

оpен**1. [ˈəvɹən] n**

1. открытое место, пространство

2. (*обыкн.* Open) турнир типа «опен» (*открытый для любителей и профессионалов*)

3. (the open)

1) открытый воздух

he likes to sleep in open - он любит спать на открытом воздухе /на дворе/

2) известность, гласность

life in the open - жизнь у всех на виду

the scandal is now out in the open - эта скандальная история стала всеобщим достоянием

4. = open market

◇ to come (out) into the open - открыться, разоткровенничаться

he came (out) into the open about what had happened - он выложил всё о том, что произошло

why don't you come into the open about it? - почему бы тебе не рассказать об этом откровенно?

2. [ˈəvɹən] a

1. открытый раскрытый

open window [box, door] - открытое окно [-ый ящик, -ая дверь]

with open eyes [mouth] - с открытыми глазами [-ым ртом] [*см. тж.* ◇]

to throw /to push/ the door open - распахнуть дверь

to break the door open - взломать дверь

to leave the window open - оставить окно открытым

to tear a letter open - распечатать письмо

2. непересечённый, открытый

open country [field] - открытая/непересечённая/ местность [-ое поле]

3. открытый свободный

open way - свободный путь

open credit - открытый кредит

4. 1) открытый не имеющий верха

open motor car [carrriage] - открытая машина [каре́та]

open boat - беспалубное судно

dress open at the neck - платье без ворота

2) неприкрытый

open drain /sewer/ - открытая (водо)сточная труба

open drainage - дренаж открытыми канавами

3) неплотный имеющий полости, впадины

5. 1) раскрытый, развёрнутый

open palm - раскрытая ладонь

open book - открытая книга

open newspaper - развёрнутая газета

open skirt - расстёгнутая /распахнутая/ рубашка

with open wings - с расправленными крыльями

2) распутившийся (*о цветке*)

open rose - расцветшая роза

6. незакрывающийся, незаживающий

open wound /sore/ - незаживающая /открытая/ рана [*см. тж.* ◇]

7. открытый функционирующий

the shop [the exhibition] is now open - магазин [выставка] открыт [открыта]

open from nine to five - открыто с 9 до 5

8. 1) свободный, доступный (*для посещения и т. п.*); неограниченный

open port [harbour] - открытый порт [-ая гавань]

open competition - открытая конкуренция

open wood - а) лес, открытый для въезда; б) изреженный лес

open society - общество с неограниченным приёмом в члены

open trade - свободная торговля

open town - *амер. разг.* «вольный» город (*где имеются увеселительные заведения*)

open to the public - вход свободный /без ограничений/; открыто для всех

career open to talent - сфера, где есть применение таланту

the race is open to boys under 15 - в состязании могут принять участие мальчики в возрасте до 15 лет

2) открытый гласный

open ballot - открытое голосование

in open court - в открытом судебном заседании

with open doors - при открытых дверях (*о судебном заседании*)3) незанятый (*о вакансии и т. п.*)

open job - вакансия

the post is still open - место ещё не занято

9. непредубеждённый, свободный

open mind - непредубеждённый ум

keep your mind open! - старайся относиться (ко всему) непредвзято /без предубеждения/!

open to persuasion /conviction/ - поддающийся убеждению

10. нерешённый, неустановленный

open question - нерешённый вопрос

open verdict - установление факта совершения преступления в ходе предварительного слушания дела

to leave a matter open - оставить вопрос открытым

11. незакрытый, незавершённый, незаконченный

open chances - неиспользованные возможности

to keep one's account open at a bank - иметь открытый счёт в банке

to be open to an offer - а) быть согласным рассмотреть предложение; б) не отвергать предложение

it is open to you to refuse - вы (ещё) можете отказаться

the invitation is still open - приглашение остаётся в силе

12. открытый, незащищённый

open ground - открытый/незащищённый/ грунт

open to infection - не защищённый от инфекции

open to temptation - легко поддающийся соблазну

open to doubt - вызывающий сомнение

to lay oneself open to attack - ставить себя под удар; быть в опасности

the enemy has left this line of advance open - враг оставил открытой эту линию наступления

the book is open to misunderstanding - в книге возможны разночтения

13. открытый, откровенный, искренний

open countenance - открытое лицо

open character - открытая натура

a man of an open disposition - человек открытого нрава

a very open manner - естественная/свободная/ манера

to be open with smb. - быть откровенным с кем-л.

to be frank and open about smth. - откровенно говорить о чём-л.

14. явный, всем известный, публичный

open quarrel [scandal] - публичная ссора [-ый скандал]

open enmity - открытая вражда

open guilt - очевидная вина

open war - открытая война

open disregard of rules - открытое несоблюдение правил /пренебрежение правилами/

it's an open fact - это известно всем /общеизвестно/

15. 1) тёплый (без снега и льда)

open winter - тёплая зима

2) незамёрзший

open lake - незамёрзшее озеро

3) освобождённый от льда; свободный для навигации

harbour [river] is now open - гавань [река] теперь свободна для навигации

4) мор. свободный от тумана; ясный

16. фон. открытый

open syllable [vowel] - открытый слог [гласный]

open consonant - спيرانт

17. тех. выключенный

open circuit - незамкнутый контур; разомкнутая линия

18. воен. разомкнутый

open column - разомкнутая колонна

open formation /order/ - разомкнутый строй

19. муз. открытый, пустой

open string - открытая/пустая/ струна

20. полигр.

1) контурный, нежирный (о шрифте)

2) напечатанный в разрядку

◇ open sore - злоупотребление общественное зло [см. тж. 6]

open time - воен. а) время, предназначенное для внепрограммных занятий; б) резерв времени

with open eyes, with (one's) eyes open - сознательно, понимая все последствия, отдавая себе полный отчёт [см. тж. 1]

to keep one's eyes /ears/ open - быть настороже, быть внимательным

to keep one's mouth open - быть жадным

the floor is open - кто ещё хочет выступить?

with open hands - щедро

(to welcome) with open arms - (встречать) тепло, радушно, с распростёртыми объятиями

to force an open door - ломиться в открытую дверь

open as the day - искренний, откровенный, открытый

3. ['ɒvɹən] v

1. 1) открывать

to open a door [a gate, a window] - открывать дверь [калитку, окно]

to open a prospect - открывать перспективу

they opened the road to traffic - дорогу открыли для движения

open to page 32 - откройте (книгу) на странице 32

to open (out) one's arms - открывать объятия

the ship opened the harbour - с корабля стала видна гавань

2) открываться

the window opened - окно отворилось

the wound opened - рана открылась

2. 1) раскрывать, разворачивать (*тж.* open out)

to open one's hand - разжимать руку

to open a fan - раскрывать веер

to open a book [a newspaper] - раскрывать книгу [газету]

to open a parcel - разворачивать свёрток; вскрывать посылку

to open the range - увеличить прицел /дальности/

2) раскрываться, открываться (*тж.* open up)

new vistas opened (up) before them - перед ними открылись новые пути

my heart opens to your words - ваши слова находят отклик в моём сердце

he opened freely on the subject - он откровенно высказал своё мнение

the mind of youth opens with each new experience - молодой ум развивается с накоплением опыта

3) распускаться, расцветать (*тж.* open out)

the buds are opening in the sun - почки лопаются /распускаются/ на солнце

I'd like some roses that are not too far opened - дайте мне несколько полураспустившихся роз

4) раздвигаться, размыкаться; расширяться

the ranks opened - ряды разомкнулись

3. 1) вскрывать (*тж.* open up)

to open (up) an abscess - вскрывать нарыв

to open ground - вспахивать /вскапывать/ землю [*см. тж.* ◇]

to open the bowels - очистить желудок слабительным

2) вскрываться; очищаться

how many times did your bowels open? - сколько раз у вас действовал желудок?

3) прокладывать, пробивать

to open a mine [a well] - заложить шахту [колодезь]

to open a new road through a forest - проложить новую дорогу через лес

4. 1) открывать, начинать работу

to open the debate [a public meeting] - открывать прения [собрание]

to open an account at a bank - открывать счёт в банке

to open (up) a campaign for smth. - развернуть кампанию за что-л.

to open fire - *воен.* открывать огонь

to open an attack - *воен.* начать наступление

2) открывать сезон (*театральный, охоты и т. п.*)

the producer wanted to open with a new play early in September - режиссёр хотел открыть сезон премьерой в первых числах сентября

3) открываться, начинаться

the shop doesn't open until eleven - магазин открывается только в 11 часов

when does the school open again? - когда возобновляются занятия в школе?

Congress opens tomorrow - конгресс начинает свою работу завтра

the film opens with a hunting-scene - фильм начинается сценой охоты

the meeting opened with a long speech - собрание началось с длинной речи

4) состояться, быть представленной в первый раз (*о пьесе*)

the play opened on January 31 - премьера состоялась 31 января

5) появляться впервые в новом сезоне (*об актёре*)

J. G. recently opened in "King Lear" - Дж. Г. начал новый сезон в «Короле Лире»

6) делать первую ставку (*на торгах, в карточной игре*)

to open the bidding - предложить начальную цену

5. открывать, делать общедоступным; основывать (*тж.* open up)

to open a new park [museum] - открывать новый парк [музей]

6. раскрывать, разоблачать; поведать

the spy opened our plans to the enemy - шпион передал наши планы врагу

7. 1) простираться (*тж.* open up)

the road open (up) ahead - дорога простирается далеко вперёд

2) (on, onto, into) выходить на; вести в

two rooms opening into each other - смежные комнаты

the door opened on a courtyard - дверь выходила во двор

what do the windows open onto? - куда выходят окна?

an arch opens into the dining-room - арка ведёт в столовую

8. *ком.* освободить от ограничений

9. *тех.* разомкнуть (*ток*); отключить, выключить

10. *охот.* взять след

◇ to open one's eyes - удивляться, изумляться

to open the eyes of smb. to smth. - открыть кому-л. глаза на что-л.; разуверить кого-л. в чём-л.

to open ground - подготавливать почву, начинать действовать [*см. тж.* 3, 1)]

to open (up) one's heart /mind/ (to smb.) - раскрывать /изливать/ душу (кому-л.); разоткровенничаться

to open up a wound - разбередить душу
to open the ball - начинать действовать, брать на себя инициативу
to open the door to smth. - открыть путь чему-л., сделать возможным что-л.

open

open [open opens opened opening] adjective, verb, noun BrE ['əʊpən]¹
NAmE ['oʊpən]²
adjective

NOT CLOSED

1. allowing things or people to go through

- A wasp flew in the open window.
- She had left the door **wide open** .
- The door flew open and the children rushed in.

Opp: †closed

2. (of sb's eyes, mouth, etc.) with †eyelids or lips apart

- She had difficulty keeping her eyes open (= because she was very tired) .
- He was breathing through his open mouth.

Opp: †closed

3. spread out; with the edges apart

- The flowers are all open now.
- The book lay open on the table.

Opp: †closed

4. not blocked by anything

- The pass is **kept open** all the year.

Opp: †closed

NOT FASTENED

5. not fastened or covered, so that things can easily come out or be put in

- Leave the envelope open.
- The bag burst open and everything fell out.

6. (of clothes) not fastened

- Her coat was open.

NOT ENCLOSED

7. not surrounded by anything; not confined

- **open country** (= without forests, buildings, etc.)
- a city with a lot of parks and **open spaces**
- driving along the **open road** (= part of a road in the country, where you can drive fast)

NOT COVERED

8. with no cover or roof on

- an open drain
- people working in **the open air** (= not in a building)
- The hall of the old house was open to the sky .
- an open wound (= with no skin covering it)
- (NAmE) an open flame In British English this is called a naked flame.

FOR CUSTOMERS/VISITORS

9. not usually before noun if a shop/store, bank, business, etc. is open, it is ready for business and will admit customers or visitors

- Is the museum open on Sundays?
- The new store will be open in the spring.
- The house had been **thrown open** to the public.
- I declare this festival open.

Opp: †closed

OF COMPETITION/BUILDING

10. if a competition, etc. is open, anyone can enter it

Syn: †public

- an open debate/championship/scholarship
- She was tried in **open court** (= the public could go and listen to the trial) .
- The debate was **thrown open** to the audience.

11. not before noun ~ to sb if a competition, building, etc. is open to particular people, those people can enter it

- The competition is open to young people under the age of 18.
- The house is not open to the public.

Opp: †closed

AVAILABLE

12. not before noun ~ (to sb) to be available and ready to use

- What options are open to us?
- Is the offer still open?
- I want to keep my Swiss bank account open.

Opp: ↑closed

NOT PROTECTED

13. ~ (to sth) likely to suffer sth such as criticism, injury, etc.

Syn: ↑vulnerable

- The system is open to abuse.
- He has **laid himself wide open** to political attack.
- Kasparov had left his bishop open (= not protected, in a game of ↑chess).

NOT HIDDEN

14. known to everyone; not kept hidden

- an open quarrel
- open government
- their open display of affection
- His eyes showed open admiration as he looked at her.

PERSON'S CHARACTER

15. honest; not keeping thoughts and feelings hidden

Syn: ↑frank

- She was always open with her parents.
- He was quite open about his reasons for leaving

16. ~ to sth (of a person) willing to listen to and think about new ideas

- I'm open to suggestions for what you would like to do in our classes.

NOT YET DECIDED

17. ~ (to sth) not yet finally decided or settled

- The race is still **wide open** (= anyone could win).
- The price is not open to negotiation.
- Some phrases in the contract are open to interpretation.
- Which route is better remains **an open question** (= it is not decided).
- In an interview try to ask **open questions** (= to which the answer is not just 'yes' or 'no').

CLOTH

18. with wide spaces between the threads

- an open weave

PHONETICS

19. (also **low**) (of a vowel) produced by opening the mouth wide

compare ↑close²

more at burst openburst (sth) open **at** ↑burst_{v.}, leave the door open **at** ↑door, keep an eye open/outwith your eyes open **at** ↑eye_{n.}, on the open market **at** ↑market_{n.}, keep/leave your options open **at** ↑option

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Old English open (adjective), openian (verb), of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **open** and German **offen**, from the root of the adverb ↑up.

Thesaurus:

open adj.

1.

- an open display of affection

overt • • **clear** • • **obvious** • |informal **under sb's nose** • |disapproving **blatant** • • **glaring** •

Opp: secret, **Opp:** covert

a/an open/overt/clear/obvious/blatant **attempt**

open/overt/blatant **discrimination**

2. (approving)

- He was quite open about his reasons for leaving

direct • • **blunt** • • **forthright** • |often approving **frank** • • **straight** • • **honest** • • **candid** • |approving **straightforward** • • **sincere** • • **truthful** •

Opp: secretive

open/direct/forthright/frank/straight/honest/candid/straightforward/sincere/truthful **about** sth

open/direct/blunt/frank/straight/honest/candid/straightforward/sincere/truthful **with** sb

a/an open/direct/honest/sincere/truthful **person**

Synonyms:

honest

frank • direct • open • outspoken • straight • blunt

These words all describe people saying exactly what they mean without trying to hide feelings, opinions or facts.

honest • not hiding the truth about sth: ▪ Thank you for being so honest with me.

frank • honest in what you say, sometimes in a way that other people might not like: ▪ To be frank with you, I think your son has little chance of passing the exam.

direct • saying exactly what you mean in a way that nobody can pretend not to understand: ▪ You'll have to get used to his direct manner.

Being **direct** is sometimes considered positive but sometimes it is used as a 'polite' way of saying that sb is rude.

open • (approving) (of a person) not keeping thoughts and feelings hidden: ▪ He was quite open about his reasons for leaving.

outspoken • saying exactly what you think, even if this shocks or offends people: ▪ She was outspoken in her criticism of the plan.

straight • honest and direct: ▪ I don't think you're being straight with me.

blunt • saying exactly what you think without trying to be polite: ▪ She has a reputation for blunt speaking.

which word?

Honest and **frank** refer to **what** you say as much as **how** you say it: ▪ a(n) honest/frank admission of guilt. They are generally positive words, although it is possible to be **too** frank in a way that other people might not like. **Direct**, **outspoken** and **blunt** all describe sb's manner of saying what they think. **Outspoken** suggests that you are willing to shock people by saying what you believe to be right. **Blunt** and **direct** often suggest that you think honesty is more important than being polite. **Open** is positive and describes sb's character: ▪ I'm a very open person.

honest/frank/direct/open/outspoken/straight **about** sth

honest/frank/direct/open/straight/blunt **with** sb

a(n) honest/direct/straight/blunt **answer**

a frank/direct/blunt **manner**

Example Bank:

- I don't think you've been completely open with me.
- I found the door open.
- I tried to pry open the locket.
- In spite of the snow, the roads remained open.
- It's very open where they live.
- She flipped open Chris's diary.
- She flung the door open and rushed in.
- She held the door open for them.
- She stared at him, her mouth hanging open.
- She's very open about her mistakes.
- Some of the supermarkets stay open till ten.
- Suddenly the door flew open.
- The Australian premier declared the Olympic Games open.
- The bag fell open.
- The book lay open in front of him.
- The bridge is officially open now.
- The car park is only open to residents.
- The door was wide open.
- The gate swung open.
- The woman's mouth sagged open.
- We want to keep the school open.
- fairly open countryside
- I am a very open person and get along with most people.
- One more border skirmish could lead to open war.
- We need more open government, starting with a Freedom of Information Act.
- an open display of affection

Idioms: ↑an open secret ▪ ↑have an open mind ▪ ↑keep your ears open ▪ ↑open book ▪ ↑open doors for somebody ▪ ↑open invitation ▪ ↑open the way for somebody ▪ ↑open your eyes ▪ ↑open your mind to something ▪ ↑with open arms

Derived ↑open into something ▪ ↑open out ▪ ↑open something up ▪ ↑open up

verb

DOOR/WINDOW/LID

1. transitive ~ **sth** to move a door, window, lid, etc. so that it is no longer closed

- Mr Chen opened the car door for his wife.

Opp: ↑close

2. intransitive to move or be moved so that it is no longer closed

- The door opened and Alan walked in.
- The doors of the bus open automatically.

Opp: ↑close

CONTAINER/PACKAGE

3. transitive ~ **sth** to remove the lid, undo the ↑fastening, etc. of a container, etc. in order to see or get what is inside

- Shall I open another bottle?
- He opened the letter and read it.

- She opened her bag and took out her passport.

EYES

4. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** if you open your eyes or your eyes open, you move your **↑eyelids** upwards so that you can see
Opp: **↑close**

MOUTH

5. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** if you open your mouth or your mouth opens, you move your lips, for example in order to speak
 • He hardly ever opens his mouth (= speaks) .

BOOK

6. **transitive ~ sth** to turn the cover or the pages of a book so that it is no longer closed
 • Open your books at page 25.
Opp: **↑close**

SPREAD OUT

7. **intransitive, transitive** to spread out or **↑unfold**; to spread sth out or **↑unfold** it
 • What if the parachute doesn't open?
 • The flowers are starting to open.
 • **~ sth** Open the map on the table.
 • He opened his arms wide to embrace her.

BORDER/ROAD

8. **transitive ~ sth** to make it possible for people, cars, goods, etc. to pass through a place
 • When did the country open its borders?
 • The road will be opened again in a few hours after police have cleared it.
Opp: **↑close**

FOR CUSTOMERS/VISITORS

9. **intransitive, transitive (of a shop/store, business, etc.)** to start business for the day; to start business for the first time
 • What time does the bank open?
 • **~ sth** The company **opened its doors** for business a month ago.
Opp: **↑close**

10. **intransitive** to be ready for people to go to
 • The new hospital opens on July 1st.
 • When does the play open?
Opp: **↑close**

START STH

11. **transitive** to start an activity or event
 • **~ sth** You need just one pound to **open a bank account** with us.
 • Who is going to open the conference?
 • The police have opened an investigation into the death.
 • Troops **opened fire on** (= started shooting) the crowds.
 • **~ sth with sth** They will open the new season with a performance of 'Carmen'.
 12. **intransitive ~ (with sth) (of a story, film/movie, etc.)** to start in a particular way
 • The story opens with a murder.
 • How does the play open?

WITH CEREMONY

13. **transitive ~ sth** to perform a ceremony showing that a building can start being used
 • The bridge was opened by the Queen.

COMPUTING

14. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to start a computer program or file so that you can use it on the screen
more at pour out/open your heart to sb **at** **↑heart**, the heavens opened **at** **↑heaven**

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	open
	BrE / 'æpən/
	NAme / 'oʊpən/
he / she /it	opens
	BrE / 'æpənz/
	NAme / 'oʊpənz/
past simple, past participle	opened
	BrE / 'æpənd/
	NAme / 'oʊpənd/
-ing form	opening
	BrE / 'æpənɪŋ/
	NAme / 'oʊpənɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English *open* (adjective), *openian* (verb), of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *open* and German *offen*, from the root of the adverb *up*.

Thesaurus:

open verb

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- I opened the letter and read it.

undo • • **unwrap** • • **untie** • • **unzip** •

open/undo/unwrap/untie a **parcel/package**

open/unwrap a **present**

open/unzip a **bag**

2. I, T

- What if the parachute doesn't open?

unfold • • **spread** • • **lay sth out** • • **lay** • • **unroll** •

Opp: close

open/spread/lay out/lay sth **on** sth

open/spread/lay sth **out**

open/unfold/spread out/lay out a **map**

3. T

- Police have opened an investigation.

begin • • **start** • |especially business journalism **launch** • |formal **embark on/upon sth** • • **commence** • • **initiate** • • **institute** •

Opp: close

open/begin/start/launch/embark on/commence/initiate/institute a/an **campaign/inquiry**

open/begin/start/initiate a **discussion/conversation**

open/begin/start a **story/letter/sentence/day/year/meeting**

Synonyms:

start

begin • **start off** • **kick off** • **commence** • **open**

These words are all used to talk about things happening from the beginning, or people doing the first part of sth.

start • to begin to happen or exist; to begin in a particular way or from a particular point: ▪ When does the class start?

begin • to start to happen or exist; to start in a particular way or from a particular point; to start speaking: ▪ When does the concert begin?

start or begin?

There is not much difference in meaning between these words. **Start** is more frequent in spoken English and in business contexts;

begin is more frequent in written English and is often used when you are describing a series of events: ▪ The story begins on the island of Corfu. **Start** is not used to mean 'begin speaking': 'Ladies and gentlemen,' he started.

start off • (rather informal) to start happening or doing sth; to start by doing or being sth: ▪ The discussion started off mildly enough.

kick off • (informal) to start an event or activity, especially in a particular way; (of an event, activity, etc.) to start, especially in a particular way: ▪ Tom will kick off with a few comments. ◊▪ The festival kicks off on Monday, September 13.

commence • (formal) to start happening: ▪ The meeting is scheduled to commence at noon.

open • to start an event or activity in a particular way; (of an event, film/movie or book) to start, especially in a particular way: ▪ The story opens with a murder.

to start/begin/start off/kick off/commence/open **with** sth

to start/begin/start off/kick off/commence/open **by** doing sth

to start/begin/start off/commence **as** sth

a **campaign/season/meeting** starts/begins/starts off/kicks off/commences/opens

a **film/movie/book** starts/begins/starts off/opens

Example Bank:

- 'Open up!' He hammered on the door.
- Fred opened it gingerly and peered inside.
- Her parachute failed to open.
- I opened out the map and laid it on the table.
- She opened all the windows wide to let some fresh air in.
- The glass doors opened automatically for him.
- The museum is due to open next year.
- opening up new markets
- the newly opened gallery of Western decorative art
- the opportunity to open up new markets
- He opened with a version of Elvis's 'Can't Help Falling in Love.'
- I opened the story with Viola because I wanted the reader to 'meet' everybody through her eyes.
- The Annual General Meeting opens at 1pm on March 15th.
- The festival opens on Monday September 13.
- The flowers open in the morning and close again in the evening
- What if the parachute doesn't open?

OUTDOORS

1. outdoors; the countryside

- Children need to play out **in the open** .

NOT HIDDEN

2. not hidden or secret

- Government officials do not want these comments **in the open** .
- They intend to **bring** their complaints **out into the open** .

Word Origin:

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See also: **↑low** ▪ **↑open out**

open

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I. **o**pen¹ **S1 W1** /'əʊpən \$ 'ou-/ BrE^u AmE^u adjective

[Word Family: noun: the open, **↑opener**, **↑opening**, **↑openness**; adjective: **↑open**, **↑opening**, **↑unopened**; verb: **↑open**; adverb: **↑openly**]

[Language: Old English]

1. **DOOR/CONTAINER ETC** not closed, so that things, people, air etc can go in and out or be put in and out **OPP closed, shut**

- He **threw** the door **open** and ran down the stairs.
- an open window
- The gates **swung** silently **open**.
- The bar door **flew open** and a noisy group burst in.
- All the windows were **wide open** (=completely open).
- She looked at the open suitcase with surprise.
- There was an open bottle of wine on the table.

2. **EYES/MOUTH** not closed, so that your **↑eyelids** or your lips are apart:

- I was so sleepy, I couldn't **keep** my eyes **open**.
- He was fast asleep with his mouth **wide open**.

3. **NOT ENCLOSED** [only before noun] not enclosed, or with no buildings, walls, trees etc:

- There was open ground at the end of the lane.
- **open spaces** such as parks and gardens

open countryside/country

- At weekends people want to leave the town for open countryside.
- A shoal of fish swam past heading for **the open sea** (=part of the sea away from land).
- The car's performance is good, especially going fast on the **open road** (=a road without traffic where you can drive fast).

4. **NOT COVERED** without a roof or cover:

- The president was riding with his wife in an open car.
- Martin was struggling with the sails on the open deck.
- an open drain

open to the sky/air/elements

- Many of the tombs had been robbed and left open to the sky.

5. **the open air** outdoors

in the open air

- The dancing was outside, in the open air.
- Jane wanted to rush to the door and get out into the open air. ⇒ **↑open-air**

6. **BUSINESS/BUILDING ETC** [not before noun] ready for business and allowing customers, visitors etc to enter **OPP closed, shut**

- The museum is open daily in the summer months.
- The offices are also open at weekends.
- After the security alert, most of the firms affected were **open for business** on Monday morning.
- The villagers are anxious that their local school is kept open.
- I declare this exhibition open (=officially say that it is now open).

7. **NOT RESTRICTED** allowing everyone, or everyone in a group, to take part in something, know about something, or have a chance to win something

open to

- The competition is open to all readers in the UK.
- In many schools, governors' meetings are not **open to the public**.
- The discussion was then **thrown open** for the audience's questions.
- an open meeting
- The men's race appears **wide open** (=anyone could win it).
- The painting would fetch several hundred dollars on **the open market** (=a market in which anyone can buy or sell).

8. **OPPORTUNITY** [not before noun] if an opportunity, a possible action, a job etc is open to you, you have the chance to do it:

- The job is being kept open for her.

open to

- The 1960s was a period when greater opportunities were open to women.
 - So what other options are open to us?
 - There is only one course of action open to the local authority.
9. **NOT SECRET** [only before noun] actions, feelings, intentions etc that are open are not hidden or secret:
- Her father watched her with open admiration.
 - open hostility between the two nations
 - The party was calling for more open government (=when the government makes information freely available).
 - The case will be tried in open court (=in a court where everything is public).
 - It is an open secret (=it is supposed to be secret, but most people know about it) that she is having an affair with another man.

10. **HONEST** honest and not wanting to hide any facts from other people

open with

- The couple are quite open with each other about their feelings.

open about

- She was quite open about her ambitions.
- his friendly, open manner

11. **CLOTHES** not fastened:

- the open neck of his shirt
- She was wearing an open jacket.

12. **NOT YET DECIDED** needing more discussion or thought before a decision can be made:

- The matter remains an open question.

open to

- The new rates of pay are open to negotiation.
- The test results are open to interpretation.

keep/leave your options open

- Officers investigating her death are keeping their options open.

13. **open to something**

a) likely to suffer from something or be affected by something:

- The magazine's editor is open to criticism in allowing the article to be printed.
- The regulations are open to abuse by companies.
- He has left himself open to accusations of dishonesty.

b) willing to consider something new or to accept something new:

- Teachers need to be open to children's ideas.
- The committee is open to suggestions.
- The owners of the building want to sell and are open to offers.

14. **NOT BLOCKED** if a road or line of communication is open, it is not blocked and can be used:

- We try to keep the mountain roads open all through the winter.

15. **SPREAD APART** spread apart instead of closed, curled over etc:

- At night the flowers were open.
- Johnson raised an open hand.
- He was sitting in bed with a book lying open (=with its pages apart so it can be read) on his knees.

16. **an open mind** if you have an open mind, you deliberately do not make a decision or form a definite opinion about something:

- It's important to keep an open mind as you study the topic.

17. **be open to question/doubt** if something is open to question, there are doubts about it:

- Whether the new situation is an improvement is open to question.

18. **welcome/greet somebody/something with open arms** to be very pleased to see someone or something:

- Mike will be welcomed back into the team with open arms.

19. **an open invitation**

- a) an invitation to visit someone whenever you like
- b) something that makes it easier for criminals to steal, cheat etc

an open invitation to

- The lack of security measures provides an open invitation to crime.

20. **be an open book** to be something that you know and understand very well:

- The natural world was an open book to him.

21. **the door is open** there is an opportunity for someone to do something

the door is open to

- Schoolgirls are being told that the door is open to them to pursue careers in science.

22. **keep your eyes/ears open** to keep looking or listening so that you will notice anything that is important, dangerous etc

23. **open weave/texture** cloth with an open weave or texture has wide spaces between the threads

⇒ **keep an eye open (for something)** at ↑eye¹(14), ⇒ **with your eyes open** at ↑eye¹(19), ⇒ ↑open-eyed

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■ **not hiding the truth or the facts**

- **honest** saying what you really think and not hiding the truth or the facts: I'm going to ask you something, and I want you to be honest with me. | an honest answer | To be honest, I didn't think his speech was very good.
- **straight informal** honest and saying what you really think: I can't help you if you're not straight with me. | I need a straight answer.
- **open** willing to talk about what you think, feel etc in an honest way, rather than trying to hide it: People have become more open about their feelings. | She's very easy to talk to because she's so open.

- **frank** speaking honestly and directly about something, especially something that people find difficult to discuss: In his book, he's brutally frank about his experience with his illness. | a frank discussion about sex
- **direct** saying exactly what you think in an honest clear way, even when this might annoy or upset people: Not everyone liked his direct manner. | She can be very direct.
- **blunt** speaking in a completely honest way, even if it upsets people, when it would be better to be more careful or polite: Sorry if I was a bit blunt with you. | His hard tone and blunt words were hurtful. | She didn't reply and I knew I had been too blunt.
- **upfront** [not before noun] *informal* talking and behaving in an honest way, even when it is difficult to do this, in a way that people respect: It's best to be upfront about your financial problems. | You have to be upfront with kids.
- **outspoken** expressing your opinions publicly in a very direct way, which may offend or annoy some people: an outspoken critic of the government | He was known for his outspoken views on various controversies.
- **forthright** *formal* saying exactly what you think, without being afraid of what other people will think: The opposition have not come up with a clear forthright statement of their policies. | At times, Helena was a little too forthright.
- **candid** *formal* honest about the facts, or about your opinions and feelings, even if other people disapprove of them: He'd always been completely candid about his past. | It was an unusually candid admission for a politician.

II. **open**² **S1** **W1** **BrE** ^{AmE} *verb*

[Word Family: **noun**: the open, ↑opener, ↑opening, ↑openness; **adjective**: ↑open, ↑opening, ↑unopened; **verb**: ↑open; **adverb**: ↑openly]

1. **DOOR/WINDOW ETC** [**intransitive and transitive**] to move a door, window etc so that people, things, air etc can pass through, or to be moved in this way:

- Jack opened the window.
- He opened the drawer of the desk.
- She heard a door open and then close.

2. **CONTAINER/PACKAGE** [**transitive**] to unfasten or remove the lid, top, or cover of a container, package etc:

- Louise opened a bottle of wine.
- He opened the letter and began to read it.
- The children were opening their presents.
- Mark was about to open a beer when the doorbell rang.

3. **EYES** [**intransitive and transitive**] to raise your ↑eyelids so that you can see, or to be raised in this way:

- Barry was awake long before he opened his eyes.
- Carrie smelled coffee and her eyes opened reluctantly.

4. **MOUTH** [**intransitive and transitive**] to move your lips apart, or to be moved in this way:

- He opened his mouth but couldn't think what to say.

5. **START OPERATING** [**intransitive and transitive**] (*also* **open up**) if a place such as an office, shop, restaurant etc opens or is opened, it starts operating or providing a service:

- Sarah had recently opened an office in Genoa.
- French and Scandinavian offices are due to open in the autumn.
- The Forestry Commission has opened a plant centre selling rare plants.
- The centre has been a great success since it opened its doors a year ago.

6. **SHOP/RESTAURANT ETC** [**intransitive**] (*also* **open up**) to start business, letting in customers or visitors, at a particular time:

- What time do the banks open?
- The bakery opens early.

7. **START AN ACTIVITY** [**transitive**] to start an activity, event, or set of actions:

- The US attorney's office has opened an investigation into the matter.
- An inquest into the deaths will be opened next week.

8. **COMPUTER** [**transitive**] to make a document or computer program ready to use:

- Click on this icon to open the File Manager.

9. **MEETING/EVENT** [**intransitive and transitive**] if a meeting etc opens or is opened in a particular way, it starts in that way:

- Hughes, opening the Conference, made a dramatic plea for peace.

open with

- The concert opens with Beethoven's Egmont Overture.

10. **OFFICIAL CEREMONY** [**transitive**] to perform a ceremony in which you officially state that a building is ready to be used:

- The new County Hall building was officially opened by the King.

11. **SPREAD/UNFOLD** [**intransitive and transitive**] to spread something out or unfold something, or to become spread out or unfolded:

- She opened her umbrella.
- John opened his hand to show her he wasn't holding anything.
- The flowers only open during bright weather.
- I sat down and opened my book.
- She opened the curtains (=pulled the two curtains apart).
- Dave opened his arms (=stretched his arms wide apart) to give her a hug.

12. **MAKE A WAY THROUGH** [**transitive**] to make it possible for cars, goods etc to pass through a place:

- They were clearing away snow to open the tunnel.
- The peace treaty promises an end to war and opens the borders between the two countries.

13. **FILM/PLAY ETC** [**intransitive**] to start being shown to the public:

- Paula and Rachael star as mother and daughter in the play, which opens tonight.
- The film opened yesterday to excellent reviews.

14. **open an account** to start an account at a bank or other financial organization by putting money into it:

- Mary was in the bank to ask about opening a current account.

15. **open fire (on something)** to start shooting at someone or something:

- Troops opened fire on the rioters.

16. **open the door/way to something** (*also open doors*) to make an opportunity for something to happen:
 " Research on genes should open the door to exciting new medical treatments.
 " If the record is successful, it could open doors for my career.
17. **open sb's eyes (to something)** to make someone realize something that they had not realized before:
 " The purpose of the training is to open managers' eyes to the consequences of their own behaviour.
18. **open your mind (to something)** to be ready to consider or accept new ideas
19. **open your heart (to somebody)** to tell someone your real thoughts and feelings because you trust them
20. **the heavens opened** *literary* it started to rain heavily
 ⇒ **open the floodgates** at ↑floodgate

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- **open** used about a door, window, container, package, letter, your eyes, or your mouth: I opened the door quietly. | She was nervous about opening the letter. | Open your mouth wide.
- **unlock** to open a door, drawer, box etc with a key: You need a key to unlock the safe.
- **unscrew** to open a lid on a bottle, container etc by turning it: I carefully unscrewed the lid of the jar.
- **force open** to open a drawer, window, cupboard etc using force: The door was locked so we had to force it open.
- **unwrap** to open a package by removing the paper that covers it: The children were busy unwrapping their Christmas presents.
- **unfasten/undo** to make something no longer fastened or tied, for example a seat belt or a piece of clothing: He unfastened the top button of his shirt. | I was so full I had to undo my belt.

open onto/into something *phrasal verb*

if a room, door etc opens onto or into another place, you can enter that other place directly through it:

- " The door opens onto a long balcony.

open out *phrasal verb*

1. if a road, path, or passage opens out, it becomes wider

open out into

- " Beyond the forest the path opened out into a track.

2. *British English* if someone opens out, they become less shy

open up *phrasal verb*

1. **OPPORTUNITY** if opportunities open up, or a new situation opens them up, they become available or possible:

- " With a microscope, a whole new world of investigation opens up.

open something ↔ up

- " The new international agreement opens up the possibility of much greater co-operation against terrorism.

2. **LAND open something ↔ up** if someone opens up an area of land, they make it easier to reach and ready for development:

- " The new road will open up 300 acres of prime development land.

3. **DOOR/CONTAINER ETC** to open something that is closed, locked, or covered:

- " Open up, this is the police!

open something ↔ up

- " He opened up his case and took out a clean sweater.

4. SHOP/OFFICE ETC

- a) if a shop, office etc opens up or is opened up, someone starts it

- b) if a shop, office etc opens up at a particular time, it starts business at that time

5. **DISAGREEMENT/DISCUSSION open something ↔ up** to start a discussion or argument:

- " The article was written with the intention of opening up a public debate.

6. **COMPETITION/RACE** if someone opens up a lead in a competition or race, they increase the distance or number of points by which they are winning

7. **TALK** to stop being shy and say what you really think:

- " Last night was the first time that Ken had opened up about his feelings.

8. **WITH A GUN** to start shooting

9. **HOLE/CRACK ETC** if a hole, crack etc opens up or is opened up, it appears and becomes wider

III. open³ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

1. **in the open** outdoors:

- " In the summer, we camped in the open.

2. **(out) in the open** information that is out in the open is not hidden or secret:

- " By now the whole affair was in the open.

- " She never let her dislike for him come out into the open.

- " All these concerns need to be brought out into the open.

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THESAURUS

■ Actions when using a computer

- **start up/boot up** to make a computer start working: I'm having problems starting up my computer.
- **log on/in** to start using a computer system by typing your name and password: He logged on and read his emails.
- **click on something** to press a button on a computer mouse to choose a program, file etc from the screen: When you click on the link, it sends you to the company's website.
- **install** to add new software to a computer so that the software is ready to be used: All users should install anti-virus software.
- **download** to move information, pictures, or music from the Internet onto your computer: You can download MP3 files.
- **upload** to move information, pictures, or music from your computer to a different computer across the Internet: Sites such as YouTube allow you to upload your own videos.
- **open** to make a file or program ready to use: Open a new file and type in the information.
- **scroll up/down** to move information on a computer screen up or down so that you can read it: Scroll down to read the questions

and answers.

- **enter** to type information into a computer: The program requires you to enter a password.
- **delete** to remove information from a computer: I've deleted his email. | When you delete a file, it first gets moved to the recycle bin.
- **cut and paste** to remove information from one place and put it in another place: Tutors are looking out for students who cut and paste their essays from the Internet.
- **save** to make a computer keep the work that you have done on it: Make sure you save any work you do before you shut the computer down.
- **close** to stop having a file or program ready to use: To close the window, click on the 'X' in the top right-hand corner of the screen.
- **log off/out** to stop using a computer system by giving it particular instructions: I get an error message when I log off.
- **shut down** to make a computer stop working: Employees should shut their computers down at the end of each day.
- **restart/reboot** to make a computer start working again: Wait a few minutes before rebooting your computer.

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