

elite [eɪˈli:t, iˈli:t] *n*

- 1) элита, отборная часть, цвет (*общества и т. п.*)
 - 2) верхушка
a power elite of the major political party - обладающая (реальной) властью верхушка крупнейшей политической партии
2. шрифт пишущей машинки в 12 знаков на дюйм; ≅ цицеро

elite

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I. elite [elite elites] *BrE* [eɪˈliːt] *NAmE* [eɪˈliːt] *BrE* [ɪˈliːt] *NAmE* [ɪˈliːt]

noun countable + singular or plural verb

a group of people in a society, etc. who are powerful and have a lot of influence, because they are rich, intelligent, etc

- a member of the **ruling/intellectual elite**
- Public opinion is influenced by the small elite who control the media.
- In these countries, only the elite can afford an education for their children.

Word Origin:

late 18th cent.: from French *élite* 'selection, choice', from *élire* 'to elect', from a variant of Latin *eligere*, from *e-* (variant of *ex-*) 'out' + *legere* 'to pick'.

Thesaurus:

elite *noun* C+*sing./pl. v.*

- Only the elite can afford this kind of education.
- the upper class/classes • the nobility • the aristocracy • the gentry • society • among** the elite/upper class/nobility/aristocracy/gentry
- the **British/French, etc.** elite/upper class/nobility/aristocracy/gentry
- belong to** an elite/the upper classes/the nobility/the aristocracy/the gentry

Example Bank:

- He was an influential member of the ruling elite.
- These people form an elite who have the power to make decisions.
- a club for members of the business elite
- the European Union's technocratic elites
- Cultural centres should not just be for the use of a social elite.
- He came from the country's intellectual elite.
- The global elite has held meetings there since 1873.

Example Bank:

- The secret was known only by an elite group of senior executives.
- an elite education/private school
- an elite force/corps

II. elite *adjective only before noun*

- an elite group of senior officials
- an elite military academy

Main entry: ↑*elite*_{derived}

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I. elite¹ /eɪˈliːt, iˈ-/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1800-1900; Language: French; Origin: past participle of *élire* 'to choose', from Latin *eligere*; ⇒ ↑*elect*¹]

a group of people who have a lot of power and influence because they have money, knowledge, or special skills

political/social/economic etc elite

- the domination of power by a small political elite
- a struggle for power within the ruling elite

II. elite² *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*

an elite group contains the best, most skilled or most experienced people or members of a larger group:

- an elite group of artists
- elite universities

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