

sphere**1. [sfɪə] n**

1. сфера, шар

2. глобус

3. 1) земной шар

sublunar sphere - подлунный мир

2) планета, небесное светило

4. небо, небеса, небесная сфера; небосвод

music of the spheres - музыка сфер (у Пифагора)

5. сфера, круг, поле, область (деятельности)

the mental sphere - сфера /области/ умственной /психической/ деятельности

sphere of influence [of interest] - сфера влияния [интересов]

in one's sphere - а) в чьей-л. компетенции; б) в привычной обстановке; в своей стихии; ≅ как рыба в воде

out of /not within/ one's sphere - а) вне чьей-л. компетенции; б) в непривычной обстановке

too narrow /limited/ a sphere for smb. - слишком узкое поле деятельности для кого-л., слишком ограниченная область применения чьих-л. способностей

6. социальная среда, круг

in high spheres - а) в верхах; б) в высших слоях общества

he moves in quite another sphere - он вращается в совершенно другой среде, он принадлежит к совершенно другому кругу

2. [sfɪə] v КНИЖН.

1. замыкать (в круге), окружать

2. делать круглым как шар, придавать форму шара

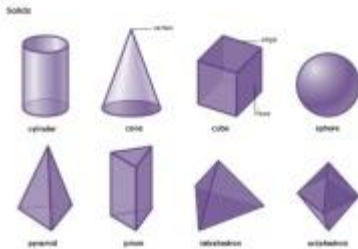
3. (with) наполнять до краёв (какой-л. жидкостью)

4. арх. вращать

to sphere about /round/ - вращать во всех направлениях

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

sphere **AW** [sphere spheres sphered sphering] **BrE** [sfɪə(r)] **NAmE** [sfɪr]**noun**

1. (geometry) a solid figure that is completely round, with every point on its surface at an equal distance from the centre

2. any object that is completely round, for example a ball

3. an area of activity, influence or interest; a particular section of society

Syn: †domain

• the political sphere

• This area was formerly within the **sphere of influence** of the US.

• He and I moved in totally different social spheres.

4. **-sphere** (in nouns) a region that surrounds a planet, especially the earth

• ionosphere

• atmosphere

Word Origin:Middle English: from Old French **espere**, from late Latin **sphera**, earlier **sphaera**, from Greek **sphaira** 'ball'.Example Bank:

• His work is little known outside the academic sphere.

• In the novel, men and women enjoy separate spheres of action.

• The matter is outside my sphere of responsibility.

• The region is within the Russian sphere of influence.

• Debate should be confined to the sphere of economics rather than politics.

• The government had control over all spheres of life.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: espere, from Latin sphaera, from Greek sphaira 'ball, sphere']



1. a ball shape
2. a particular area of activity, work, knowledge etc
 - in the ... sphere
 - television's increasing role in the political sphere
 - public/private sphere
 - Women have often been excluded from positions of power in the public sphere.
3. **sb's/sth's sphere of influence** a person's, country's, organization's etc sphere of influence is the area where they have power to change things

COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ adjectives

- **the public sphere** (=public positions and activities) Men still controlled the public sphere.
- **the private sphere** After the war, women refused to return quietly to the private sphere.
- **the political sphere** Unions became more active in the political sphere.
- **the economic sphere** Will the reform programme be extended beyond the economic sphere?
- **the domestic sphere** More women started to be trained for tasks outside the domestic sphere.
- **the social sphere** The following chapter considers the influence of factors in the wider social sphere.

THESAURUS

■ types of shapes

- **square** a shape with four straight sides that are equal in length and four angles of 90 degrees
- **circle** a round shape that is like an O
- **semicircle** half a circle
- **triangle** a shape with three straight sides and three angles
- **rectangle** a shape with four straight sides and four angles of 90 degrees
- **oval** a shape like a circle, but that is longer than it is wide
- **cylinder** an object in the shape of a tube
- **cube** a solid object with six equal square sides
- **pyramid** a shape with a square base and four triangular sides that meet in a point at the top
- **sphere** a shape like a ball

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