

# almost

1. [ˈɔːlməʊst] *a*  
 почти полный, фактический  
 with almost reverence - с видимым почтением /уважением/

2. [ˈɔːlməʊst] *adv*  
 почти  
 almost always - почти всегда  
 almost ready - почти готово  
 I almost missed the train - я чуть не опоздал на поезд  
 almost never - почти никогда  
 almost no one - почти никто, едва ли кто-нибудь  
 the speaker said almost nothing - оратор почти ничего (нового) (и) не сказал  
 ◇ almost was neverhang'd, almost neverkilled a fly - ≅ «почти» не считается

## almost

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**al-most** *BrE* [ˈɔːlməʊst] *NAmE* [ˈɔːlmoʊst] **adverb**

not quite

**Syn:** ↑nearly

- I like almost all of them.
- It's a mistake they almost always make.
- The story is almost certainly false.
- It's almost time to go.
- Dinner's almost ready.
- He slipped and almost fell.
- Their house is almost opposite ours.
- They'll eat almost anything.
- Almost no one (= hardly anyone) believed him.

### Word Origin:

Old English *æl mæost* 'for the most part', a composite of ↑*all* and ↑*most*.

### Thesaurus:

**almost** [**almost**] *adv.*

- Dinner's almost ready.

**nearly** • • **virtually** • • **more or less** • • **not quite** • |especially spoken **practically** • • **about** • • **pretty much/well** •

almost/nearly/virtually/more or less/not quite/practically/about/pretty much **all/every**

almost/virtually/more or less/practically/about/pretty much **any/anything**

almost/nearly/virtually/more or less/practically **always**

almost/virtually/more or less/practically **impossible**

**Almost or nearly?** In many cases you can use either word. **Almost**, but not **nearly**, can be used before words like **any**, **anybody**, **anything**, **no**, **nobody** and **never**

- They'll eat almost anything.

**Nearly** is more common with numbers

- There were nearly 200 people in the room.

### Synonyms:

**almost / nearly / practically**

These three words have similar meanings and are used frequently with the following words:

almost ~	nearly ~	practically ~
certainly	(numbers)	all
all	all	every
every	always	no
entirely	every	nothing
impossible	finished	impossible
empty	died	anything

They are used in positive sentences: ▫ She almost/nearly/practically missed her train. They can be used before words like **all**, **every** and **everybody**: ▫ Nearly all the students have bikes. ◇ ▫ I've got practically every CD they've made. **Practically** is used more in spoken than in written English. **Nearly** is the most common with numbers: ▫ There were nearly 200 people at the meeting. They can also be used in negative sentences but it is more common to make a positive sentence with only just: ▫ We only just got there in time. (or: ▫ We almost/nearly didn't get there in time. )

**Almost** and **practically** can be used before words like **any**, **anybody**, **anything**, etc: ▫ I'll eat almost anything. You can also use them before **no**, **nobody**, **never**, etc. but it is much more common to use **hardly** or **scarcely** with **any**, **anybody**, **ever**, etc: ▫ She's hardly ever in (or: ▫ She's almost never in ).

**Almost** can be used when you are saying that one thing is similar to another: ▫ The boat looked almost like a toy.

In *BrE* you can use **very** and **so** before **nearly**: ▫ He was very nearly caught.

note at ↑**hardly**

### Example Bank:

- Dinner's almost ready.
- His voice was almost inaudible.
- It's a mistake they almost always make.
- It's almost time to go.
- The castle is almost entirely surrounded by water.
- The two brothers are almost inseparable.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

al **most** S1 W1 /ˈɔːlməʊst/ \$ ˈbɔːlməʊst, p ɔːlməʊst BrE " AmE " adverb

[Language: Old English; Origin: ealmæst, from eall 'all' + mæst 'mostly']

nearly, but not completely or not quite:

- " Have you almost finished?
- " Supper's almost ready.
- " It was almost midnight.
- " Almost nothing was done to improve the situation.
- " The story is almost certainly true.
- " He's almost as old as I am.

**almost all/every/everything**

- " Marsha visits her son almost every day.

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## THESAURUS

- **almost** not completely or not quite: I've almost finished my essay. | It's almost lunchtime.
- **nearly** almost. **Nearly** is more commonly used in British English than American English: I've been a teacher for nearly 10 years now. | It's very nearly time to go home.
- **not quite** almost, but not yet: 'Is he 60?' 'Not quite!' | It's not quite time to go yet. | I'm not quite ready yet.
- **practically/virtually** very nearly: The room was practically empty. | **practically all/everything/everyone etc**: The frost killed practically every plant in the garden. | Virtually everyone had gone home.
- **more or less/just about/pretty much** *especially spoken* very nearly – use this when saying that the difference is not important: All the rooms are more or less the same size. | His jacket was pretty much the same colour as his trousers. | The policy will benefit just about everyone.
- **getting on for** *British English informal*, **getting on toward** *especially American English informal* almost a particular time, age, or period of time – used especially when you are not sure of the exact time, age etc: It's getting on for 10 years since we last saw each other. | 'How old's Diane?' 'She must be getting on toward 50.'
- **close to** almost a particular number, amount, or time – used especially when the number or amount is surprisingly large or the time is very late: It was close to midnight by the time we arrived. | They've spent close to \$1.3 billion on the project.
- **approaching/nearing** almost – used when a number or amount is still increasing or a time is getting nearer: The unemployment rate was nearing 20%.
- **be on the verge of (doing) something** to be very close to doing something: She was on the verge of tears (=almost crying). | I was on the verge of giving up. | They were on the verge of making a decision.
- **be on the brink of something** to be very close to an extremely bad situation: The two countries are on the brink of war. | The company was on the brink of bankruptcy.

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RANGE: **1k** ALMOST 133366

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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