

**Interest**

- 1. ['ɪntrɪst] n**
- 1) интерес**  
with a keen [intense] interest in smb., smth. - с большим [с повышенным] интересом к кому-л., чему-л.  
to arouse /to excite, to awake/ smb.'s interest - вызвать /возбудить, пробудить/ чей-л. интерес  
to take (an) interest in smb., smth. - заинтересоваться кем-л., чем-л.  
to have /to feel/ (an) interest in smb., smth. - интересоваться кем-л., чем-л., проявлять интерес к кому-л., чему-л.  
to feel [to show, to take] no interest in smb., smth. - не испытывать [не проявлять] никакого интереса к кому-л., чему-л.  
to be an object of intense interest - быть предметом неослабного внимания  
the book lacks interest - эта книга лишена занимательности
  - интерес, запрос; влечение, стремление, потребность**  
a man of wide interests - человек с большими запросами /с широким кругом интересов/  
his two great interests are music and painting - больше всего он увлекается музыкой и живописью
  - значение, интерес**  
an article of interest - интересная статья  
this is of no interest to me - это меня не интересует, это не представляет для меня интереса  
a matter of considerable scientific interest - вопрос, представляющий интерес для науки
- 2. заинтересованность; польза; выгода**  
public [private] interests - общественные [личные] интересы  
it is to his interest to do so - ему выгодно /в его интересах/ так поступить  
to know where one's interests lie - ≅ своего не упустить  
in the interest(s) of justice - в интересах справедливости  
to work in the interest(s) of humanity - трудиться на благо человечества  
party of interest - *юр.* заинтересованная (в деле) сторона
- 3. 1) доля, участие (в чём-л.)**  
to have an interest in a business - иметь долю в предприятии  
interest in profits - доля в прибылях
- 2) имущественное право**  
vested interest - а) закреплённое законом имущественное право; б) личная заинтересованность (в чём-л.); в) эгоистический или корыстный интерес; [см. тж. 5]
- 4. книжн. влияние, воздействие; сила авторитета**  
to have interest with smb. - пользоваться авторитетом кого-л. /чьим-л. уважением, расположением/  
he has interest with the administration - администрация с ним считается  
to make interest with smb. - завоевать чьё-л. доверие, расположить кого-л. к себе  
to obtain smth. through interest with smb. - достичь чего-л. благодаря (своему) влиянию на кого-л.
- 5. pl лица, объединённые общностью (профессиональных) интересов; заинтересованные лица, круги или организации; деловые круги**  
landed interest - землевладельцы  
business interests - деловые круги  
financial interests - финансовые круги  
outside interests - иностранные монополии  
shipping interests - судоходные компании  
vested interests - а) крупные предприниматели, корпорации, монополии; б) привилегированные классы, верхушка общества; в) правящие круги, истеблишмент; [см. тж. 3, 2])
- 6. 1) проценты, процентный доход**  
simple interest - простые проценты  
compound interest, interest on interest - сложные проценты, проценты на проценты  
to bear interest - приносить проценты  
to live on the interest received from one's capital - жить на доходы с капитала  
interest at 3 per cent - трёхпроцентная прибыль
- 2) (ссудный) процент**  
annual interest - годовой процент  
average interest - средняя норма процента  
current interest - текущая ставка процента  
loan interest - ссудный процент  
rate of interest - процент, процентная ставка, норма процента  
to pay interest on a loan - платить проценты по займу  
to lend (out) money on interest - давать деньги в рост
- 3) избыток**  
to repay smb. with interest - отплатить кому-л. с лихвой  
with interest - сполна, с лихвой  
she returned our favour with interest - она щедро отблагодарила нас за сделанное ей одолжение
- 2. ['ɪntrɪst] v**
- интересовать, вызывать интерес, любопытство, привлекать внимание**  
the article interests everybody - эта статья у всех вызывает интерес, статья привлекла всеобщее внимание  
to be interested in smth. - а) интересоваться чем-л.; б) быть заинтересованным в чём-л.  
I am interested to know - мне интересно знать
  - заинтересовывать (кого-л. в чём-л.); привлекать (кого-л.) к участию (в чём-л.)**  
to interest smb. in a business - заинтересовать кого-л. в участии в предприятии

**interest****inter-est** [interest interests interested interesting] **noun, verb** BrE ['ɪntrest]

NAme ['ɪntrest] BrE ['ɪntrest] NAme ['ɪntrest]

**noun****WANTING TO KNOW MORE****1. singular, uncountable** ~ (in sb/sth) the feeling that you have when you want to know or learn more about sb/sth

- to **feel/have/show/express** (an) **interest** in sth
- Do your parents **take an interest in** your friends?
- By that time I had **lost (all) interest** in the idea.
- I watched **with interest** .
- **As a matter of interest** (= I'd like to know) , what time did the party finish?
- **Just out of interest** , how much did it cost?

**compare** ↑disinterest**ATTRACTION****2. uncountable** the quality that sth has when it attracts sb's attention or makes them want to know more about it

- There are many **places of interest** near the city .
- The subject **is of no interest** to me at all.
- These plants will add interest to your garden in winter.
- These documents are of great historical interest.
- to be of cultural/scientific interest
- This museum holds particular interest for geologists.

**see also** ↑human interest, ↑love interest**HOBBY****3. countable** an activity or a subject that you enjoy and that you spend your free time doing or studying

- Her main interests are music and tennis.
- He was a man of wide interests outside his work.

**compare** ↑hobby**MONEY****4. uncountable** ~ (on sth) (finance) the extra money that you pay back when you borrow money or that you receive when you invest money

- to **pay interest** on a loan
- The money was repaid **with interest** .
- **interest charges/payments**
- **Interest rates** have risen by 1%.
- high **rates of interest**

**see also** ↑compound interest, ↑simple interest**ADVANTAGE****5. countable, usually plural, uncountable** a good result or an advantage for sb/sth

- to **promote/protect/safeguard** sb's **interests**
- She was acting entirely **in her own interests** .
- These reforms were **in the best interests of** local government
- It is **in the public interest** that these facts are made known.

**see also** ↑self-interest**SHARE IN BUSINESS****6. countable, usually plural** ~ (in sth) a share in a business or company and its profits

- She has business interests in France.
- American interests in Europe (= money invested in European countries)

**see also** ↑controlling interest**CONNECTION****7. countable, uncountable** ~ (in sth) a connection with sth which affects your attitude to it, especially because you may benefit from it in some way

- I should, at this point, **declare my interest** .
- Organizations **have an interest in** ensuring that employee motivation is high.

**compare** ↑disinterest**see also** ↑vested interest**GROUP OF PEOPLE****8. countable, usually plural** a group of people who are in the same business or who share the same aims which they want to protect

- powerful farming interests
- relationships between local government and business interests

**more at** conflict of interest(s) **at** ↑conflict <sub>n.</sub>

### Word Origin:

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### Thesaurus:

#### interest noun

##### 1. sing., U

- She showed no interest in the conversation.

**attention** • • **notice** • • **concentration** • |**formal regard** •

**close/media/personal/special** interest/attention

**catch/get/grab/lose** sb's interest/attention

**hold/focus** sb's interest/attention/concentration

##### 2. U, sing.

- There are many places of interest around Oxford.

**attraction** • • **appeal** • • **fascination** • • **magic** • • **glamour** • • **charm** • • **spell** •

a/an interest/attraction/appeal/fascination **for** sb/sth

**have** (a/an) interest/attraction/appeal/fascination/magic/glamour/charm

**hold** (a/an) interest/attraction/appeal/fascination/magic/charm

##### 3. C

- Her main interests are music and gardening.

**hobby** • • **pastime** •

a **popular** interest/hobby/pastime

**have/share** interests/hobbies

**take up/pursue** a/an interest/hobby

**interest, hobby or pastime?** A **hobby** is often more active than an **interest**:

- His main hobby is football (= he plays football).

- His main interest is football (= he watches and reads about football, and may or may not play it).

**Pastime** is used when talking about people in general; when you are talking about yourself or an individual it is more usual to use **interest** or **hobby**:

- Eating out is the national pastime in France.

✗ Eating out is the national hobby/interest in France.

##### 4. U (finance)

- The Gold Account pays monthly interest of 5.5%.

**profit** • • **earnings** • • **dividend** • • **return** • • **surplus** • |**often disapproving gain** •

(a) interest/profit/earnings/dividend/return/surplus/gain **on/from** sth

**pay** interest/a dividend

a **rate** of interest/return

### Synonyms:

#### interest

**hobby** • **game** • **pastime**

These are all words for activities that you do for pleasure in your spare time.

**interest** • an activity or a subject that you do or study for pleasure in your spare time: ▫ Her main interests are music and gardening.

**hobby** • an activity that you do for pleasure in your spare time: ▫ His hobbies include swimming and cooking.

**game** • a children's activity when they play with toys, pretend to be sb else, etc; an activity that you do to have fun: ▫ a game of cops and robbers ◊ ▫ He was playing games with the dog.

**pastime** • an activity that people do for pleasure in their spare time: ▫ Eating out is the national pastime in France.

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A **hobby** is often more active than an **interest**: ▫ His main hobby is football ▫ (= he plays football) ▫. ◊ ▫ His main interest is football ▫ (= he watches and reads about football, and may or may not play it) ▫. **Pastime** is used when talking about people in general; when you are talking about yourself or an individual person it is more usual to use **interest** or **hobby**: Eating out is the national interest/hobby in France. ◊ Do you have any pastimes?

a **popular** interest/hobby/pastime

to **have/share** interests/hobbies

to **take up/pursue** a(n) interest/hobby

### Example Bank:

- A childhood trip to Europe sparked his lifelong interest in history.
- A sticker on a bag caught my interest.
- Although he was sometimes too strict with his children, he had their best interests at heart.
- Angelina Jolie supplies the love interest in the film.
- Bushes that flower in winter will add interest to your garden.
- Continuing such a policy is short-sighted and not in the interest of consumers.
- Despite intensive publicity, Channel 4 failed to maintain interest in its expensive new show.

- He claimed to be acting in the public interest.
- He has controlling interests in several ventures.
- He has many hobbies and outside interests.
- He showed a polite interest in her story.
- He wanted time to pursue his many and varied musical interests.
- He was obviously acting purely out of selfish interest.
- He's never shown the slightest interest in football.
- Her comments are of particular interest to me.
- His books are of no interest to me at all.
- I feel it is in everyone's best interest if I step aside now.
- I'll watch the programme with added interest now I know you're in it.
- I'm asking purely out of interest.
- It's not in your best interests to let your boss know you're looking for a new job.
- Lawyers have a direct financial interest in the outcome of the debate.
- My cousin expressed an interest in seeing where I work.
- My main research interest is herbal medicine.
- New work practices were introduced in the interests of efficiency.
- One member of the planning committee had a conflict of interest as he lived near the proposed road.
- Protectionism often simply supports narrow vested interests.
- She always had a great interest in the supernatural.
- She feigned interest in a magazine article to avoid meeting the man's stare.
- She took an active interest in their welfare.
- Since the championship has already been decided, this game is of purely academic interest.
- The CD-ROM gives the book added interest.
- The children's interest began to flag after half an hour of the lesson.
- The event attracted a lot of media interest.
- The film kept my interest throughout.
- The government failed to drum up any public interest in the referendum.
- The interest of the painting lies in its unusual use of colour.
- The lawyer refused to act against his client's interests.
- The police were starting to take a close interest in the company's activities.
- The union refused to support proposals that it saw as contrary to the interests of its members.
- The views of special-interest groups are represented.
- Their conversation held no interest for me.
- They listened with interest.
- This information was of no immediate interest to me.
- Various interest groups have expressed their opposition to the policy.
- We met to discuss matters of common interest.
- While in prison he developed an interest in art.
- Why the sudden interest?
- You can't blame them for looking after their own interests.
- a building of great architectural interest
- a mortgage with a fixed rate of interest
- a plot devoid of human interest
- growing interest from younger members
- issues of compelling strategic interest
- narrow sectional interests
- to stimulate interest among teachers
- As a matter of interest what time did the party finish?
- By that time I had lost all interest in the project.
- Does she take an interest in your research?
- Find a bank that has very low interest charges on overdrafts
- He showed no more than a passing interest in the sport.
- Her main interests are music and gardening.
- His books have a special interest for me.
- I should, at this point, declare my interest.
- I told him about it but he showed no interest.
- Interest rates have risen by 1%.
- Just out of interest, how much did it cost?
- Several people expressed an interest in learning the game.
- The Gold Account pays monthly interest of 5.5%.
- The money was repaid with interest.
- There are many places of interest around Oxford.
- These plants will add interest to your garden.
- They're paying 16% interest on the loan.

**Idioms:** ↑do something with interest ▪ ↑have somebody's interests at heart ▪ ↑in the interest of something

**Derived** ↑interest somebody in something

to attract your attention and make you feel interested; to make yourself give your attention to sth

- ~ **sb** Politics doesn't interest me.
- The museum has something to interest everyone, young and old.
- ~ **sb/yourself in sth** She has always interested herself in charity work.
- **it interests sb to do sth** **It may interest you to** know that Andy didn't accept the job.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	interest
	BrE / interest/
	AmE / interest/
	BrE / interest/
	AmE / interest/
he / she / it	interests
	BrE / interests/
	AmE / interests/
	BrE / interests/
	AmE / interests/
past simple, past participle	
	interested
	BrE / interested/
	AmE / interested/
	BrE / interested/
	AmE / interested/
-ing form	
	interesting
	BrE / interesting/
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Thesaurus:

**interest** verb T

- Politics just doesn't interest me.

**appeal** • • **attract** • • **fascinate** • • **intrigue** • • **absorb** • • **rivet** • • **grip** • | especially written **captivate** • • **enthral** • • **entrance** •  
a question/subject interests/fascinates/intrigues sb

Example Bank:

- It is this aspect of the work that really interests me.
- She tried to interest the director in her plan.
- It may interest you to know that he didn't accept the offer.
- Politics just doesn't interest me.
- She has always interested herself in helping younger musicians.
- The museum has something to interest everyone.
- The topic interests me very much.

## interest

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I. **in**terest<sup>1</sup> **S2 W1** /'ɪnrəst, 'ɪnrɪst/ BrE<sup>u</sup> AmE<sup>u</sup> noun

[Word Family: **adverb** ↑interestingly, ↑disinterestedly; **adjective**: ↑interested ≠ ↑disinterested ≠ ↑uninterested, ↑interesting ≠

**UNINTERESTING**; **verb**: ↑interest; **noun**: ↑interest ≠ ↑disinterest]

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: Anglo-French *interesse*, from Latin *interesse* 'to be between, make a difference, concern', from *esse* 'to be']

1. [singular, uncountable] if you have an interest in something or someone, you want to know or learn more about them

**interest in**

- My parents encouraged my interest in science.
- I'd recommend this book to anyone who has an interest in jazz.
- Ben has shown an interest in learning French.
- My mother had never expressed any interest in the garden.
- Babies soon begin to take an interest in the world around them.
- John appeared to have no interest in girls.
- I watched the first few episodes, but soon lost interest.
- The last round of bidding aroused considerable interest.
- Our survey reveals a disturbing lack of interest in teacher training.
- I read your article with great interest.

2. [countable usually plural] an activity that you enjoy doing or a subject that you enjoy studying:

- His interests include walking and golf.
- As a biologist, my main interest has been human genetics.
- Her outside interests (=interests that are not part of her work) were numerous.

3. [uncountable] a quality or feature of something that attracts your attention or makes you want to know more about it:

- A Persian rug will add colour and interest to your hallway.

**be of (no) interest (to somebody)** (=be interesting or not interesting to someone)

- It's a book that will be of interest to a wide range of readers.
- What you do in your private life is of no interest to me.
- art galleries, museums and other places of interest

topics of general interest (=that everyone wants to know about)

#### 4. [uncountable]

a) the extra money that you must pay back when you borrow money

interest on

" The interest on the loan is 16% per year.

" How much are the monthly interest payments?

b) money paid to you by a bank or financial institution when you keep money in an account there:

" an account that pays higher interest

" The more you save, the more interest you'll earn. ⇒ ↑compound interest, ↑interest rate, ↑simple interest

#### 5. [countable usually plural, uncountable] the things that bring advantages to someone or something

protect/look after/safeguard sb's interests

" The regulations were introduced in order to safeguard the interests of local fishing communities.

be in sb's (best) interest(s) (to do something) (=be the best thing for someone)

" The court decided that it was in the girl's best interests to remain with her grandparents.

have sb's (best) interests at heart (=care about someone and want to do what is best for them)

" He has your best interests at heart, you know.

" We've got to balance economic interests and environmental interests.

#### 6. be in the national/public interest to be good or necessary for the safety or success of a country and its people:

" I believe it is in the public interest that these facts are made known.

#### 7. in the interest(s) of justice/safety/efficiency etc in order to make a situation or system fair, safe etc:

" The race was postponed in the interests of safety.

#### 8. (just) out of interest/as a matter of interest spoken used to say that you are asking a question only because you are interested and not because you need to know:

" Just out of interest, how much did they offer you?

#### 9. [countable] if you have an interest in a particular company or industry, you own shares in it:

" The company is believed to be keen to sell its extensive brewing interests.

" His business interests are spread throughout Europe.

controlling interest (=enough shares to control what decisions are taken)

" In 1986 GM acquired a controlling interest in the sports car maker Lotus.

#### 10. [countable usually plural] a group of people in the same business who share aims or ideas:

" Farming interests now dominate many of the National Park committees.

" The majority of Brazil's huge commercial interests support the measure.

" the need to reduce the influence of special interests (=groups who are concerned about particular subjects)

#### 11. have no interest in doing something to not want to do something:

" I have no interest in continuing this conversation.

#### 12. declare an interest (in something) to officially state that you are connected with something or someone, and so cannot be completely fair and independent when making a decision involving them

#### 13. human interest/love interest the part of a story, film, or event which is interesting because it shows things about people's lives or romantic relationships:

" As a trainee reporter, she spent most of her time on human interest stories.

⇒ conflict of interest at ↑conflict<sup>1</sup>(6), ⇒ self-interest, ⇒ vested interest at ↑vested<sup>1</sup>(1)

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ verbs

▪ **have an interest in something** Steve has a keen interest in bird-watching.

▪ **show interest in something** He had shown great interest in her work.

▪ **express an interest in something** (=say that you are interested in something) A number of well-known film directors have expressed interest in the script.

▪ **take an interest in something** (=be interested in something) Jacky first took an interest in golf when he was about six years old.

▪ **have no interest in something** Andy had no interest in politics.

▪ **lose interest in something** (=stop being interested) Tilda had lost interest in what was being said.

▪ **arouse/generate/attract interest** (=make people interested) This extraordinary story has aroused interest in many quarters.

▪ **feign interest** (=pretend to be interested) Ted scanned the report, feigning interest.

▪ **interest grows** Interest in the project has steadily grown.

▪ **interest wanes** (=becomes less) When his initial interest waned, the teacher paid more attention to him.

### ■ adjectives

▪ **great interest** The government has shown great interest in the idea.

▪ **enormous/intense interest** (=very great) This tournament has created enormous interest.

▪ **considerable/strong/keen interest** The results of their work will be of considerable interest.

▪ **special/particular interest** Natural history was a special interest of his.

▪ **a personal interest in something** He took a personal interest in the lives of his workers.

▪ **renewed interest** (=starting again after it had stopped) There has been a renewed interest in abstract painting in recent years.

▪ **a consuming interest** (=a very strong feeling of interest) Roland had a consuming interest in cricket.

▪ **a long-term/abiding interest** (=an interest you have had for a long time) She has had a long-term interest in antiques.

### ■ phrases

▪ **a lot of interest** There has been a lot of interest in the story.

▪ **a great deal of interest** (=a lot of interest) The exhibition has generated a great deal of interest.

▪ **a lack of interest** The show was cancelled due to a lack of interest on the part of the public.

## II. interest<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> verb [transitive]

[Word Family: **adverb** ↑interestingly, ↑disinterestedly; **adjective**: ↑interested ≠ ↑disinterested ≠ ↑uninterested, ↑interesting ≠ UNINTERESTING; **verb**: ↑interest; **noun**: ↑interest ≠ ↑disinterest]

1. to make someone want to pay attention to something and find out more about it:

ˈ Here's an article which might interest you.

ˈ What interests me is all the history of these places.

ˈ It may interest you to know that a number of scholarships are available.

2. **interest yourself in something** *formal* to give something a lot of attention because you want to find out more about it:

ˈ He had always interested himself in foreign affairs.

3. to try to persuade someone to buy, do, or eat something

**interest somebody in something**

ˈ The salesman tried to interest me in the higher-priced model.

Could I interest you in a drink/dessert etc? (=used as a polite way of offering someone a drink etc)

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### THESAURUS

- **invest** *verb* [intransitive and transitive] to buy shares or property, in order to make a profit: Why don't you invest the money on the stock market? | He invested £50,000 in his brother's business. | Investing in property is probably not a good idea right now.
- **put money into something** to give money to a business, organization, activity etc, in order to help it develop and be successful: We're looking for an investor who will put money into our business. | Every year the charity puts millions of dollars into research to find ways to treat cancer.
- **back** [transitive usually passive] to invest in a project or business, especially when the fact that you do this shows you support it: The scheme has been backed by several major companies. | The movie is backed by a powerful state-owned bank.
- **interest** *noun* [countable] if you have an interest in a particular company, you own shares in it: In 1986 GM acquired a controlling interest (=enough shares to control what decisions are taken) in the sports car maker Lotus. | He has business interests throughout Europe.

## interest

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