

comprise

[kəm'praɪz] *v*

1) включать, заключать в себе, составлять; охватывать; состоять из

- his course of study comprises English, French, history and mathematics - в программу его занятий входят английский язык, французский язык, история и математика
- the examination comprises several tests - экзамен состоит из нескольких проверочных работ
- the family comprises five sons - в семье пять сыновей
- the Examining Board comprises several members - экзаменационная комиссия состоит из нескольких членов

2) входить в состав

- the chapters that comprise part one - главы, которые составляют первую часть

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com·prise **AW** [comprise comprises comprised comprising] **BrE** [kəm'praɪz]

NAmE [kəm'praɪz] *verb*

(not used in the progressive tenses) (formal)

1. (also **be comprised of**) ~ sth to have sb/sth as parts or members

Syn: consist of

- The collection comprises 327 paintings.
- The committee is comprised of representatives from both the public and private sectors.

2. ~ sth to be the parts or members that form sth

Syn: ↑make something up

- Older people comprise a large proportion of those living in poverty.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	comprise
	BrE /kəm'praɪz/
	NAmE /kəm'praɪz/
he / she /it	comprises
	BrE /kəm'praɪzɪz/
	NAmE /kəm'praɪzɪz/
past simple, past participle	comprised
	BrE /kəm'praɪzd/
	NAmE /kəm'praɪzd/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from French, '**comprised**', feminine past participle of **comprendre**, from Old French **comprehender**, from **com-** 'together' + **prehendere** 'grasp'.

Language Bank:

proportion

Describing fractions and proportions

- According to this pie chart, **a third of** students' leisure time is spent watching TV.
- One in five** hours is/are spent socializing.
- Socializing **accounts for** / **makes up** / **comprises** about 20% of leisure time.
- Students spend **twice as much** time playing computer games as doing sport.
- Three times as many** hours are spent playing computer games as reading.
- The figure for playing computer games is **three times higher than** the figure for reading.
- The largest proportion of** time is spent playing computer games.

note at ↑half

Synonyms at ↑consist

Language Banks at ↑expect, ↑fall, ↑illustrate, ↑increase

Synonyms:

consist of sb/sth

comprise • make up sth • constitute • be composed of sb/sth

These words all mean to be formed from the things or people mentioned, or to be the parts that form sth.

consist of sb/sth • to be formed from the things, people or activities mentioned: ▪ Their diet consists largely of vegetables.

comprise • (rather formal) to be formed from the things or people mentioned: ▪ The collection comprises 327 paintings.

Comprise can also be used to refer to the parts or members of sth: ▪ Older people comprise a large proportion of those living in poverty. However, this is less frequent

make up sth • (rather informal) to be the parts or people that form sth: ▪ Women make up 56% of the student numbers.

constitute • to be the parts or people that form sth: ▪ People under the age of 40 constitute the majority of the labour force.

be composed of sb/sth • (rather formal) to be formed from the things or people mentioned: ▪ Around 15% of our diet is composed of protein.

which word?

Consist of sb/sth is the most general of these words and the only one that can be used for activities with the **-ing** form of a verb: ▪ My work at that time just consisted of typing letters. The other main difference is between those verbs that take the whole as the

subject and the parts as the object: ▪ The group consists of/comprises/is made up of/is composed of ten people. and those that take the parts as the subject and the whole as the object: ▪ Ten people make up/constitute/comprise the group. It is not correct to use 'comprises of' or 'is composed by/from'.

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comprise **W3 AC** /kəm'praɪz/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* [not in progressive] *formal*

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: past participle of comprendre, from Latin comprehendere; ⇨ ↑comprehend]

1. [linking verb] to consist of particular parts, groups etc:

The house comprises two bedrooms, a kitchen, and a living room.

be comprised of somebody/something

The committee is comprised of well-known mountaineers.

▶ Do not say that something 'comprises of' things or people.

2. [transitive] to form part of a larger group of people or things **SYN constitute, make up:**

Women comprise a high proportion of part-time workers.

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▪ **consist of/be made up of** to be formed from two or more things or people: Lunch consisted of sandwiches and fruit. | The apartment consisted of three rooms. | The audience was largely made up of families.

▪ **be composed of** to consist of something – used especially when saying which natural substances something contains, or what kind of people are in a group: Every chemical element is composed of atoms. | Venus' atmosphere is mainly composed of carbon dioxide. | The team was composed of leading scientists from around the world.

▪ **comprise** /kəm'praɪz/ *formal* to consist of the things mentioned. **Comprise** can also be used to talk about the people or things which form something: The event comprises a champagne reception, two-course lunch, and a fashion show. | Men still comprise the majority of people who have the disease.

▪ **make up** (also **constitute formal**) to be the things or people that form something: Women constitute a significant part of the workforce. | Toys make up about 10% of the company's sales.

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RANGE: **5k COMPRISE** 6530

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