

possession[pəˈzeɪʃ(ə)n] *n*

- 1. владение, обладание**
 naked possession - *юр.* фактическое владение при отсутствии правооснования
 writ of possession - *юр.* распоряжение суда о вводе (кого-л.) во владение имуществом
 in smb.'s possession, in the possession of smb. - в чьём-л. владении
 to be in possession of smth. - владеть чем-л.
 to take /to get/ possession of smth. - а) стать владельцем чего-л., приобрести что-л.; б) овладеть чем-л., захватить что-л.
 to come /to enter/ into possession of a fortune - получить состояние в наследство
 to remain in possession of the field - *воен.* сохранять инициативу на поле боя
 old ideas still keep possession of them - они всё ещё находятся во власти старых понятий /представлений/
 to be in possession of the House - *парл.* выступать (в прениях), брать слово
 the information in my possession - сведения, имеющиеся в моём распоряжении
 in full possession of his faculties - полностью /на сто процентов/ использующий свои способности
- 2. 1) часто *pl* имущество, собственность; пожитки**
 his personal possessions - его личная собственность
 a man of great possessions - состоятельный человек
- 2) владения, зависимая территория**
 territorial possessions - территориальные владения
 foreign /overseas/ possessions - иностранные владения
- 3. 1) одержимость; идефикс**
- 2) *книжн.* одержимость бесами, сатаной, дьяволом [см. *тж.* possessed 1, 3])**
- 4. *редк.* хладнокровие; самообладание**
 in this crisis his possession was admirable - можно было восхищаться его самообладанием в этот критический момент
 ◇ possession is nine points /tenths/ of the law - *посл.* владение имуществом почти равносильно праву на него

possession

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pos·ses·sion [possession possessions] *BrE* [pəˈzeɪʃn] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [pəˈzeɪʃn] [ⓘ] **noun****HAVING/OWNING**

- 1. uncountable (formal) the state of having or owning sth**
 - The manuscript is just one of the treasures **in their possession**.
 - The gang was caught **in possession of** stolen goods.
 - The possession of a passport is essential for foreign travel.
 - On her father's death, she **came into possession of** (= received) a vast fortune.
 - You cannot legally **take possession of** the property (= start using it after buying it) until three weeks after the contract is signed.**see also** ↑vacant possession
- 2. countable, usually plural something that you own or have with you at a particular time**
Syn: ↑belongings
 - personal possessions
 - The ring is one of her most treasured possessions.
 - Please make sure you have all your possessions with you when leaving the plane.

IN SPORT

- 3. uncountable the state of having control of the ball**
 - to **win/get/lose possession of** the ball
 - The home team had most of the possession in the first half.

LAW

- 4. uncountable the state of having illegal drugs or weapons with you at a particular time**
 - She was charged with possession.

COUNTRY

- 5. countable (formal) a country that is controlled or governed by another country**
 - The former colonial possessions are now independent states.

BY EVIL SPIRIT

- 6. uncountable the situation when sb's mind is believed to be controlled by the Devil or by an evil spirit**

more at leave sb in possession of the field **at** ↑field _n.**Idiom:** ↑possession is nine tenths of the law**Word Origin:**Middle English: from Old French, from Latin *possessio(n)-*, from the verb *possidere*, from *potis* 'able, capable' + *sedere* 'sit'.**Thesaurus:****possession** **noun** C, usually pl.

• Prisoners were allowed no personal possessions.

belongings • • **valuables** • • **property** • |informal **stuff** • • **gear** • |especially *BrE*, informal **things** • |informal, disapproving **junk** •

business asset • especially written law **goods** •

personal possessions/belongings/property/stuff/things/assets

collect/gather/pack possessions/belongings/stuff/things

sell your possessions/belongings/valuables/property/stuff/things/assets/goods

Synonyms:

things

stuff • property • possessions • junk • belongings • goods • valuables

These are all words for objects or items, especially ones that you own or have with you at a particular time.

things • (rather informal) objects, clothing or tools that you own or that are used for a particular purpose: ▫ Shall I help you pack your things? ▫ Bring your swimming things.

stuff • [U] (informal) used to refer to a group of objects when you do not know their names, when the names are not important or when it is obvious what you are talking about: ▫ Where's all my stuff?

property • [U] (rather formal) a thing or things that are owned by sb: ▫ This building is government property. ▫ Be careful not to damage other people's property.

possessions • things that you own, especially sth that can be moved ▫ Prisoners were allowed no personal possessions except letters and photographs.

junk • [U] things that are considered useless or of little value: ▫ I've cleared out all that old junk from the attic.

belongings • possessions that can be moved, especially ones that you have with you at a particular time: ▫ Please make sure you have all your belongings with you when leaving the plane.

goods • (technical or rather formal) possessions that can be moved ▫ He was found guilty of ▫ handling stolen goods ▫.

valuables • things that are worth a lot of money, especially small personal things such as jewellery or cameras: ▫ Never leave cash or other valuables lying around.

personal things/stuff/property/possessions/belongings

to **collect/gather/pack** (up) your things/stuff/possessions/belongings

to **search** sb's/your/the things/stuff/property/belongings

to **go through** sb's/your/the things/stuff/belongings

Example Bank:

- Drivers must be in possession of a current driving licence.
- He carried all his worldly possessions in an old suitcase.
- Passengers must be in possession of a valid passport.
- The judge made a possession order against the tenant.
- The sports car was her proudest possession.
- The team was struggling to retain possession of the ball.
- They had exclusive possession of the property as tenants.
- They have in their possession some very valuable pictures.
- They were charged with unlawful possession of firearms.
- When do you take possession of your new house?
- the country's overseas possessions.
- Prisoners were allowed no personal possessions.
- The ring is one of her most treasured/prized possessions.

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possession **W3** /pə'zɛʃən/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

1. HAVING SOMETHING [uncountable] *formal* if something is in your possession, you own it, or you have obtained it from somewhere

in sb's possession

- " The house has been in the family's possession since the 1500s.
- " That information is not in our possession.

in possession of something

- " She was found in possession of stolen goods.
- " How did the painting come into your possession (=how did you get it)?
- " The finance company now has possession of the house.
- " We didn't take possession of (=get and start using) the car until a few days after the auction.

2. SOMETHING YOU OWN [countable usually plural] something that you own or have with you at a particular time **SYN belongings**:

- " He had sold all his possessions and left the country.
- " I packed my remaining possessions into the trunk.

treasured/prized/precious possession (=one that is very important to you)

- " This old violin had been her father's most treasured possession.
- " Prisoners were allowed no personal possessions.

3. CRIME [uncountable] *law* the crime of having illegal drugs or weapons with you or in your home

possession of

- " He was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine.

4. SPORT [uncountable] when a person or team has control of the ball in some sports

win/lose/gain etc possession

- " Pittsburgh got possession and scored.

5. COUNTRY [countable usually plural] a country controlled or governed by another country:

- " France's former colonial possessions

6. **EVIL SPIRITS** [uncountable] a situation in which someone's mind is being controlled by something evil:

" Was it a case of demonic possession?"

7. **in (full) possession of your faculties/senses** able to think in a clear and intelligent way, and not crazy or affected by old age

8. **possession is nine-tenths of the law** used to say that if you have something, you are likely to be able to keep it, even if it is not yours

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ phrases

- **be in somebody's possession** The painting has been in the family's possession since then.
- **come into somebody's possession** You have a duty not to disclose confidential information that comes into your possession.
- **be in possession of something** (=have it) Before applying for a job, make sure you are in possession of the required qualifications.
- **have something in your possession** (=have it) My father had in his possession a letter written by Winston Churchill.
- **come into possession of something** (=start having it) How did you come into possession of this document?
- **take possession of something** (=start having or using it) At 21, he was entitled to take possession of the property.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ adjectives

- **somebody's personal possessions** We were told that we could take only a few personal possessions with us.
- **somebody's worldly possessions** *literary* (=everything they own) Over his shoulder hung a bag which contained all his worldly possessions.
- **material possessions** (=things you own, rather than personal qualities, relationships etc) Many of them have lost all their material possessions as a result of the civil war.
- **a precious possession** (=one that is valuable or important to you) A man was salvaging a few precious possessions from the rubble of a bombed house.
- **a prized/treasured possession** (=one that is very important to you) One of my most treasured possessions is a small book of prayers.

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