

**spectrum**[ˈspekt(rəm] *n* (*pl* *-ra, -rums* [-{ˈspekt(rəm)z}])

- 1) *физ.* спектр  
solar spectrum - спектр Солнца, солнечный спектр
- 2) *спец.* диапазон
- 3) (всё) разнообразие; размах, широкий диапазон  
the spectrum of political beliefs - самые разнообразные политические воззрения
2. изображение, образ
3. привидение, призрак
4. *редк.* образ, видение

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**spec·trum** [spectrum spectra] *BrE* [ˈspektrəm] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [ˈspektrəm] <sup>u</sup> *noun* (*pl.***spec·tra** *BrE* [ˈspektrə] <sup>u</sup> ; *NAmE* [ˈspektrə] <sup>u</sup> )

1. a band of coloured lights in order of their ↑wavelengths, as seen in a ↑rainbow and into which light may be separated
  - A spectrum is formed by a ray of light passing through a prism.
  - Red and violet are at opposite ends of the spectrum.
2. a range of sound waves or several other types of wave
  - the **electromagnetic /radio/sound spectrum**
3. **usually singular** a complete or wide range of related qualities, ideas, etc
  - a broad spectrum of interests
  - We shall hear views from across the political spectrum.

Word Origin:early 17th cent. (in the sense ‘spectre’): from Latin, literally image, apparition, from *specere* ‘to look’.Example Bank:

- Other species can perceive colours of the spectrum that are invisible to us.
- The courses cover the full spectrum of levels.
- The newspaper covers a broad spectrum of opinion.
- The two speakers were chosen to represent opposite ends of the spectrum.
- There was consensus across the political spectrum.
- These thinkers represent a wide spectrum of political perspectives.
- These wavelengths correspond to red in the visible spectrum.
- a continuous spectrum of light waves
- a wide spectrum of interests
- the ultraviolet part of the spectrum
- The policy has the support of a broad spectrum of opinion.

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**spec·trum** /ˈspektrəm/ *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> *noun* (*plural spectra* /-trə/) [**countable**][**Date:** 1800-1900; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** ‘something that appears, image’, from *specere* ‘to look (at)’]

1. a complete range of opinions, people, situations etc, going from one extreme to its opposite
  - spectrum of**
    - the ethnic spectrum of America
  - across the spectrum**
    - The bill drew support from across the political spectrum.
  - broad/wide/full etc spectrum**
    - a broad spectrum of environmental groups
    - The two articles here represent opposite ends of the spectrum.
2. the set of bands of coloured light into which a beam of light separates when it is passed through a ↑prism
3. a complete range of radio, sound etc waves:
  - the electromagnetic spectrum

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