

1. ['sentə] *n*

1) центр; середина; центральная точка; средоточие

dead centre - мёртвая точка

atomic centre - *физ.* центральная часть атома, ядро [*ср. тж.* 2, 1)]

centre distance - расстояние между центрами

centre of the table [of the square] - середина стола [площади]

centre of attraction - а) *физ.* центр притяжения; б) центр вниманияcentre of gravity - *физ.* центр тяжестиcentre line - а) геометрическая ось; б) средняя разделительная линия (*дороги, моста*)centre of low - *метеор.* центр циклонаcentre of impact - *воен.* средняя точка попадания

2) центр, очаг; узел

centre of resistance - узел сопротивления

centre of infection - очаг инфекции

the centre of every hope - средоточие всех надежд

3) часть, район (*города*)

business centre - деловая часть города

amusement centre - район города, где сосредоточены театры, кино, рестораны *и т. п.*2. 1) центр (*учреждение*), бюро; пункт (*выдачи чего-л.*)

centre of learning - научный центр

information centre - информационный центр

control centre - *спец.* пункт управленияAtomic Centre - центр атомных исследований [*ср. тж.* 1, 1)]2) комплекс торговых *или* культурно-просветительных учрежденийshopping centre - торговый центр, комплекс предприятий торговли (*часто под одной крышей*)

centre of excellence - центр повышения спортивного мастерства

3) (Centre) Дом (*в наименованиях*)

Music Centre - Дом музыки

Book Centre - Дом книги

3. ось, стержень

centre to centre - а) от оси до оси; б) между центрами (*о расстоянии*)

centre boss - ступица колеса /катка/

centre pin - *тех.* шкворень; цапфа ось4. (*преим.* Centre) *полит.* центр

parties of the Centre - партии центра

5. *анат.*

1) средняя точка тела, центр

2) центр (*участок коры головного мозга*)

respiration [vasomotor] centre - дыхательный [вазомоторный] центр

centre of inhibition - задерживающий центр

6. *ист.* вождь, лидер, руководитель (*фениев*)7. *поэт.*

1) центр Земли

I will find ... truth ... with the centre - я под землёй до правды доберусь

2) земля; центр мироздания

8. внутреннее кольцо мишени

9. *спорт.* игрок центра

centre back - центральный защитник

centre forward - центральный нападающий

centre half - центральный полузащитник

10. *тех.* центр, короткий валик11. *пл тех.* центры (*станка*)12. *тех.* шаблон, угольник

◇ to be off one's centre - быть не в себе, «тронуться»

2. ['sentə] *v*

1. 1) концентрировать, сосредоточивать

to centre one's hopes on /in/ smb. - возлагать все надежды на кого-л.

all her attention was centred on her family - всё внимание она уделяла семье

2) концентрироваться, сосредоточиваться

the interest centres on this - интерес сосредоточен на этом

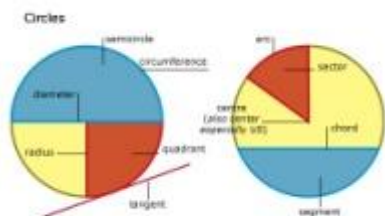
the discussion centred round one point - в центре обсуждения находился один вопрос /пункт/

2. помещать, располагать в центре

to centre one leg of the compasses - установить в центре ножку циркуля

3. *тех.* центрировать, отмечать кернером4. «встать» во вращение, правильно начать вращение (*фигурное катание*)5. (*упон*) *уст.* опираться, покоиться

centre [centre centres centred centring centring] (especially US **cen-ter**) **noun**,
 verb *BrE* ['sentə(r)] *NAme* ['sentər]
noun



MIDDLE

- 1. countable** the middle point or part of sth
 - the centre of a circle
 - a long table in the centre of the room
 - chocolates with soft centres

TOWN/CITY

- 2. countable** (especially *BrE*) (*NAme* usually **down-town** usually **singular**) the main part of a town or city where there are a lot of shops/stores and offices
 - in the **town/city centre**
 - the centre of town
 - a town-centre car park
- 3. countable** a place or an area where a lot of people live; a place where a lot of business or cultural activity takes place
 - major urban/industrial centres
 - a centre of population
 - Small towns in South India serve as economic and cultural centres for the surrounding villages.

BUILDING

- 4. countable** a building or place used for a particular purpose or activity
 - a **shopping/sports/leisure/community centre**
 - the Centre for Policy Studies

OF EXCELLENCE

- 5. countable ~ of excellence** a place where a particular kind of work is done extremely well
 - Darlington could become a regional centre of excellence for nursery nurse training.

OF ATTENTION

- 6. countable, usually singular** the point towards which people direct their attention
 - Children like to be the **centre of attention**.
 - The prime minister is **at the centre of** a political row over leaked Cabinet documents.

-CENTRED

- 7. (in adjectives)** having the thing mentioned as the most important feature or centre of attention
 - a child-centred approach to teaching

see also ↑self-centred

IN POLITICS

- 8. (usually the centre) singular** a ↑moderate (= middle) political position or party, between the extremes of ↑left-wing and ↑right-wing parties
 - a party of the centre
 - Are her views to the left or right of centre?
 - a centre party

IN SPORT

- 9. countable** (in some team sports) a player or position in the middle of the pitch/field, court, etc.

see front and center **at** ↑front_{n.} left, right and centreright, left and centre **at** ↑left_{adv.}

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

centre (*BrE*) (*AmE* center) **noun**

1. C

- the centre of a circle

the middle •

Opp: edge

the centre/middle **of** sth

in the centre/middle

The centre or the middle? The **centre** of an area may be a more precise area than **the middle**: **the centre of a circle** is the point in the exact middle. **Middle** but not **centre** can be used to describe a situation or a period of time:

• When they quarrel, I am often caught in the middle.

✗ When they quarrel, I am often caught in the centre.

2. C

• a centre for people with epilepsy

institute • • institution • • organization • • association • • club •

a/an centre/institute/institution/organization/association/club **for** sth

a **local** centre/institute/institution/organization/association/club

a **research/training** centre/institute/institution/organization

3. C, usually sing.

• Children like to be the centre of attention.

focus • • heart • • hub • • focal point •

the centre/focus **of attention**

the **commercial** centre/heart/hub of sth

act/serve as a centre/focus/focal point

Example Bank:

- Politically, she is considered to be slightly left of centre.
- Politically, she is slightly left of centre.
- The university is a major centre for scientific research.
- Tokyo is one of the main financial centres of the world.
- We've bought a flat in the very centre of Cambridge.
- We've bought an apartment in the very centre of São Paulo.
- a museum in the centre of Birmingham
- a party that occupies the centre ground of British politics
- at the centre of the universe
- the economic nerve centre of Germany
- Children like to be the centre of attention.
- He could never doubt that he was the centre of her world.
- I had to get a taxi from the hotel to the conference centre.
- She always liked to feel that she was at the centre of things.
- The captain was at the centre of the action right through the game.
- The classes are run by the Centre for Languages and Literature.
- The university is recognized as an international centre of excellence for training dentists.
- There are plans for the development of a new leisure centre on the site.
- There was a long table in the centre of the room.
- They've set up a local centre for people with epilepsy.
- You can send fax or emails from our fully equipped business centre.
- a sports/leisure/community/shopping/conference/business centre

Derived ↑centre on somebody ▪ ↑centre something in ... ▪ ↑centre something on somebody

verb ~ sth

to move sth so that it is in the **centre** of sth else

- Carefully centre the photograph on the page and stick it in place.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	centre
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	NAme / 'sɛntər/
he / she / it	centres
	BrE / 'sɛntəz/
	NAme / 'sɛntərz/
past simple, past participle	centred
	BrE / 'sɛntəd/
	NAme / 'sɛntəd/
-ing form	centring
	BrE / 'sɛntərɪŋ/
	NAme / 'sɛntərɪŋ/

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See also: ↑center ▪ ↑downtown

centre
 I. cen tre¹ S1 W1 BrE^u AmE^u British English, center American English /'sentə \$ -ər/
 noun

[Word Family: noun: CENTRE/CENTER, ↑centralization ≠ ↑decentralization, ↑centralism, ↑centrist; adjective: ↑central, ↑centralized ≠ ↑decentralized, CENTRED/CENTERED, ↑centrist; verb: CENTRE/CENTER, ↑centralize ≠ ↑decentralize; adverb: ↑centrally]

1. **MIDDLE** [countable usually singular] the middle of a space, area, or object, especially the exact middle in the centre (of something)

- There was an enormous oak table in the center of the room.
- The hotel is right in the centre of the village.

centre of

- Draw a line through the centre of the circle.
- lines radiating out from the centre
- chocolates with soft centres

2. **BUILDING** [countable] a building which is used for a particular purpose or activity

centre for

- the European Centre for Nuclear Research
- an exhibition at the Community Arts Centre
- a conference centre

3. **PLACE OF ACTIVITY** [countable] a place where there is a lot of a particular type of business, activity etc

business/commercial/financial etc centre

- a major banking centre
- It's not exactly a cultural center like Paris.

centre of/for

- The city became a centre for the paper industry.
- a center of academic excellence (=a very good place for education)

4. **OF A TOWN** [countable] British English the part of a town or city where most of the shops, restaurants, cinemas, theatres etc are SYN downtown American English

town/city centre

- shops in the town centre
- the main route into Leeds city centre

5. **INVOLVEMENT be at the centre of something** if a person or thing is at the centre of something that is happening, they are involved in it more than other people or things:

- He always seems to be at the centre of things.

be at the centre of a row/dispute/controversy etc

- the businessman at the centre of the row over political donations

6. **be the centre of attention** to be the person that everyone is giving attention to:

- Betty just loves being the centre of attention.

7. **be/take centre stage** if something or someone is centre stage, they have an important position and get a lot of attention:

- After his father's death, he was able to rise to power and take centre stage.

8. **POLITICS the centre** a ↑moderate (=middle) position in politics in which you do not support extreme ideas:

- The party's new policies show a swing towards the centre.

left/right of centre

- Her political views are slightly left of centre.

centre-right/centre-left

- a centre-left government

9. **SPORT** [countable] a player in sports such as American football and ↑basketball who plays in or near the middle of the field or playing area:

- the Sonics' six-foot-four-inch center

centre forward/half/back etc (=players in different parts of the middle section of the playing area)

10. **centre of population/urban centre** an area where a large number of people live:

- Nuclear installations are built well away from the main centres of population.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ types of centre

- **a shopping centre** They are building a huge new shopping centre just outside the town.
- **an information centre** For further details contact the Tourist Information Centre.
- **a visitor centre** The forest has a visitor centre with information and refreshment facilities.
- **a leisure centre** British English (=for sport and other leisure activities) There's a leisure centre with a swimming pool, a sauna, and a gymnasium.
- **a sports centre** You could join exercise classes at your local sports centre.
- **a garden centre** British English (=where you can buy plants, trees etc) The garden centre stocks a wide variety of houseplants.
- **an arts centre** (=for art, music, theatre, film etc) Shall we go to the concert at the arts centre on Saturday?
- **an exhibition centre** The exhibition centre has an interesting display of contemporary art.
- **a research centre** the new research centre at King's College Hospital
- **a conference centre** Westgate Hotel has sixty bedrooms and a conference centre.
- **a training centre** He was a new recruit at the police training centre.
- **a health/medical centre** (=where there are several doctors you can see for medical treatment) The village has a small

school and a health centre.

- **a day centre** *British English* (=where old, sick etc people can go during the day to be looked after) A new day centre for the over 70s has recently opened.
- **a community centre** (=where people living in an area can go for social events, classes etc) The church has been converted into a community centre.
- **an education centre** Many elderly people come to the education centre to learn to use computers.
- **a job centre** (=a place in Britain where jobs are advertised) I got the job through an advertisement at the job centre.
- **a youth centre** (=where young people can go to meet and take part in activities) The money will be used to provide a youth centre.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

■ types of centre

- **a financial centre** Boston is a leading financial centre.
- **a business centre** The company has branches worldwide in fifteen major business centres.
- **a commercial centre** Our city is the biggest commercial centre in the country.
- **a cultural centre** Paris was then the cultural centre of Europe.
- **a tourist centre** Our destination was Queenstown, a tourist centre set amid mountains and lakes.
- **a trading centre** The town was a trading centre for the Romans.
- **a major centre for/of something** The region has been named as a major centre of international terrorism.
- **a world centre for/of something** The Asian Pacific Rim is a major world centre of commerce, industry, and economic activity.
- **an international centre for/of something** Zurich is an international centre of finance.
- **a national centre for/of something** The gardens are a national centre for botanical research.

II. centre² BrE¹ AmE¹ British English, center American English verb [transitive]

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to move something to a position at the centre of something else:

▪ The title isn't quite centred on the page, is it?

centre around/round something (also **be centred around/round something** *British English*) *phrasal verb*

if your thoughts, activities etc centre around something or are centred around it, it is the main thing that you are concerned with or interested in:

▪ In the 16th century, village life centred around religion.

centre on/upon something (also **be centred on/upon something**) *phrasal verb*

if your attention centres on something or someone, or is centred on them, you pay more attention to them than anything else:

▪ The debate centred on funding for health services.

▪ Much of their work is centred on local development projects.

centre

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