

empire**1. ['empaɪə] n**

1. 1) империя

the Empire - *устм.* а) Британская империя; б) Священная Римская империя; в) Первая империя (*во Франции*)
Lower empire - Восточная Римская империя, Византия

2) империя (*о капиталистической монополии*)

the Krupp industrial empire - промышленная империя Круппа

2. 1) верховная власть, господство, владычество

the empire of man over things - власть человека над вещами

to establish one's empire over smth. - установить (своё) господство над чем-л.

to have empire over the minds of men - быть властителем умов

2) царство

the empire of dreams - царство грёз

3. = emperorship

2. ['empaɪə] а (обыкн. Empire)

имперский

empire preferences - *эк.* имперские преференции

empire goods - имперские товары, имперские грузы (*из английских владений*)

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em-pire [empire empires] *BrE* ['empaɪə(r)]^а *NAmE* ['empaɪə]^а **noun****1.** a group of countries or states that are controlled by one ruler or government

- the Roman empire

2. a group of commercial organizations controlled by one person or company

- a business empire

Word Origin:

Middle English: via Old French from Latin *imperium*, related to *imperare* 'to command', from *in-* 'towards' + *parare* 'prepare, contrive'.

Example Bank:

- All the bureaucrats jealously guarded their own little empires.
- By now Britain had lost its empire.
- He has built a huge business empire from humble beginnings.
- The Japanese empire was quickly dismantled.
- The mighty empire finally crumbled.
- a country that is still part of the empire
- the decline of the old colonial empires
- the staff who help run his hotel empire
- The Ottoman Empire began to decline in the late eighteenth century.
- The story describes the growth of the vast empire of Alexander the Great.
- These invasions almost led to the collapse of the Roman Empire.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

em-pire *W3* /'empaɪə \$ -paɪr/ *BrE*^а *AmE*^а **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin *imperare*; ⇒ ↑ *emperor*]

1. a group of countries that are all controlled by one ruler or government:

the Roman empire

2. a group of organizations controlled by one person:

a business empire

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)■ **adjectives**

- **a large/vast/huge empire** The emperor Claudius ruled a vast empire stretching from Persia to Britain.
- **a great empire** (=large and powerful) The city was the centre of a great empire.
- **the Roman/British/Soviet etc empire** The Barbarians finally overthrew the Roman empire.
- **a colonial empire** (=a group of countries ruled by another country that is far away) France had a huge colonial empire.

■ **verbs**

- **found an empire** (=start an empire) The Persian empire was founded by Cyrus the Great.
- **an empire grows** As the empire grew, its new territories needed to be protected.
- **an empire falls/collapses** (=loses power suddenly) In A.D.476, the western part of the Empire collapsed.
- **an empire crumbles** (=loses power gradually) The vast empire was beginning to crumble.

■ **phrases**

- **the decline of an empire** (=the gradual decrease in an empire's power) The next two hundred years saw the gradual decline of the Roman empire.
- **the fall/collapse of an empire** (=the sudden end of an empire) After the battle of Waterloo, the collapse of Napoleon's empire was inevitable.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ adjectives

- **a business/financial /media etc empire** His business empire is now worth over \$20 billion.
- **a large/vast/huge empire** He created a vast financial empire worth billions of dollars.

■ verbs

- **build (up) an empire** She built her clothing empire from one small shop to an international chain.
- **run an empire** (=be in charge of it) She now runs a whole media empire.
- **an empire collapses** (=fails and ends suddenly) When the business empire collapsed, thousands of employees lost their jobs.

■ phrases

- **the collapse of an empire** He left the country after the collapse of his construction empire.

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