя
 the driver quickly righted the car after it skidded - водитель быстро справился с машиной, когда её занесло
 - 2) выпрямляться
 5. приводить в порядок
 to right a room - убирать комнату, наводить порядок в комнате
 6. компенсировать (*что-л.*), возмещать (*убытки*)

II

1. [raɪt] **n**
1. правая сторона
 to turn [to look] to the right - повернуть [взглянуть] направо
 to keep to the right - держаться правой стороны
 to sit on the right of the host - сидеть направо /по правую руку/ от хозяина
 2. **воен.** правый фланг
 our troops attacked the enemy's right - наши войска атаковали правый фланг противника
 3. (the Right) **собир. полит.** правая партия, правые, консерваторы
 4. удар правой рукой; правая рука (**бокс**)
 he got in one with his right - он нанёс удар правой (рукой)
 he gave him a hard right on the jaw - правой рукой он нанёс ему сильный удар в челюсть
 5. правая перчатка, правый ботинок **и т. п.**
2. [raɪt] **a**
1. правый
 right hand [side of the body, foot] - правая рука [сторона тела, нога]
 to the right hand - направо
 on the right hand - справа
 right turn - правый поворот, поворот направо
 right driving - езда по правой стороне; правостороннее движение
 right back - правый защитник (**футбол**)
 right forward - **спорт.** правый нападающий
 right man - **воен.** правофланговый
 2. (**часто** Right) **полит.** правый; реакционный
 the right wing of a party - правое крыло партии
 ◇ to put one's right hand to the work - работать энергично
3. [raɪt] **adv**
 направо
 he looked neither right nor left - он не посмотрел ни вправо ни влево
 right step! - шаг вправо! (**команда**)
 right face /turn! - направо! (**команда**)
 right about face! - (через правое плечо) кругом! (**команда**)
 eyes right! - равнение направо! (**команда**)
 ◇ right and left - а) справа и слева; б) везде; где попало
 he owes money right and left - он кругом в долгу

right

right [right rights righted righting] adjective, adverb, noun, verb, exclamation **BrE**

[raɪt] **NAmE** [raɪt]

adjective

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MORALLY GOOD

1. not usually before noun ~ (to do sth) morally good or acceptable; correct according to law or a person's duty

- You were quite right to criticize him.
- Is it ever right to kill?
- It seems **only right** to warn you of the risk.
- I hope we're doing **the right thing** .

Opp: ↑wrong

TRUE/CORRECT

2. true or correct as a fact

- Did you get the answer right?
- 'What's the **right time** ?' '10.37.'
- 'David, isn't it?' 'Yes, **that's right** .'
- (informal) It was Monday you went to see Angie, right?
- Let me **get this right** (= understand correctly) — you want us to do an extra ten hours' work for no extra pay?

Opp: ↑wrong

3. correct for a particular situation or thing, or for a particular person

- Have you got the **right money** (= the exact amount) for the bus fare?
- Is this the right way to the beach?
- You're not holding it **the right way up** .
- Are you sure you've got that on **the right way round** ?
- Next time we'll **get it right** .
- He's the right man for the job.
- I'm glad you split up. She wasn't right for you.
- I was waiting for the right moment to ask him.
- She knows all the **right people** (= important people, for example those who can help her career) .
- His success was down to being **in the right place at the right time** (= being able to take opportunities when they came) .

Opp: ↑wrong

4. not before noun correct in your opinion or judgement

- ~ (about sth) She was right about Tom having no money.
- ~ (to do sth) You're right to be cautious.
- 'It's not easy.' 'Yeah, **you're right** .'
- ~ (in doing sth) **Am I right in thinking** we've met before?

Opp: ↑wrong

NORMAL

5. not before noun in a normal or good enough condition

- I don't feel quite right today (= I feel ill/sick) .
- That sausage doesn't smell right.
- Things aren't right between her parents.
- If only I could have helped **put matters right** .
- He's **not quite right in the head** (= not mentally normal) .

Opp: ↑wrong

NOT LEFT

6. only before noun of, on or towards the side of the body that is towards the east when a person faces north

- my right eye
- Keep on the right side of the road.
- Take a right turn at the intersection.

see also ↑right-wing, **Opp:** ↑left

COMPLETE

7. only before noun (BrE, informal, especially disapproving) used to emphasize sth bad

- You made a right mess of that!
- I felt a right idiot.

see also ↑all right

more at press/push all the right buttons **at** ↑button _{v.}, get/start off on the right/wrong foot (with sb) **at** ↑foot _{n.}, have your head screwed on (the right way) **at** ↑head _{n.}, sb's heart is in the right place **at** ↑heart, have the right idea **at** ↑idea, left, right and centreright, left and centre **at** ↑left _{adv.}, might is right **at** ↑might _{n.}, Mr Right **at** ↑Mr, hit/strike the right/wrong note **at** ↑note _{n.}, get on the right/wrong side of sb/on the right/wrong side of forty, fifty, etc. **at** ↑side _{n.}, on the right/wrong track **at** ↑track _{n.}

Word Origin:

Old English riht (adjective and noun), rihtan (verb), rihte (adverb), of Germanic origin; related to Latin **rectus** 'ruled', from an Indo-European root denoting movement in a straight line.

Thesaurus:

right *adj.*

1. not usually before noun

- Hunting may be legal, but that doesn't make it right.

acceptable • good • proper • justified • justifiable • decent • formal due •

Opp: wrong

right/acceptable/good/proper/justified/justifiable to do sth

right/justified in doing sth

right/acceptable/good/proper that...

do the right/proper/decent thing

2.

• I got about half the answers right.

correct • true •

Opp: wrong

right/correct about sth

the right/correct/true answer

the right/correct time

Right or correct? Correct is more formal than right and is more likely to be used in official instructions or documents.

3.

• He's definitely the right man for this job.

good • appropriate • suitable • convenient • apt • fit • informal cut out for/to be sth • formal fitting •

Opp: wrong

right/good/appropriate/suitable/convenient/apt/fit/cut out/fitting for sb/sth

right/good/appropriate/suitable/convenient/apt/fit/fitting that...

right/good/appropriate/suitable/convenient/fit/fitting to do sth

Which word? How good, appropriate or suitable sb/sth is is a matter of judgement; how right sb/sth is is more a matter of fact:

• Do you think she would be a/an good/appropriate/suitable person to ask?

✗ a right person to ask:

• She's definitely the right person to ask.

✗ She's definitely the good/appropriate/suitable person to ask.

4.

• You're right to be cautious in this situation.

correct • especially BrE proper •

Opp: wrong

right/correct about sb/sth

right/correct to do sth

right/correct in thinking/believing/saying sth

the right/correct/proper decision/judgement/conclusion/way/method/approach

Right, correct or proper? People can be right or correct about sth, but not proper: ✗ You're proper to be cautious. Correct and proper are more often used to talk about methods; right is more often used to talk about beliefs and decisions.

Synonyms:

mad

crazy • nuts • batty • out of your mind • (not) in your right mind

These are all informal words that describe sb who has a mind that does not work normally.

mad • (informal, especially BrE) having a mind that does not work normally: ▫ I thought I'd go mad if I stayed any longer.

Mad is an informal word used to suggest that sb's behaviour is very strange, often because of extreme emotional pressure. It is offensive if used to describe sb suffering from a real mental illness; use mentally ill instead. Mad is not usually used in this meaning in North American English; use crazy instead.

crazy • (informal, especially NAmE) having a mind that does not work normally: ▫ A crazy old woman rented the upstairs room. Like mad, crazy is offensive if used to describe sb suffering from a real mental illness.

nuts • [not before noun] (informal) mad: ▫ That noise is driving me nuts! ▫ You guys are nuts!

batty • (informal, especially BrE) slightly mad, in a harmless way: ▫ Her mum's completely batty.

out of your mind • (informal) unable to think or behave normally, especially because of extreme shock or anxiety: ▫ She was out of her mind with grief.

(not) in your right mind • (informal) (not) mentally normal: ▫ No one in their right mind would choose to work there.

to be mad/crazy/nuts/out of your mind/not in your right mind to do sth

to go mad/crazy/nuts/batty

to drive sb mad/crazy/nuts/batty/out of their mind

completely mad/crazy/nuts/batty/out of your mind

Synonyms:

right

correct

Both these words describe a belief, opinion, decision or method that is suitable or the best one for a particular situation.

right • if sb is right to do or think sth, that is a good thing to do or think in that situation: ▫ You're right to be cautious. ▫ You made the right decision. ▫ 'It's not easy.' 'Yes, you're right.'

correct • (of a method, belief, opinion or decision) right and suitable in a particular situation: ▫ What's the correct way to shut the machine down? ▫ I don't think she's correct to say he's incompetent.

right or correct?

Correct is more formal than right. It is more often used for methods and right is more often used for beliefs, opinions and decisions.

right/correct **about** sb/sth
right/correct **to do** sth
right/correct **in thinking/believing /saying** sth
the right/correct **decision/judgement /conclusion**
the right/correct **way/method/approach**
absolutely/quite right/correct

Synonyms:

true

right • correct

These words all describe sth that cannot be doubted as fact and includes no mistakes.

true • connected with facts rather than things that have been invented or guessed: ▫ Are the following statements ▫ true or false ▫?

◇ ▫ Is it ▫ true (that) ▫ she's leaving?

right • that is true and cannot be doubted as a fact: ▫ I got about half the answers right. ◇ ▫ What's the right time?

correct • right according to the facts and without any mistakes: ▫ Only one of the answers is correct. ◇ ▫ Check that all the details are correct.

right or correct?

Correct is more formal than **right** and is more likely to be used in official or formal instructions or documents.

right/correct **about** sb/sth

the true/right/correct **answer**

the right/correct **time**

Example Bank:

- He never gets anything right.
- I'm sure it'll all turn out right in the end.
- It may be a very easy way to make money, but that doesn't make it right.
- James did what he thought was right.
- She needs to get everything exactly right for her guests.
- The meat doesn't taste right to me.
- There's something not quite right about these figures.
- You were quite right about the weather.
- You're dead right. There's nothing we can do.
- 'David, isn't it?' 'Yes, that's right.'
- 'I'll have to do it again.' 'Too right you will.'
- 'It's not easy.' 'Yeah, you're right.'
- A few details are missing, but the description is more or less right.
- Am I right in thinking we've met before?
- Are you sure that sweater's on the right way (around)?
- Have you got the right money for the bus fare?
- He's definitely the right man for the job.
- He's made the right decision.
- His success was down to being in the right place at the right time.
- Hunting may be legal, but that doesn't make it right.
- I don't believe she's right in this case.
- I don't think she was right for you.
- I got about half the answers right.
- I hope we're doing the right thing.
- I think you were right to do what you did.
- I was doing what I thought was right.
- If only I could have helped put matters right.
- It was Monday you went to see Angie, right?
- It's right that he should be punished.
- Let me get this right, you want us to do ten hours' extra work for no extra pay?
- Next time we'll get it right.
- She's definitely the right person to ask.
- That sausage doesn't smell right.
- Things aren't right between her parents.
- What's the right time?
- What's the right way to do this?
- You were quite right to tell me.
- You're not holding it the right way up.
- You're right to be cautious.

Idioms: ↑ bang to rights ▫ ↑ do right by somebody ▫ ↑ give your right arm for to do something ▫ ↑ in your own right ▫ ↑ in your right mind ▫ ↑ put somebody to rights ▫ ↑ right a wrong ▫ ↑ right and left ▫ ↑ right as rain ▫ ↑ right enough ▫ ↑ right now ▫ ↑ right off ▫ ↑ right off the bat ▫ ↑ right on ▫ ↑ right side up ▫ ↑ right, left and centre ▫ ↑ see somebody right ▫ ↑ she'll be right ▫ ↑ too right

Derived Word ↑ rightness

EXACTLY

1. exactly; directly
 - Lee was standing **right behind** her.
 - The wind was right in our faces.
 - I'm **right behind you** on this one (= I am supporting you) .
 - The bus came right on time.

COMPLETELY

2. all the way; completely
 - The car spun right off the track.
 - I'm right out of ideas.
 - She kept right on swimming until she reached the other side.

IMMEDIATELY

3. (informal) immediately; without delay
 - I'll be right back.
 - I'll be right with you (= I am coming very soon) .

CORRECTLY

4. correctly
 - You guessed right.
- Opp:** ↑wrong

SATISFACTORILY

5. in the way that things should happen or are supposed to happen
 - Nothing's going right for me today.
- Opp:** ↑wrong

NOT LEFT

6. on or to the right side
 - Turn right at the end of the street.
- Opp:** ↑left
- more at** (right) up your alley **at** ↑alley, hit sb (straight/right) in the eye **at** ↑hit_{v.}, it serves sb right (for doing sth) **at** ↑serve_{v.}, take the words right out of sb's mouth **at** ↑word_{n.}

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Which Word?:

right / rightly

Right and rightly can both be used as adverbs. In the sense 'correctly' or 'in the right way', right is the usual adverb. It is only used after verbs: ▫ He did it right. ◇ ▫ Did I spell your name right? Rightly cannot be used like this. In formal language correctly is used:

▫ Is your name spelled correctly?

The usual meaning of rightly is 'for a good reason' and it comes before an adjective: ▫ They are rightly proud of their children. It can be used to mean 'correctly' before a verb or in particular phrases: ▫ As you rightly say, we have a serious problem. In **NAmE** rightly is not at all common.

Example Bank:

- Nothing's going right for me today.

noun

STH MORALLY GOOD

1. **uncountable, countable** what is morally good or correct
 - She doesn't understand the difference between right and wrong.
 - You **did right** to tell me about it.
 - They both had some right on their side.
 - He wouldn't apologize. He knew he was **in the right** (= had justice on his side) .
 - It was difficult to establish **the rights and wrongs** (= the true facts) of the matter.
- Opp:** ↑wrong

MORAL/LEGAL CLAIM

2. **countable, uncountable** a moral or legal claim to have or get sth or to behave in a particular way
 - ~ **(to sth)** Everyone has a right to a fair trial.
 - ~ **(to do sth)** You **have no right** to stop me from going in there.
 - **What gives you the right** to do that?
 - She **had every right** to be angry.

- You're quite **within your rights** to ask for your money back.
- **By rights** (= if justice were done) half the money should be mine.
- There is no right of appeal against the decision.
- Education is provided by the state **as of right** (= everyone has a right to it).
- The property belongs to her **by right**.
- They had fought hard for **equal rights**.

see also ↑animal rights, ↑civil rights, ↑human right

FOR BOOK/MOVIE, ETC.

- rights plural** the authority to perform, publish, film, etc. a particular work, event, etc.
 - He sold the rights for \$2 million.
 - all rights reserved (= protected or kept for the owners of the book, film/movie, etc.)

NOT LEFT SIDE

- the/sb's right singular** the right side or direction
 - Take the first street **on the right**.
 - She seated me on her right.

- Take the first street **on the right**.
- She seated me on her right.

Opp: ↑left

- singular the first, second, etc.** ~ the first, second, etc. road on the right side
 - Take the first right, then the second left.

- Take the first right, then the second left.

Opp: ↑left

- a right singular** a turn to the right
 - to make a right
 - (NAmE, informal) to hang a right

- to make a right
- (NAmE, informal) to hang a right

- (NAmE, informal) to hang a right

Opp: ↑left

POLITICS

- the right, the Right singular + singular or plural verb** political groups that most strongly support the ↑capitalist system
 - The Right in British politics is represented by the Conservative Party.

compare ↑right wing

- The Right in British politics is represented by the Conservative Party.

Opp: ↑left

- the right singular + singular or plural verb** the part of a political party whose members are most conservative
 - He's on the right of the Labour Party.

- He's on the right of the Labour Party.

Opp: ↑left

IN BOXING

- countable** a blow that is made with your right hand
 - He landed a right on his opponent's chin.

Opp: ↑left

more at set/put the world to rights **at** ↑world, two wrongs don't make a right **at** ↑wrong _n.

Word Origin:

Old English riht (adjective and noun), rihtan (verb), rihte (adverb), of Germanic origin; related to Latin **rectus 'ruled'**, from an Indo-European root denoting movement in a straight line.

Culture:

freedom and rights

Many of the rights of US citizens are laid down in the **Constitution** and the first ten **amendments** to it, which are together called the **Bill of Rights**. The Constitution was written in the late 1700s to explain not only how the US government would work, but also what limits there would be on its power. At that time, people were beginning to believe that the rights of individuals were important, and that the government was the main threat to those rights. Limiting the **federal government's** power was also seen as necessary to protect the rights of states within the United States.

Britain does not have a written constitution or legal document describing the rights of individuals but for British people freedom to live without interference from government is important. Proposals to introduce **identity cards** for everyone are always resisted and people often talk about the **nanny state** when they feel the government is interfering in their lives.

In Britain and the US the most basic rights include **freedom of expression** (= freedom to say or write what you think), **freedom of choice** (= freedom to make decisions about your own life) and **freedom of worship** (= freedom to practise any religion).

Freedom of expression does not imply complete freedom for people to say what they like. In the US the **First Amendment**

protects freedom of speech and of the press but the courts, especially the **Supreme Court**, decide how it should be applied. For instance, a newspaper is not allowed to print something bad about a person that is known not to be true: this is **libel**. The courts do not practise **prior restraint**, i.e. they cannot stop a newspaper from printing something, but they can punish the newspaper afterwards. However, in a few cases, e.g. when national security is involved the courts may order newspapers not to print a report.

The right to free speech in the US has not always been respected. In the 1950s, when **McCarthyism** was at its height, people who were suspected of being Communists were called before **Congress** to answer questions. People who used their right to free speech and said they believed in Communism, or who **took the fifth**, i.e. used their right under the **Fifth Amendment** not to give evidence against themselves, often lost their jobs or went to prison.

In Britain until 1968 all plays had to be approved by the Lord Chamberlain before they could be performed in theatres. **Censorship** of the press ended in the 1960s. Newspapers are expected to behave responsibly and members of the public have the right to

complain about what is published in the press to the ↑**Press Complaints Commission**.

The **right of equal opportunity** (= the right to be treated the same as others, regardless of race, sex, etc.) is enforced in Britain through the ↑**Race Relations Acts** and the ↑**Sex Discrimination Act**. In the US the ↑**civil rights movement** of the 1960s influenced the making of new laws to protect the rights of minority groups, especially ↑**African Americans**. In 1972 an ↑**Equal Rights Amendment**, which would have given women the same rights and opportunities as men, failed to get the support of enough states to be passed. Later, however, several laws were passed making it illegal to discriminate against women.

People in Britain and the US have a much valued **right to privacy**. The US and British ↑**Freedom of Information Acts** and the British ↑**Data Protection Act** allow a person access to information held about them and the opportunity to correct it if it is wrong. In the US several amendments to the Constitution deal specifically with the rights of people suspected or accused of a crime. In Britain recent changes to ↑**habeas corpus** (= the right of a person detained by the police to be released within 24 hours if not charged) and **the right to remain silent** when arrested, which were introduced as part of the laws against **terrorism**, met with strong opposition from many people. It is now possible for the police to keep a person for 28 days before they are charged. In both Britain and the US the police are heavily criticized if people's rights are **infringed**.

In the US an individual's right to own weapons continues to cause disagreement. When this right was included in the Second Amendment, America had just finished fighting for independence. Since the US did not want to keep a permanent army, its defence in the case of future attacks depended on ordinary people having weapons. Many people believe that, since the US now has a professional army, individuals do not need guns, and that the interpretation of the amendment should take account of the modern situation. But others want to keep the right to have weapons and resist any changes to the law.

Thesaurus:

right noun

1. U, C, usually pl.

- She doesn't understand the difference between right and wrong.

good • **goodness** • **purity** • |**formal virtue** • |**formal, especially religion righteousness** •

Opp: wrong

do right/good

Right or good? Questions of **right** and wrong are about treating people in a fair way, not an unfair way. Matters of **good** and evil are about treating people in a kind way, not a cruel way.

2. C

- Everyone has the right to a fair trial.

claim • **power** • **authority** • **liberty** • **due** • **privilege** • |**formal birthright** • |**especially BrE, formal entitlement** • |**law title** •

a/an right/claim/entitlement/title to sth

the right/power/authority/entitlement to do sth

have a/an/the right/claim/power/authority/privilege/entitlement/title

use/exercise your right/powers/authority/privilege/entitlement

Example Bank:

- A man had a natural right to subsist off the crops he grew on his own land.
- Abortion rights have been restricted in some places.
- Altman secured the movie rights.
- Any employee who is fired has an automatic right to appeal.
- Children of that age don't know right from wrong.
- Do I have any right to compensation?
- He claimed full rights over the discovery.
- He has reserved the movie rights.
- He renounced his right to the throne.
- He sold the film rights for \$2 million.
- He's on the extreme right of the party.
- I appealed against the decision because I knew I had right on my side.
- I have a perfect right to park here if I want to.
- I reserve the right to leave at any time I choose.
- I suppose you think you have some God-given right to tell me what to do?
- Keep over to the right.
- Look out for traffic coming from the right.
- Lucas owned the marketing rights.
- Many prisoners lost visitation rights and had their mail confiscated.
- Ours is the first house on the right.
- She has every right to feel bitter.
- Take a right at the traffic lights.
- Take the first right, and then it's the second on your left.
- The Normans ruled England by right of conquest.
- The books are numbered from right to left.
- The company was granted offshore oil-drilling rights.
- The constitution guarantees basic human rights.
- The government extended voting rights to everyone over the age of 18.
- The landlord enforced his right to enter the property.
- The local authority exercises parental rights over the children until foster homes are found.
- The new president undertook to establish full rights for all minorities.

- The property belongs to her as of right.
- The team earned the bragging rights by taking first place in all three events.
- The teenagers claimed squatters' rights and were allowed to remain in the building.
- There is no public right of way across the fields.
- There's no doubt that he's in the right on this.
- These additional guarantees do not affect your statutory rights.
- They acquired her patent rights.
- They gave me my uncle's money, on condition that I waived all rights to his property.
- They have no right to come onto my land.
- We have a sovereign right to conduct scientific research on our soil.
- We promote the rights of communities.
- We sat discussing the rights and wrongs of the prison system.
- We were granted the exclusive rights to produce the software in Malaysia.
- You can't do that to me— I know my rights.
- You have a moral right to that money.
- You should stand up for your rights and insist that he pays you.
- You're acting entirely within your rights.
- a hallway immediately to the right of the front door
- animal rights campaigners
- equal rights for all
- human rights violations
- laws covering privacy rights
- roads where bikes have the right of way
- the basic rights of all citizens
- the civil rights movement
- the individual rights of its constituents
- the old idea of the divine right of kings
- the right of assembly/asylum/citizenship/free speech/ownership
- At that time, the gay rights movement had hardly been heard of.
- Before the late 19th century, little attention was paid to women's rights.
- By rights half the money should be mine.
- Education is provided by the state as of right.
- Everyone has the right to a fair trial.
- It was difficult to establish the rights and wrongs of the matter.
- People should understand that they have responsibilities as well as rights.
- She's a well-known animal rights campaigner.
- They both knew he was in the right.
- They had forfeited the right to return to their country.
- They have always fought hard for equal rights.
- They think they have a god-given right to park wherever they like.
- This is a fundamental human right.
- We're calling on all oppressed peoples to stand up for their rights.
- What gives you the right to do that?
- You have a statutory right to your money back if goods are faulty.
- You have absolutely no rights over the child.
- You have no right to stop me from going in there.
- You're quite within your rights to ask for your money back.

verb

RETURN TO POSITION

1. ~ **sb/sth/yourself** to return sb/sth/yourself to the normal, vertical position

- They learnt to right a capsized canoe.
- At last the plane **righted itself** and flew on.

CORRECT

2. ~ **sth** to correct sth that is wrong or not in its normal state

Syn: put right

- Righting the economy will demand major cuts in expenditure.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	right
	BrE /raɪt/
	NAme /raɪt/
he / she / it	rights
	BrE /raɪts/
	NAme /raɪts/
past simple, past participle	righted
	BrE /raɪtɪd/
	NAme /raɪtɪd/
-ing form	righting
	BrE /raɪtɪŋ/
	NAme /raɪtɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Righting the economy would mean major cuts in defence spending.
- This is a time to right wrongs and heal divisions.

exclamation (BrE, informal)

- used to show that you accept a statement or an order
 - 'You may find it hurts a little at first.' 'Right.'
 - 'Barry's here.' 'Oh, right.'
 - 'I'll have a whisky and soda.' ' **Right you are** , sir.'
- used to get sb's attention to say that you are ready to do sth, or to tell them to do sth
 - Right! Let's get going.
- used to check that sb agrees with you or has understood you
 - So that's twenty of each sort, right?
 - And I didn't think any more of it, right, but Mum says I should see a doctor.
- (ironic) used to say that you do not believe sb or that you disagree with them
 - 'I won't be late tonight.' ' **Yeah, right** .'

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See also: ↑dead to rights ▪ ↑do somebody right

right

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1. right¹ S1 W1 /raɪt/ BrE[™] AmE[™] adjective

[Word Family: **adverb** ↑right, ↑rightly, ↑rightfully, rígeously, ríghteousness; **noun**: ↑right, ↑rightness, rights, ↑rígíhteousness; **adjective**: ↑right, ↑rígíhteous, ↑rígíhtful; **verb**: ↑right]

[Language: Old English; Origin: riht]

1. TRUE/CORRECT

a) a statement or piece of information that is right is correct and based on true facts **SYN** correct **OPP** wrong:

- " Yes, that's the right answer.
- " Is that the right time?
- " I got most of the questions right.
- " His ideas have now been proved right.

b) [not before noun] if you are right, you have said something that is correct and based on true facts **OPP** wrong:

- " I think you're right. We should have set out earlier.

right about

- " You were right about the hotel being too crowded.
- " I think the Prime Minister is only half right.
- " Am I right in thinking that you two have met before?

2. SUITABLE the right thing, person, method etc is the one that is most suitable or effective **OPP** wrong:

- " I think you've made the right decision.
- " I think she's definitely the right person for the job.

right for

- " A huge development like this isn't right for such a small village.

3. SIDE [only before noun]

a) your right side is the side with the hand that most people write with **OPP** left:

- " He had a knife in his right hand.
- " a scar on the right side of her face

b) on the same side of something as your right side **OPP** left:

- " Take the next right turn.
- " the right bank of the river

4. **PROBLEMS** something that is not right is not right in the state it should be in:

- “ The engine’s not quite right.
- “ This cheese doesn’t smell right.
- “ Things haven’t been right between me and James for some time.

put/set something right (=correct something)

- “ It didn’t take long to find the fault and put it right.

5. **MORALLY** if someone is right to do something, their action is morally correct or sensible **OPP wrong right to do something**

- “ Do you think I was right to report them to the police?
- “ It can’t be right to keep lying to your family.

it is right that

- “ I think it’s right that the people who work hardest should earn the most.
- “ It’s only right (=completely right) that he should get his share of the money.
- “ The company wants to do the right thing and offer compensation to all the injured workers.

6. **that’s right** *spoken*

a) used to agree with what someone says or to answer ‘yes’ to a question:

- “ ‘I gather you work in the sales department?’ ‘That’s right.’
- “ ‘Some people find it very difficult to work quickly.’ ‘That’s right, and they often find exams very stressful.’

b) used when you are telling someone that you are angry about what they are doing:

- “ That’s right! Just blame me for everything, as usual!

7. **right you are** *British English spoken* used to say ‘yes’ to a request, order, or suggestion

8. **EMPHASIS** [only before noun] *British English spoken* used to emphasize how bad someone or something is **SYN total, complete**:

- “ He sounds like a right idiot!
- “ The house was in a right mess when we got back.

9. **HEALTH** *spoken* if you are not feeling right, you are not feeling completely well:

- “ I haven’t been feeling right all day.
- “ A few days in bed will soon put you right.
- “ You’ll soon be as right as rain (=completely healthy). ⇒ **put somebody right/straight** at ↑put(9)

10. **SOCIALLY** the right people, places, schools etc are considered to be the best or most important:

- “ Sonia’s always careful to be seen with the right people.

11. **be in the right place at the right time** to be in the place where something useful becomes available or is being offered:

- “ Being a news photographer is all about being in the right place at the right time.

—**rightness** *noun* [uncountable]:

- “ He was convinced of the rightness of his cause.

⇒ **put something right** at ↑put(8)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adverbs

- **quite right** (=completely right) You were quite right – we should never have gone with them.
- **absolutely right** You’re absolutely right.
- **exactly right** My figures may not be exactly right.
- **dead right** *informal* (=completely correct, used for emphasis) You were dead right not to trust him.
- **half/partly right** (=correct to some degree, but not completely) That theory may still be partly right.

■ verbs

- **get something right** For once, he got my name right.
- **be proved right** We warned that it would not work, and we have been proved right.
- **be right in saying/thinking etc** I think I’m right in saying they once employed 2000 people.

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THESAURUS

- **right** not wrong – used about something someone says, or about the person who says it: the right answer | You were right about the colour. | ‘He’s about thirty, isn’t he?’ ‘That’s right.’
- **correct** right. **Correct** sounds more formal than **right**: the correct answer | He is absolutely correct. | Unfortunately, this information is not correct.
- **accurate** right – used about information, measurements, descriptions etc: Make sure that your measurements are accurate. | an accurate description of the suspect
- **exact** an exact number, amount, or time is completely correct, and is no more and no less than it should be: The exact time is 9.28 a.m. | The exact weight of the baby was 3.3 kilos.
- **spot-on** *British English spoken informal* exactly right – used especially about guesses or things people say: His answer was spot-on. | You’re spot-on.

II. **right**² *S2 BrE* *AmE* *interjection*

1. used to show that you have understood or agree with what someone has just said:

- “ ‘You need to be there by ten o’clock.’ ‘Right.’

2. *British English* used to get someone’s attention before starting to say or do something:

- “ Right, open your books on page 16.
- “ Right, is everyone listening?
- “ Right, I think we’re ready to go.

3. used to check if what you have said is correct:

- “ So we’re meeting in the pub, right?

4. used to check that the person you are speaking to is listening and understands what you are saying:

So I handed him the camera, right, and asked him to take our photograph.

III. right³ S1 W1 BrE AmE adverb

[Word Family: adverb ↑right, ↑rightly, ↑rightfully, rígeously, ríghteousness; noun: ↑right, ↑rightness, rights, ↑ríghteousness; adjective: ↑right, ↑ríghteous, ↑ríghtful; verb: ↑right]

1. **EXACTLY** exactly in a particular position or place

right in/in front of/by etc something

She was standing right in the middle of the room.

There's the house, right in front of you.

right here/there

I left my bags right here.

2. **IMMEDIATELY** immediately and without any delay **SYN** straight:

It's on right after the six o'clock news.

I'll phone him right away (=immediately).

I could tell right off that something was wrong.

right off the bat *American English* (=immediately, without having to think carefully)

Kay answered right off the bat.

3. **CORRECTLY** correctly:

We guessed right; they'd gone.

'I thought you'd be cross.' 'You thought right!'

4. **WELL** *informal* in a way that is good or satisfactory:

Everything's going right for him at the moment.

It'll work out right in the end.

5. **DIRECTION/SIDE** towards the direction or side that is on the right **OPP** left:

Turn right at the crossroads.

6. **right now** now, or immediately:

Do you need me right now?

We need to deal with this problem right now.

7. **right along/through/around etc** all the way along, through etc:

Go right to the end of the road.

We don't have to go right into town.

I slept soundly right through the night.

8. **be right behind somebody** *spoken* to completely support someone in their ideas or in what they are trying to achieve:

We're all right behind you.

9. **I'll be right with you/right there/right back** *spoken* used to ask someone to wait because you are coming or returning very soon:

'Lunch is ready!' 'I'll be right there.'

Don't go away; I'll be right back.

10. **be right up there (with somebody/something)** *informal* to be as good or as important as the very best:

He's definitely right up there with all the world-class footballers.

11. **right, left, and centre** *British English*, **right and left** *American English* everywhere or in every way:

The company's losing money right, left and centre.

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THESAURUS

- **exactly** used when emphasizing that something is no more and no less than a number or amount, or is completely correct in every detail: The bill came to exactly \$1,000. | Police are still trying to find out exactly how the accident happened.
- **precisely** exactly – used when it is important to be sure that something is completely correct in every detail: We need to know precisely how much this is going to cost. | Can you tell us precisely where he is? | What precisely do you mean by 'relativity'?
- **just** *especially spoken* exactly – used especially when saying that things are exactly right, exactly the same, or exactly in a particular position: The frame is just the right size for the picture. | He and his brother are just the same. | The hotel is just next to the station. | A new handbag! That's just what I wanted.
- **right** exactly in a particular position or direction: The ball hit me right in the eye! | There's the house, right in front of you. | I got a mosquito bite right on the end of my nose. | He sat down right beside her.
- **directly** exactly in a particular position or direction **Directly** is more formal than **right**: Amy was sitting directly opposite me.
- **on the dot** *informal* at exactly a particular time, and no earlier or later than that time: She always leaves the office at 5.30 p.m. on the dot.
- **bang** *British English informal* exactly – used especially in the following very informal expressions: The train was bang on time. | The shot was bang on target. | Cockatoo Island is right bang in the middle of Sydney harbour.

IV. right⁴ S1 W1 BrE AmE noun

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[Language: Old English; Origin: riht, from riht (adjective); ⇒ ↑right¹]

1. **ALLOWED** [countable] something that you are morally, legally, or officially allowed to do or have

right of

The new charter establishes the rights and duties of citizens.

right to

Everyone should have the right to freedom of expression.

right to do something

You have the right to consult a lawyer.

by right

The money is yours by right.

within your rights (=legally or morally allowed)

You would be within your rights to sue the company for negligence. ⇒ ↑civil rights, HUMAN RIGHTS

2. **have a right to be angry/concerned/suspicious etc** to have a good reason for being angry, concerned etc:

I think you have a right to feel very disappointed.

You had every right to be angry with them.

3. **have no right to do something** used to say that someone's action is completely unreasonable or unfair:

You had no right to take money from my purse!

He has no right to speak to me like that!

4. **SIDE the right/sb's right** the side of your body that has the hand that most people write with, or this side of anything else **OPP left**

on/to the right (of something)

Our car is just to the right of that white van.

Take the first turning on the right.

on/to sb's right

The school is on your right as you come into the village.

5. **POLITICS the right/the Right** political parties or groups that support the ideas and beliefs of ↑capitalism. They usually want low taxes and to encourage private business rather than businesses owned by the state **OPP left** ⇒ **right-wing**:

The campaign is being supported by the Right.

The Conservative Party seems to be moving even further to the right.

extreme/far right

politicians on the extreme right

6. **CORRECT BEHAVIOUR [uncountable]** behaviour that is morally good and correct:

Some kids don't seem to know the difference between right and wrong.

The protesters believe that they have right on their side.

7. **BOOKS/TV ETC rights [plural]** if someone has the rights to a book, film, television programme etc, they are allowed to sell it or show it ⇒ **copyright**

rights to

The studio bought the rights to his new book.

The company paid £2 million for film rights to the book.

the television rights to the Olympic Games

8. **be in the right** to have the best reasons, arguments etc in a disagreement with someone else:

Both sides are convinced that they are in the right.

9. **by rights spoken** used to describe what should happen if things are done fairly or correctly:

By rights, the house should be mine now.

10. **in your own right** used to say that you have something or achieve something on your own, without depending on other people:

She's a very wealthy woman in her own right.

11. **put something to rights** to make a place or situation return to normal again:

It took ages to put the room to rights again.

12. **the rights and wrongs of something** the subject of what or who is right or wrong in a situation:

I don't want to spend ages discussing the rights and wrongs of all this.

13. **[countable]** a hit made with your right hand **OPP left**

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

▪ **have a right** People have a right to know the truth.

▪ **violate sb's rights formal** (=stop them doing something they have a right to do) Imprisoning the men without trial violated their rights.

▪ **exercise a right formal** (=do what you have a right to do) The insurance company decided not to exercise its right of appeal.

▪ **deny somebody a right** (=not allow someone to do something they have the right to do) Women were denied the right to vote.

▪ **demand a right** (=ask for it firmly) We demand the same rights that other European workers enjoy.

▪ **defend a right** (=take action to stop a right being taken away) We should defend our right to demonstrate.

▪ **uphold sb's rights** (=defend their rights) I will uphold the rights of the people of this country.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + right

▪ **human rights** (=the rights that everyone should have) This company always operates with respect for human rights.

▪ **civil rights** (=the rights that every person in a society should have) As a young man, he was deeply involved in the struggle for civil rights. | the civil rights movement

▪ **equal rights** Women demanded equal rights.

▪ **a fundamental/basic right** The law recognises a man's fundamental right to defend his home and his property.

▪ **a legal right** Banks have the legal right to recover their money.

▪ **a constitutional right** Teachers have a constitutional right to join a union.

▪ **political rights** Slaves had no political rights.

▪ **women's rights** New laws have been passed to protect women's rights.

▪ **workers' rights** The company's actions are a violation of workers' rights.

▪ **gay/lesbian rights** a gay rights campaigner

▪ **animal rights** Animal rights campaigners say the dogs are being bred in terrible conditions.

■ phrases

- **a right of appeal** (=the right to ask for an official decision to be changed) In these circumstances, there is no right of appeal.
- **the right to privacy** (=the right to be free from public attention) The judge decided that the media's actions violated the couple's right to privacy.
- **a right of access** (=the right to enter a place, use something, or see someone) You have rights of access to data held about you.
- **a right of reply** (also **the right to reply**) (=the right to say or write something in answer to a criticism) People should have the right of reply when a magazine has published letters criticizing them.
- **the right to freedom of expression** Everyone has the right to freedom of expression.

V. **right**⁵ BrE ⁴ AmE ³ verb [transitive]

[Word Family: **adverb** ↑right, ↑rightly, ↑rightfully, righteously, righteousness; **noun**: ↑right, ↑rightness, rights, ↑righteousness; **adjective**: ↑right, ↑righteous, ↑rightful; **verb**: ↑right]

1. **right a wrong** to do something to prevent a bad situation from continuing:
 - He seems to think he can right all the wrongs of the world.
2. to put something back into the state or situation that it should be in:
 - We must try to right the balance between taxation and government spending.
3. to put something, especially a boat, back into its correct upright position:
 - I finally managed to right the canoe.
 - She righted herself and picked up her bag.

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