

1. ['ækj(ə)n] *n*

1. 1) действие

in action - на ходу, действующий; в действии [*см. тж.* 7]

action at a distance - *физ.* действие на расстоянии, дальное действие

man of action - человек дела, энергичный /деятельный/ человек

to take action - а) начинать действовать; б) принимать меры

to bring /to call, to put, to set/ into action - приводить в действие [*см. тж.* 7]

to put out of action - вывести из строя; подбить (танк *и т. п.*)

time has come for action - настало время действовать

action! - мотор! (*команда начать съёмку и т. п.*)

2) действие, работа (*машины, механизма и т. п.*); деятельность

physical [mental] action - физическая [умственная] деятельность /работа/

action potential - *физиол.* потенциал действия

action of the bowels - действие кишечника, стул

2. 1) действие, поступок

noble [mean] action - благородный [подлый] поступок

to be responsible for one's actions - отвечать за свои действия /своё поведение/

to judge smb. by his actions - судить о ком-л. по его делам

all his actions show - всё его поведение говорит о /показывает/

2) акция; выступление, действие

collective [preventiv] action - коллективное [превентивное] действие

joint action - совместные действия

overt action against smth., smb. - открытое выступление против чего-л., кого-л.

crisis that demands action instead of debate - кризисная ситуация, требующая действий, а не рассуждений /споров/

3. воздействие, влияние

the action of a drug [of sunlight] - воздействие лекарства [солнечного света]

action of wind upon a ship's sails - принцип действия ветра на паруса

4. действие, развёртывание событий, основная сюжетная линия (*в романе, пьесе и т. п.*)

double action - две сюжетные линии

the development of the action - развитие сюжета

unity of action - единство действия

5. 1) *театр.* физические действия, движения (*актёра*); жесты2) *иск.* движение (*иллюзия движения в живописи, скульптуре*)6. *юр.* иск; судебный процесс, судебное дело

amicable action - «дружеское» судебное дело; дело, возбуждённое сторонами для получения судебного решения

to bring /to enter, to lay/ an action against smb., to take action against smb. - возбудить против кого-л. (судебное) дело

7. *воен.* бой; сражение; боевые действия

action! - к бою!

in action - в бою; в действии [*см. тж.* 1, 1)]

action radius - *воен.* а) радиус действия; б) радиус хода

action pendant - боевой выпел

action station - а) боевой пост; б) *мор.* место по боевому расписанию

action stations! - *мор.* по местам!

action spring - боевая пружина

to bring /to put/ into action - вводить в бой [*см. тж.* 1, 1)]

to go into action - вступать в бой

to come out of action - а) выйти из боя; б) выйти (выбыть) из строя

to be killed /to fall/ in action - пасть в бою

he has seen /has been in/ action - он побывал на передовой /в боях/

through enemy action - в результате действия противника

8. 1) *тех.* механизм2) *муз.* механика (*инструмента*)3) *воен.* ударный механизм

9. (the action)

1) бурная деятельность (*в какой-л. области*); центрактивности, гуца событий

to go where the action is - направиться туда, где происходят основные события; активно включиться в работу, в борьбу *и т. п.*

2) *сл.* преступная деятельность; спекуляция на чёрном рынке, торговля наркотиками *и т. п.*

a piece of the action - доля в афере; плата за соучастие (*в грабеже и т. п.*)

3) азартная игра, игра на деньги

where can I find some action? - где здесь можно сыграть на деньги?

10. *церк.*1) служба, богослужение, *особ.* евхаристия

2) канон обедни

3) моменты богослужения с участием прихожан (*пение молитв и т. п.*)11. *мат.* операция

◇ actions speak louder than words - не по словам судят, а по делам

suit the action to the word - подкрепляйте слова делами

2. ['ækʃ(ə)n] *v юр. редк.*
возбуждать уголовное дело

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action

ac·tion [action actions actioned actioning] *noun, verb* BrE ['ækʃn] ^m NAmE
['ækʃn]
noun

WHAT SB DOES

- 1. uncountable** the process of doing sth in order to make sth happen or to deal with a situation
 - The time has come for action if these beautiful animals are to survive
 - Firefighters **took action** immediately to stop the blaze spreading.
 - What is the best **course of action** in the circumstances?
 - She began to explain her **plan of action** to the group.
- see also** ↑direct action, ↑industrial action
- 2. countable** a thing that sb does
 - Her quick action saved the child's life.
 - Each of us must take responsibility for our own actions.

LEGAL PROCESS

- 3. countable, uncountable** a legal process to stop a person or company from doing sth, or to make them pay for a mistake, etc
 - A libel action is being brought against the magazine that published the article.
 - He is considering taking legal action against the hospital.

IN WAR

- 4. uncountable** fighting in a battle or war
 - military action
 - soldiers killed **in action**

IN STORY/PLAY

- 5. uncountable** the events in a story, play, etc
 - The action takes place in France.

EXCITING EVENTS

- 6. uncountable** exciting events
 - I like films with plenty of action.
 - New York is **where the action is**.

EFFECT

- 7. uncountable ~ of sth (on sth)** the effect that one substance or chemical has on another
 - the action of sunlight on the skin
 - The action of the rushing water cleans the gully.

OF PART OF THE BODY

- 8. uncountable, countable (technical)** the way a part of the body moves or functions
 - a study of the action of the liver

OF MACHINE

- 9. singular** the ↑mechanical parts of a piano, gun, clock, etc. or the way the parts move

see also ↑pump-action

more at take evasiveaction **at** ↑evasive spring into action **at** ↑spring *v.*, swing into action **at** ↑swing *v.*

Word Origin:

late Middle English: via Old French from Latin *actio(n)-*, from *agere* 'do, act'.

Thesaurus:

action *noun*

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• We shall take whateveractions are necessary.

measure • • **step** • • **move** • • **act** • • **gesture** • • **stunt** • |formal deed •

a/an action/measure/step/move/act/gesture/stunt/deed **by** sb

a **heroic/brave/daring** action/step/move/act/gesture/deed

do/perform a/an action/act/stunt/deed

take action/measures/steps

Action or act? **Action** often combines with **take** but **act** does not:

• Firefighters took action immediately.

✗ Firefighters took act immediately. **Act** is often followed by **of**, but **action** is not:

• a heroic act of bravery

✗ a heroic action of bravery

2. U

- films with plenty of action

activity • • **excitement** •

great/intense action/activity/excitement

be involved in/stop the action/activity

Synonyms:

action

measure • step • act • move

These are all words for a thing that sb does.

action • a thing that sb does: ▪ Her quick action saved the child's life.

measure • an official action that is done in order to achieve a particular aim: ▪ Tougher measures against racism are needed.

step • one of a series of things that you do in order to achieve sth: ▪ This was a first step towards a united Europe.

act • a thing that sb does: ▪ an act of kindness

action or act?

These two words have the same meaning but are used in different patterns. An **act** is usually followed by **of** and/or used with an adjective. **Action** is not usually used with **of** but is often used with **his, her, etc.:** ▪ a heroic act of bravery ◇ a heroic action of bravery ◇ ▪ his heroic actions/acts during the war. **Action** often combines with **take** but **act** does not: We shall take whatever actions are necessary.

move • (used especially in journalism) an action that you do or need to do to achieve sth: ▪ They are waiting for the results of the opinion polls before deciding their next move.

to **take** action/measures/steps

to **make** a step/move

a **heroic/brave/daring** action/step/act/move

Example Bank:

- Affirmative action was most successful in creating opportunities for college-educated women.
- Disciplinary action will be taken against students who cheat.
- He is out of action following an ankle injury.
- He urged the government to take decisive action against music piracy.
- He was killed during enemy action.
- He was reported missing in action.
- Her husband brought a civil action against her after their divorce.
- I considered taking legal action.
- I have not yet seen the machines in action.
- I never saw action during the war.
- Is this the best course of action to follow?
- Only the priest can perform these actions.
- The emergency services swung into action as soon as the disaster was reported.
- The government is taking strong action on refugees.
- The leaders have agreed on joint action to combat terrorism.
- The situation calls for drastic action.
- They took out a libel action against the newspaper's owners.
- Unless appropriate action is taken, our sales will decline.
- We have to galvanize people into action.
- We need to put these ideas into action.
- We shall take whatever actions are necessary.
- We'll take whatever action is necessary.
- action against drug dealers
- paramilitary covert action teams working overseas
- A libel action is being brought against the magazine that published the article.
- Actions speak louder than words.
- Firefighters took action immediately to stop the blaze from spreading.
- Her quick action saved the child's life.
- If you want to know where all the action is around here, just ask Jo.
- New York is where the action is.
- The possibility of taking military action has not been ruled out.
- The time has come for action if these beautiful animals are to survive
- There can be no excuse for these actions.
- Vitamin D can be made in the body by the action of sunlight on the skin.

Idioms: ↑ actions speak louder than words ▪ ↑ in action ▪ ↑ into action ▪ ↑ out of action ▪ ↑ piece of the action

verb ~ sth

to make sure that sth is done or dealt with

- Your request will be actioned.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	action
	BrE / 'ækʃn/
	NAme / 'ækʃn/
he / she / it	actions
	BrE / 'ækʃnz/
	NAme / 'ækʃnz/
past simple, past participle	actioned
	BrE / 'ækʃnd/
	NAme / 'ækʃnd/
-ing form	actioning
	BrE / 'ækʃnɪŋ/
	NAme / 'ækʃnɪŋ/

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action

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I. **ac·tion**¹ **S1 W1** /'ækʃən/ BrE ¹ AmE ¹ *noun*

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑act, ↑action ≠ ↑inaction, ↑activity ≠ ↑inactivity, ↑reaction, ↑interaction, ↑overacting; **adjective**: ↑acting, ↑active ≠ ↑inactive; **verb**: ↑act ≠ ↑overact; **adverb**: ↑actively]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin *actio*, from *agere*; ⇒ ↑ACT¹]

1. **DOING SOMETHING** [uncountable] the process of doing something, especially in order to achieve a particular thing:

The government must take action (=do something) now to stop the rise in violent crime.

action on

Environmental groups want tougher action on pollution from cars.

She was looking forward to putting her ideas into action (=doing the things she had planned).

Ambulance crews are ready to spring into action (=suddenly start doing something) if anything goes wrong during the race.

2. **SOMETHING DONE** [countable] something that someone does**quick/swift/prompt action**

Her prompt actions probably saved my life.

The child could not be held responsible for his actions (=he was too young to be blamed for them).

defend/justify your action(s)

The chief of police tried to justify his actions.

3. **in action** someone or something that is in action is doing the job or activity they are trained or designed to do:

photos of ski jumpers in action

see/watch something/somebody in action

I'd like to see the new computer system in action.

4. **out of action**

a) broken and not working:

The photocopier is out of action again.

b) injured and unable to do anything

put/keep somebody out of action

The injury will keep him out of action for a month.

5. **FIGHTING** [uncountable] fighting during a war:

There have been reports of widespread enemy action in the area.

killed/wounded in action (=killed or wounded while fighting)

His father was killed in action in Vietnam.

530 servicemen were reported missing in action (=they were never seen again after a battle).

The men were sent into action with little or no training.

He had seen action (=been involved in fighting) in Korea.

6. **LEGAL** [uncountable and countable] a legal or formal process to decide whether someone has done something wrong:

They are threatening to take legal action against the hospital (=start a court case against them).

The director faces disciplinary action (=official action to punish him).

The matter is now the subject of a court action (=a court case).

The students agreed to drop their action (=decided not to continue with a court case or an official complaint).

The sisters brought a libel action against the newspaper (=started a court case).

7. **EXCITEMENT** [uncountable]a) *informal* exciting things that are happening:

There hasn't been much action around here for months.

New York is where all the action is.

b) an action film has a lot of exciting scenes in it, in which people fight, chase, and kill each other:

Gibson became famous in action movies.

a TV action hero

8. **THE EVENTS IN A STORY/FILM ETC the action** the events in a story, film, play etc:

Most of the action takes place in San Francisco.

The action opens (=starts) in a barbershop.

9. **MOVEMENT** [uncountable and countable] the way something moves or works**action of**

the action of the heart

a smooth braking action

10. **EFFECT** [uncountable] the effect that a substance, especially a chemical, has on something

action of

The drug blocks the action of the cancer gene.

action on/upon

the action of alcohol on the liver

11. **action group/committee etc** a group formed to change a social or political situation – often used in names:

the Child Poverty Action Group

12. **a piece/slice of the action** *informal* an opportunity to be involved in an event or activity, especially one that will be enjoyable or will make money:

If you want a slice of the action, tickets may still be available.

13. **actions speak louder than words** used to say that you are judged by what you do, and not by what you say

14. **action!** used by film directors to give the instruction to begin filming:

Lights, camera, action!

⇒ affirmative action

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

verbs

- **take action** (=do something to deal with a problem) The government must take action to control inflation.
- **demand/call for action** (=ask forcefully) Voters are demanding tougher action on gun crime.
- **swing/spring/leap into action** (=suddenly start doing something) The fire crew immediately swung into action.
- **put something into action** (=start doing something you have planned to do) She was looking forward to putting her plans into action. | The committee uses the expertise of local organisations to put these ideas into action.

adjectives

- **immediate /prompt/swift action** The public wants immediate action to stop the terrorists.
- **urgent action** (=that needs to be done immediately) The Opposition called for urgent action to reduce unemployment.
- **firm/tough action** We need firm action to deal with the problem.
- **decisive action** (=that has a big effect on the way something develops) We are urging the international community to take decisive action on debt relief.
- **drastic action** (=that has a very severe effect) The President decided to take drastic action.
- **further action** No further action is necessary.
- **direct action** (=that is aimed at making a government or company do something) In a bid to stop whale hunting, Greenpeace have threatened direct action.
- **political action** Some forms of political action are more effective than others.
- **industrial/strike action** (=that workers take in order to protest about pay, working conditions etc) The miners voted in favour of industrial action.
- **joint action** (=that two or more countries, organizations etc take together) Community leaders agreed to take joint action on scientific, social and environmental issues.

phrases

- **a course of action** Have you decided on a course of action?
- **a plan of action** The General outlined his plan of action for the campaign. | Environmental groups have put forward an action plan.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 5)

phrases

- **be killed/wounded in action** (=killed or wounded while fighting) Four of her sons have been killed in action.
- **be missing in action** (=used to say that a soldier has not returned after a battle and their body has not been found) A further 9,000 allied military personnel are still officially listed as missing in action.

verbs

- **see action** (=be involved in fighting) By the time he was 20 he'd seen action in the Gulf War and Bosnia.
- **go into action** American soldiers are going into action against the Mujahadin.
- **be sent into action** He declared that French soldiers will not be sent into action in Iraq.

adjectives

- **military action** America is not ruling out military action against Iran.
- **enemy action** The ship was damaged by enemy action.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 6)

adjectives

- **legal action** The singer threatened legal action against the magazine.
- **court action** The couple are still considering whether to take court action.
- **a libel action** (=taken against someone who has written or printed untrue statements about you) Judge Johan Kreigler dismissed a libel action brought against two newspapers.
- **a civil action** (=involving business or property, rather than a crime) The victim can seek damages in a civil action.

verbs

- **take legal action** He is within his rights to take legal action.
- **face legal action** The council demanded that we remove the posters, or face legal action.
- **bring a legal action** Justice Mayor ruled that she cannot bring a legal action for damages against the plaintiff.

THESAURUS (for Meaning 2)

- **action** *noun* [countable] something that someone does: He is responsible for his own actions. | They refused to give a reason for their actions.
- **act** *noun* [countable] a particular type of action: violent acts | **act of violence/kindness/defiance etc**: I believe the killing was an act of desperation.
- **activities** *noun* [plural] things that people do, especially for enjoyment or to achieve an aim: leisure activities | political activities | Surveys may not give a true picture of people's activities.
- **behaviour** *British English*, **behavior** *American English* *noun* [uncountable] the things that someone does and the way they behave: Do you think that advertisements really influence people's behaviour? | The man's behaviour seemed rather odd.
- **move** *noun* [countable] something that you do in order to achieve something: Her decision to sell the shares had been a smart move. | It's a bold move to start a business in the current economic climate. | He needed time to figure out his next move.
- **step** *noun* [countable] one of a series of things that you do in order to deal with a problem or to succeed: The first step is to make sure we have got funding for the project. | We must take steps to make sure that this does not happen again. | This is an important step towards peace.
- **measure** *noun* [countable] an official action that is intended to deal with a particular problem: There are increased security measures at airports. | The school was closed as a precautionary measure following a chemical leak.
- **gesture** *noun* [countable] something that you do to show how you feel about someone or something: Do you think it would be a nice gesture to send her some flowers? | **gesture of goodwill/solidarity/defiance**: The company gave us £100 as a gesture of goodwill.
- **deed** *noun* [countable] *especially literary* an action, especially one that is very good or very bad: evil deeds | heroic deeds | This is my good deed for the day.
- **exploits** *noun* [plural] *formal* exciting or brave actions: daring exploits | His exploits were legendary.
- **feat** *noun* [countable] something someone does that people admire because you need a lot of skill, courage, or strength to do it: Completing a marathon is a remarkable feat for a six-year-old. | The bridge is a great feat of engineering.

II. **action**² *BrE* ^{*} *AmE* ^{*} *verb* [transitive] *formal*

to do a specific thing that needs to be done, especially after discussing it:

How are we actually going to action these objectives?

action

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