

**public**

1. ['pʌblɪk] *n*
  1. *собир.* народ  
the public is the best judge, the public are the best judges - народ - лучший судья
  2. *собир.*
    - 1) публика  
the reading [theatrical] public - читающая [театральная] публика  
in public - открыто, публично; на людях  
the public are not admitted - публика не допускается, вход воспрещён  
general public, public at large - широкая публика  
books that appeal to a large public - книги, которые привлекают внимание широкого круга читателей  
Public Lending Right - система авторского вознаграждения, в которой гонорар зависит от того, как спрашивают книгу в библиотеках
    - 2) общественность  
the British public - английская общественность  
to appeal /to apply/ to the public - обратиться/апеллировать/ к обществу
  3. *разг. сокр. от public house*
2. ['pʌblɪk] *a*
  1. общественный  
public opinion - общественное мнение  
public morality - общественная мораль  
public sentiment - настроение *или* отношение общества /общественности/  
public spirit - а) общественное сознание; б) сознательность; отстаивание общественных интересов; гражданственность  
public service - деятельность на общественном поприще [*см. тж.* 3, 6]  
public figure /man/ - общественный деятель  
public eye - общественное внимание  
public image - репутация, мнение широкой публики (*о ком-л.*)  
public order - общественный порядок  
public nuisance - а) нарушение общественного порядка; б) нарушитель общественного порядка; в) источник опасности *или* вреда  
public bads - ущерб для общества  
for public use - для общественного пользования  
in a public place - в общественном месте
  2. народный, общенародный  
public ownership - общенародное достояние; общественная собственность
  3. общественный, коммунальный, общественного пользования  
public lighting - уличное /городское/ освещение  
public transport - общественный /городской/ транспорт  
public service - коммунальное обслуживание, коммунальные услуги [*см. тж.* 1, 6]  
public accommodations - места общественного пользования (*включая транспорт*)  
public facilities - а) = public utilities а); б) места общественного пользования (*школы, рестораны, бассейны и т. п.*)  
public utilities - а) предприятия общественного пользования (*средства связи, городской транспорт и т. п.*); б) коммунальные сооружения; в) коммунальные услуги; коммунальные службы; г) акции и облигации предприятий общественного пользования  
public cleansing - очистка /уборка/ улиц  
public works - а) общественные сооружения; б) общественные работы  
public warehouse - *амер.* склад общественного пользования (*частновладельческий*)  
certified public accountant - *амер.* дипломированный присяжный, бухгалтер, аудитор
  4. публичный, общедоступный  
public library - публичная библиотека  
public lecture - публичная лекция  
public address - публичное выступление  
public speaking - искусство выступать перед аудиторией  
public sale - публичные торги, аукцион  
public day - *амер.* приёмный день для широкой публики (*в учреждениях и т. п.*)  
public room - общая комната, холл (*в гостинице и т. п.*)  
public bar - общий бар в пабе (*с обслуживанием у стойки*)
  5. открытый гласный  
public meeting - открытое заседание  
public protest - открытый протест  
public key - открытый шифровальный код (*защищённый от расшифровки вторым кодом*)  
to make public - предать гласности; объявить, опубликовать  
to go public - а) предать гласности (*конфиденциальные сведения и т. п.*); б) *фин.* впервые выставить на продажу акции и ценные бумаги
  6. государственный, национальный  
public lands - государственные земли  
public debt [loan] - государственный долг [заём]  
public funds - а) государственные средства; б) государственные ценные бумаги  
public revenue - государственные доходы

public sector - государственный сектор  
public office - а) государственное или муниципальное учреждение; присутственное место; б) государственная должность  
public officer - государственный служащий, чиновник, должностное лицо  
public servant - а) государственное или муниципальное должностное лицо; лицо, находящееся на государственной службе; б) = public-service corporation  
public service - государственная служба [см. тж. 1, 3]  
public law - а) государственное право, публичное право; б) публичный закон (касающийся всего населения)  
public trustee - юр. публичный доверительный собственник; государственный попечитель (по управлению имуществом частных лиц)  
public notary, notary public - нотариус  
public defender - амер. государственный защитник (неимущего обвиняемого)  
public enemy - а) вражеская страна; враждебное государство; б) социально-опасный элемент  
public act - а) юр. публичный акт /закон/; б) публичный акт, действие государственной власти  
public bill - публичный законопроект; законопроект общегосударственного значения  
Public Record Office - государственный архив  
public holidays - праздничные дни, официальные праздники  
public assistance - амер. государственное денежное пособие (беднякам, престарелым, инвалидам и детям)

7. публично-правовой  
public corporation - публично-правовая /государственная/ корпорация (руководит национализированной отраслью промышленности)  
public securities - а) государственные ценные бумаги; б) ценные бумаги, выпущенные публично-правовыми учреждениями

8. *в чт.* общий  
public data - общие данные  
public data base - общая база данных  
◇ to be in the public line - содержать бар /таверну/  
public orator - официальный оратор (в Оксфордском и Кембриджском университетах)

## public

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**pub-lic** [public public] adjective, noun BrE ['pʌblɪk] " NAmE ['pʌblɪk] "  
adjective

### OF ORDINARY PEOPLE

1. **only before noun** connected with ordinary people in society in general

- The campaign is designed to increase public awareness of the issues.
- Levels of waste from the factory may be a danger to public health.
- Why would the closure of hospitals be **in the public interest** (= useful to ordinary people) ?
- The government had to bow to public pressure.

### FOR EVERYONE

2. **only before noun** provided especially by the government for the use of people in general

- a public education system
- a public library

**Opp:** ↑private

### OF GOVERNMENT

3. **only before noun** connected with the government and the services it provides

- **public money/spending/funding/expenditure**
- He spent much of his career in **public office** (= working in the government) .
- (BrE) the **public purse** (= the money that the government can spend)
- The rail industry is no longer in **public ownership** (= controlled by the government) .

**Opp:** ↑private

### SEEN/HEARD BY PEOPLE

4. known to people in general

- a **public figure** (= a person who is well known because they are often on the television, radio, etc.)
- Details of the government report have not yet been **made public** .
- She entered **public life** (= started a job in which she became known to the public) at the age of 25.
- This latest scandal will not have done their public image (= the opinion that people have of them) any good.

5. open to people in general; intended to be seen or heard by people in general

- a public apology
- The painting will be put on **public display** next week.
- This may be the band's last **public appearance** together.

### PLACE

6. where there are a lot of people who can see and hear you

- Let's go somewhere a little less public.

**Opp:** ↑private

**more at** be common/public knowledge **at** ↑knowledge

### Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French, from Latin **publicus**, blend of **poplicus** 'of the people' (from **populus** 'people' ) and **pubes** 'adult' .

### Thesaurus:

**public** *adj.*

#### 1. only before noun

- The government had to bow to public pressure.

**popular** • • **social** • • **civic** •

public/popular/social **awareness/pressure/support/unrest**

public/popular **opinion**

public/social **issues/values/policy/welfare**

#### 2. only before noun

- He was charged with destroying public property.

**common** • • **communal** • • **collective** •

**Opp:** private

public/common/communal/collective **property**

public/common/communal **land**

#### 3. only before noun

- Schools are worried about public spending cuts.

**state** • • **national** • • **federal** •

**Opp:** private

public/state/national/federal **authorities/funding/expenditure /investiture**

public/state/federal **control/institutions/officials/funds/spending**

public/state **education/hospitals/enterprise/ownership**

the public/state **sector**

### Example Bank:

- There was a very public display of Anglo-American unity at the meeting.
- We're going to make the news public.
- Details of the government report have not yet been made public.
- He spent much of his career in public office.
- He was charged with destroying public property.
- Jobs have been created in both the private and public sectors of the economy.
- Levels of waste from the factory may be a danger to public health.
- Schools are worried about public spending cuts.
- She entered public life at the age of 23.
- The campaign is designed to increase public awareness of the issues.
- The information is available in any public library.
- The media has a powerful influence on public opinion.
- The rail industry is no longer in public ownership.
- The reception and other public areas have been refurbished.
- Their tax plans would hit public services.
- There has been massive investment in public housing.
- There is a desperate need to improve public transport in the city.
- We believe there is scope to improve public access to the countryside.
- What would be the real cost of such a scheme to the public purse?
- Why would the closure of hospitals be in the public interest?
- public transportation

**Idioms:** †go public ▪ †in public ▪ †in the public eye

**Derived Word** †publicly

noun singular + singular or plural verb

## ORDINARY PEOPLE

### 1. the public ordinary people in society in general

- The palace is now **open to the public**.
- There have been many complaints from **members of the public**.
- The public has/have a right to know what is contained in the report.

**see also** †general public

## GROUP OF PEOPLE

### 2. a group of people who share a particular interest or who are involved in the same activity

- the theatre-going public
- She knows how to keep her public (= for example, the people who buy her books) satisfied.

**more at** wash your dirty linen in public **at** †wash *v.*

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'adult'.

## Thesaurus:

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**public** noun sing. + sing./pl. v.

• The government should inform the public of the risks.

**population** • • **the country** • • **the nation** • • **community** • • **society** •

(the) public/population/country/nation/community/society **at large/as a whole**

the **general** public/population/community

a **member** of (the) public/population/community/society

## Example Bank:

- He accused the administration of deliberately misleading the public on this issue.
- He rarely appears in public these days.
- Her work is now available to a wider public.
- Satellite television has provided the viewing public with a wide choice of programmes.
- The government was slow to inform the public about the health hazards of asbestos.
- The house is open to the public at weekends.
- She knows how to keep her public satisfied.
- The show drew 12% of the viewing public.
- the book-buying/reading/sporting/theatre-going/travelling/viewing public

## public

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **public**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /'pʌblɪk/ BrE <sup>m</sup> AmE <sup>m</sup> *adjective*

[Word Family: noun: ↑public, ↑publication, ↑publicist, ↑publicity; verb: ↑publicize; adverb: ↑publicly; adjective: ↑public]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: French; Origin: publique, from Latin publicus, probably from poplicus, from populus 'people', influenced by pubes 'adult' (⇒ ↑pubes)]

**1. ORDINARY PEOPLE** [only before noun] relating to all the ordinary people in a country, who are not members of the government or do not have important jobs:

- We have to show that publishing this story is in the public interest (=helpful or useful to ordinary people).
- full public access to information
- Public opinion is gradually shifting in favor of the imprisoned men.
- There was a public outcry (=expression of anger by a lot of people) about the shooting.
- Their activities have been hidden from the public gaze (=people's eyes or attention).

**2. FOR ANYONE** [only before noun] available for anyone to use **OPP private**:

- a public telephone
- a public footpath
- proposals to ban smoking in public places
- a public library

**public transport** *British English* **public transportation** *American English* (=buses, trains etc)

**3. GOVERNMENT** [only before noun] relating to the government and the services it provides for people **OPP private**:

- the Government's public spending plans
- We do not believe he is fit for public office (=a job in the government).
- efforts to control public expenditure
- public funding for the arts ⇒ ↑public service

**4. KNOWN ABOUT** known about by most people:

- Details of the highly sensitive information have not been made public.
- Although not a public figure (=famous person), he was a man of great influence.

**5. NOT HIDDEN** intended for anyone to know, see, or hear **OPP private**:

- Today the school finds itself in the midst of a very public debate.
- **public display of grief/affection etc** (=showing your emotions so that everyone can see)
- She was acutely embarrassed by his public display of temper.
- There will be a public inquiry into the sinking of the oil tanker.
- a fear of public speaking

**6. PLACE WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE** a public place usually has a lot of people in it **OPP private**:

- Let's go somewhere less public where we can talk.

**7. public life** work that you do, especially for the government, that makes you well known to many people:

- Howard seems to have retired from public life.

**8. public image** the public image of a famous person or organization is the character or attitudes that most people think they have **public image of**

- attempts to improve the public image of the police

**9. go public**

a) to tell everyone about something that was secret

**go public on/with**

- The planners are almost ready to go public on the road-building scheme.

b) to become a ↑public company:

- Many partnerships went public in the 1980s to secure extra capital.

**10. public appearance** a visit by a famous person in order to make a speech, advertise something etc:

She is paid £10,000 for the briefest of public appearances.

11. **the public eye** someone who is in the public eye is seen a lot on television, written about in newspapers etc:

It is a job that brings him constantly into the public eye.

12. **public property**

a) something that is provided for anyone to use, and is usually owned by the government:

The army was called out to protect public property.

b) something that everyone has a right to know about:

Our lives seem to have become public property.

13. **public enemy number one** the criminal, problem etc that is considered the most serious threat to people's safety:

Drugs have become public enemy number one.

II. **public**<sup>2</sup> **S2 W2 BrE** **AmE** **noun**

[Word Family: noun: ↑public, ↑publication, ↑publicist, ↑publicity; verb: ↑publicize; adverb: ↑publicly; adjective: ↑public]

1. **the public** [also + plural verb *British English*] ordinary people who do not work for the government or have any special position in society:

The meeting will be open to the general public.

Police warned members of the public not to approach the man, who may be armed.

On the whole, the public are conservative about education.

2. **in public** if you do something in public, you do it where anyone can see **OPP in private**:

Her husband was always nice to her in public. ⇒ **wash/air your dirty linen/laundry (in public)** at ↑dirty<sup>1</sup>(7)

3. [singular, U also + plural verb *British English*] the people who like a particular singer, writer etc:

He is adored by his public.

The theatre-going public are very demanding.

## public

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RANGE: **1k PUBLIC** 195429

public 178567

publicity 5794

publicly 10637

publics 431

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

48656 **304**<sup>126234</sup> *jj*

26276 **852**<sup>47073</sup> *nn1*

3556 **8123**<sup>4126</sup> *rr22*

877 **21570**<sup>964</sup> *rr*

112 **64750**<sup>136</sup> *nnu*

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