

principal**1. [ˈprɪnsɪp(ə)] n**

1. глава, начальник; патрон, принципал

the principal of a firm - глава фирмы

2. 1) ректор университета

2) директор колледжа

3) директор школы

3. «звезда», ведущий актёр *или* ведущая актриса

4. дуэлист, участник дуэли

5. главный должник

6. *юр.* главный преступник, виновник7. *юр.* доверитель; комитент, заказчик

8. участник договора

principals to the contract - непосредственные участники договора

9. *фин.* капитальная сумма; основная сумма; капитал (*сумма, на которую начисляются проценты*)

principal and interest - капитал и проценты

10. *фин.* номинал векселя11. *стр.* стропильная ферма12. *муз.*

1) ведущий исполнитель

2) солист

2. [ˈprɪnsɪp(ə)] a

1. 1) главный, основной

principal cause - главная причина

principal towns [rivers] - главные города [реки]

principal sum = principal I 9

principal office - главная контора

the principal citizens of a town - отцы города

principal axis - *спец.* главная осьprincipal attack - *воен.* главный ударprincipal reserves - *воен.* общий резервprincipal rafter - *стр.* главная стропильная нога

2) ведущий

principal boy - *театр.* трагист, актриса, исполняющая ведущую роль мальчика *или* юноши (в детском спектакле)

principal dancer - прима-балерина

2. *грам.* главный

principal clause - главное предложение

principal parts of the verb - основные формы глагола

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prin-ci-pal **AW** [principal principals] adjective, noun *BrE* [ˈprɪnsəpəl] * *NAmE*

[ˈprɪnsəpəl]

adjective only before noun

most important; main

- The principal reason for this omission is lack of time.
- New roads will link the principal cities of the area.
- Tourist revenue is now our principal source of wealth.
- My principal concern is to get the job done fast.
- The violins have the principal tune.

Word Origin:Middle English: via Old French from Latin **principalis** 'first, original', from **princeps**, **princip-** 'first, chief'.Synonyms:**main**

major • key • central • principal • chief • prime

These words all describe sb/sth that is the largest or most important of its kind.

main • [only before noun] largest or most important: ▫ Be careful crossing the main road. ◇ ▫ The main thing is to remain calm.**major** • [usually before noun] very large or important: ▫ He played a major role in setting up the system.**Major** is most often used after **a** with a singular noun, or no article with a plural noun. When it is used with **the** or **my/your/his/her/our/their** it means 'the largest or most important': ▫ Our major concern here is combatting poverty. In this meaning it is only used to talk about ideas or worries that people have, not physical things, and it is also more formal than **main**: ▫ Be careful crossing the major road. ◇ ▫ The major thing is to remain calm.**key** • [usually before noun] most important; essential: ▫ He was a key figure in the campaign.**Key** is used most frequently in business and political contexts. It can be used to talk about ideas, or the part that sb plays in a situation, but not physical things. It is slightly more informal than **major**, especially when used after a noun and linking verb: ▫ Speed is key at this point.**central** • (rather formal) most important: ▫ The central issue is that of widespread racism.**Central** is used in a similar way to **key**, but is more formal. It is most frequently used in the phrase **sth is central to sth else**.

principal • [only before noun] (rather formal) most important: ▪ The principal reason for this omission is lack of time.
Principal is mostly used for statements of fact about which there can be no argument. To state an opinion, or to try to persuade sb of the facts as you see them, it is more usual to use **key** or **central**: ▪ The key/central issue here is...
chief • [only before noun] (rather formal) most important: ▪ Unemployment was the chief cause of poverty.
prime • [only before noun] (rather formal) most important; to be considered first: ▪ My prime concern is to protect my property.
a/the main/major/key/central/principal/chief/prime **aim/concern**
a/the main/major/principal **road/town/city**
the main/key **thing** is to...
to be **of** major/key/central/prime **importance**

Example Bank:

- New roads will link the principal cities.

noun

1. (BrE) the person who is in charge of a college or a university
 - Peter Brown, principal of St John's College
2. (NAmE) (BrE **head teacher**) a teacher who is in charge of a school
 - Principal Ray Smith
3. **usually singular** (finance) an amount of money that you lend to sb or invest to earn interest
4. the person who has the most important part in a play, an **opera**, etc
 - The performance of the two principals is disappointing.
5. (technical) a person that you are representing, especially in business or law
 - The shareholders are principals and the managers are agents.

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Example Bank:

- She was appointed as the first principal of Cambridge Training College.
- The college principal says he's pleased with this year's results.
- The principal must be repaid in full within ten years.
- The regulations have been opposed by local high school principals.

See also: **head teacher**

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I. **prɪnˈsɪpəl** ¹ **W2 AC** /'prɪnsəpəl, 'prɪnsɪpəl/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **adjective** [only before noun]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin principalis, from princeps; ⇒ **prince**]

most important **SYN main**:

- His principal reason for making the journey was to visit his family.
- Teaching is her principal source of income.
- the principal character in the book

⇒ **principally**

II. **prɪnˈsɪpəl** ² **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun**

1. **SCHOOL** [countable] **American English** someone who is in charge of a school **SYN headteacher** **British English**:
 - a small school with just three teachers and the principal
2. **UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE** [countable] **British English** someone who is in charge of a university or college
3. **BUSINESS** [countable] **American English** the main person in a business or organization, who can make important business decisions and is legally responsible for them:
 - The principal of the business has an office in New York.
4. **PERFORMER** [countable] the main performer in a play or in a group of musicians, dancers etc:
 - She later became a principal with the Royal Ballet.
5. **MONEY** [singular] **technical** the original amount of money that is lent to someone, not including any of the **interest**

THESAURUS

- **teacher** someone who teaches as their job, especially in a school: a high school teacher
- **principal** (also **headteacher** **British English**) the teacher who is in charge of a school or college: The teacher sent him to the principal's office.
- **tutor** someone who gives private lessons to one student or a small group of students. In Britain, a tutor is also a teacher in a university: They hired a tutor to help him with his English. | Your tutor will help you find a subject for your essay.
- **lecturer** someone who teaches in a university or college: University lecturers aren't very well paid.
- **professor** a teacher in a college or university. In Britain, a **professor** is a high-ranking university teacher, especially one who is head of a department: She was professor of linguistics at Cambridge University.
- **instructor** someone who teaches a sport or a practical skill such as swimming or driving: He works as a ski instructor in the winter. | a driving instructor
- **coach** someone who helps a person or team improve in a sport: a professional tennis coach
- **educator** **especially American English formal** someone whose job involves teaching people, or someone who is an expert on education: Most educators agree that class sizes are still too big.

- **trainer** someone who teaches people particular skills, especially the skills they need to do a job: a teacher trainer | Many companies pay outside trainers to teach management skills to their staff.
- **governess** a woman who lived with a family and taught their children in past times: As a governess, Charlotte Brontë received twenty pounds a year.

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