

**general****1. ['dʒen(ə)rəl] n**

1. 1) генерал

general of the Army - *амер.* генерал армии2) *амер. сл.* начальство, «отец-командир» (о заведующем, директоре школы, главе семьи и т. п.)

2. 1) (the general) общее

the general and the particular - общее и частное

2) общие замечания; общие положения; общая часть (публикации)

3. *разг.* прислуга «за всё»4. *церк.* глава ордена5. *уст.* большинство6. *уст.*

1) (the general) народ

2) толпа, чернь, простонародье

◇ general's battle - бой, исход которого решает умелое командование

**2. ['dʒen(ə)rəl] a**

1. общий, всеобщий

general meeting - общее собрание

general strike [election, military training] - всеобщая забастовка [-ие выборы, -ее военное обучение]

there was a general panic - всех охватила паника

there was a general exodus - все сдвинулись с места (*разъезд, эмиграция и т. п.*)general education - всеобщее образование /обучение/ [*см. тж. 3*]general knowledge - то, что известно всем [*см. тж. 3*]general average *см. average* 2

general library - а) общая библиотека б) университетская библиотека

general debate - общие прения /дебаты, -ая дискуссия /

general ticket - *амер.* общий список (*избирательный бюллетень с кандидатами, представляющими штат или город в целом, а не их отдельные районы*)

general pardon - всеобщая амнистия

general favourite - а) общий любимец б) тот, кого все считают наиболее вероятной кандидатурой (*на выборах, соревнованиях и т. п.*)

2. 1) широкий; повсеместный

general opinion - общее мнение

general holiday - общенародный праздник

general lay-out - общее расположение, генеральный план

general counter-attack - *воен.* общая контратака; контрнаступлениеgeneral support - *воен.* общая поддержкаgeneral paralysis - *мед.* прогрессивный параличgeneral anesthesia - *мед.* общий наркозgeneral release - *кино* широкий /неограниченный/ прокат, выпуск на широкий экран

to work for the general welfare - работать на общее благо

the book was a general favourite - книга понравилась всем /пользовалась успехом у всех/

it is a matter of general anxiety - это беспокоит всех, это предмет всеобщего беспокойства

it is not in the general interest to close railways - закрыть железнодорожное движение противоречит общим интересам

there has been general opposition to the scheme - план вызвал протест широких масс, все были против этого плана

the rain has been fairly general - можно сказать, что дождь шёл повсюду

2) распространённый, общепринятый, обычный

general word - обычное /общепринятое/ слово

general notion - общепринятое понятие /представление/

in general - обычно, вообще, в большинстве случаев

in general people like her - обычно она людям нравится

as a general rule - обычно, как правило

the general idea is that ... - все считают, что ..., существует общее мнение, что ... [*ср. тж. 4*]

this word is in general use - это очень употребительное слово

this type of behaviour is fairly general among young people - такая модель поведения довольно характерна для молодёжи

3. общий, общего характера, неспециализированный, неспециальный

general public - широкие массы

general reader - широкий /рядовой, массовый/ читатель

the book was not accessible to the general reader - для широкого читателя эта книга была недоступна

general dealer - торговец товарами повседневного спроса; хозяин лавки, в которой продаются различные товары

general store(s) - универсальный магазин, неспециализированный магазин

general servant - прислуга «за всё»

general education - общее образование [*см. тж. 1*]general knowledge - знания в различных областях [*см. тж. 1*]

general hospital - неспециализированная больница; больница общего типа

general practitioner - врач широкого профиля

who is your general practitioner? - кто ваш лечащий врач?

to be in general practice - заниматься общей врачебной практикой

general pathology - общая патология

general farming - неспециализированное хозяйство  
general overhaul - капитальный ремонт  
general reconnaissance [map] - общая разведка [карта]  
general reserve - **воен.** общий резерв; резерв общего назначения  
general duties - **воен.** строевая служба  
general engineering - общее машиностроение  
general cargo - **мор.** генеральный груз; сборный груз  
for general use - для общего пользования

#### 4. расплывчатый, неточный, общий

general impression - общее впечатление  
general recommendations - общие рекомендации  
to have a general idea - иметь общее представление [*ср. тж.* 2, 2])  
I've got the general idea - в общих чертах я понял  
to give a general outline - наметить в общих чертах  
to explain in general terms - объяснить в общих чертах  
the statement is too general - это заявление носит слишком общий характер  
if you go in the general direction of the church ... - видите церковь? Если вы будете держаться этого направления ...  
I see only a general resemblance - я вижу только самое общее сходство  
I can give only a general description - я могу дать только самое общее описание

#### 5. главный, генеральный

general committee - генеральный комитет (ООН); президиум  
Director General, General Manager - генеральный директор  
general officer - генерал  
General Commanding Officer - командующий, командующий группой войск, командир соединения  
general headquarters - ставка, главное командование  
general staff - **амер.** общая часть штаба; общий штаб  
general court martial - военный суд высшей инстанции

## general

**gen·er·al** [general generals] adjective, noun BrE ['dʒenrəl] <sup>ⓘ</sup> NAmE ['dʒenrəl] <sup>ⓘ</sup>  
adjective

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### AFFECTING ALL

#### 1. affecting all or most people, places or things

- The **general opinion** is that the conference was a success.
- the **general belief/consensus**
- books of **general interest** (= of interest to most people)
- The bad weather has been fairly general (= has affected most areas) .

### USUAL

#### 2. usually before noun normal; usual

- There is one exception to this general principle.
- **As a general rule** (= usually) he did what he could to be helpful.
- This opinion is common among the general population (= ordinary people) .

### NOT EXACT

#### 3. including the most important aspects of sth; not exact or detailed

**Syn:** ↑overall

- I check the bookings to get a **general idea** of what activities to plan.
- I know how it works **in general terms** .
- They gave a general description of the man.

#### 4. the ~ direction/area approximately, but not exactly, the direction/area mentioned

- They fired in the general direction of the enemy.

### NOT LIMITED

#### 5. not limited to a particular subject, use or activity

- a general hospital
- general education
- We shall at this stage keep the discussion fairly general.

#### 6. not limited to one part or aspect of a person or thing

- a general anaesthetic
- The building was in a general state of disrepair.

### HIGHEST IN RANK

#### 7. only before noun (also **General**) after noun highest in rank; chief

- the general manager
- the Inspector General of Police

**see also** ↑Attorney General, ↑director general, ↑GovernorGeneral, ↑Secretary General, ↑Solicitor General, ↑Surgeon General

### Word Origin:

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### Thesaurus:

**general** *adj.*

1.

- The general opinion is that a new bridge is needed.

**widespread** • **common** • **universal** • **popular** • **commonplace** • **rife** • |**formal prevalent** • |**formal humorous ubiquitous** •

**in general/widespread/common/universal use**

the general/widespread/universal/common/popular/prevalent **view**

a general/widespread/universal/common/prevalent **problem**

2.

- All the machines operate on the same general principle.

**standard** • **routine** • **usual** • **regular** • **traditional** • **habitual** •

the general/standard/routine/usual/regular/traditional **procedure/practice**

the general/standard/routine/usual/regular/traditional/habitual **way**

sb's general/usual/habitual **behaviour**

3.

- She read the introduction to get a general idea of the subject.

**broad** • **overall** • **sweeping** •

**Opp:** **specific**, **Opp:** **detailed**

the general/broad/overall **context**

a/an general/broad/overall **conclusion**

a general/broad/sweeping **assertion/statement**

**General or broad?** **General** is used slightly more often when talking about trends; **broad** is used slightly more often when talking about categories and aims

- a general trend/tendency/direction

- a broad definition/sense/aim/objective

### Language Bank:

#### conclusion

*Summing up an argument*

**In conclusion** ▪, the study has provided useful insights into the issues relating to people's perception of crime.

- Based on this study, **it can be concluded that** ▪ the introduction of new street lighting did not reduce reported crime.

**To sum up** ▪, no evidence can be found to support the view that improved street lighting reduces reported crime.

- The available evidence clearly **leads to the conclusion that** ▪ the media do have an influence on the public perception of crime.
- The main conclusion to be drawn from** ▪ this study is that public perception of crime is significantly influenced by crime news reporting.

**This study has shown that** ▪ people's fear of crime is out of all proportion to crime itself.

- Fear of crime is out of all proportion to the actual level of crime, and the reasons for this **can be summarized as follows** ▪.

First...

**Overall** ▪ / **In general** ▪, women are more likely than men to feel insecure walking alone after dark.

Language Banks at ↑**emphasis**, ↑**first**, ↑**generally**

### Language Bank:

#### generally

*Ways of saying 'in general'*

- Women **generally** ▪ earn less than men.

**Generally speaking** ▪, jobs traditionally done by women are paid at a lower rate than those traditionally done by men.

**In general** ▪ / **By and large** ▪, women do not earn as much as men.

- Certain jobs, like nursing and cleaning, are still **mainly** ▪ carried out by women.

▪ Senior management posts are **predominantly** ▪ held by men.

▪ Most senior management posts **tend to** ▪ be held by men.

▪ Women are, **for the most part** ▪, still paid less than men.

- Economic and social factors are, **to a large extent** ▪, responsible for women being concentrated in low-paid jobs.

Language Banks at ↑**conclusion**, ↑**except**, ↑**similarly**

### Example Bank:

- As a general rule, the paler the roast the milder the coffee.
- I check the bookings to get a general idea of what activities to plan.
- I know how it works in general terms.
- In general, Japanese cars are very reliable.
- The bad weather has been fairly general.
- The general consensus was that the scheme was too expensive.
- The general opinion is that a new bridge is needed.
- The machines all operate on the same general principle.

- The unions threatened a further general strike.
- There was a general amnesty for crimes committed during the civil war.
- There was a general lack of adequate training.

Idiom: ↑in general

noun (abbr. Gen.)

an officer of very high rank in the army and the US ↑air force; the officer with the highest rank in the ↑marines

- a four-star general
- General Tom Parker

see also ↑brigadier general, ↑major general

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Example Bank:

- Both generals had commanded units in that area.

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I. gen<sup>er</sup>al<sup>1</sup> S1 W1 /'dʒenərəl/ BrE<sup>er</sup> AmE<sup>er</sup> adjective [usually before noun]

[Word Family: noun: ↑generalization, ↑general, ↑generalist, ↑generality; adjective: ↑general, ↑generalist, ↑generalized; verb: ↑generalize; adverb: ↑generally]

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: French; Origin: Latin *generalis* 'of the whole type', from *genus*; ⇒ ↑genus]

1. **NOT DETAILED** describing or relating to only the main features or parts of something, not the details:

- a general introduction to computing
- I skimmed through it to get a general impression of the text.
- I have a general idea of what I want to express.
- He spoke in general terms about greater competitiveness.

2. **in general**

a) usually or in most situations:

- In general, about 10% of the candidates are eventually offered positions.

b) used when talking about the whole of a situation, group, or thing, rather than specific parts of it:

- a feeling of dissatisfaction with life in general
- These policies are unpopular with politicians and people in general.
- We're trying to raise awareness about the environment in general and air pollution in particular.

3. **RELATING TO WHOLE** involving the whole of a situation, group, or thing, rather than specific parts of it:

- There has been a general decline in standards.
- ways to improve your general health

4. **ORDINARY** ordinary or usual:

- general cooking and cleaning
- I hate paperwork as a general rule.

5. **MOST PEOPLE** shared by or affecting most people, or most of the people in a group:

- These courses are based around topics of general interest.
- How soon can the drug be made available for general use?

6. **NOT LIMITED** not limited to one use, activity, subject etc:

- The next ten minutes passed in general conversation.
- It's a good general fertilizer.
- Watford General Hospital
- This type of microphone is suitable for general use.

7. **APPROXIMATE** used to talk about an approximate area or direction:

- Pat and his friend were in the general area of the crime when it happened.
- They started walking in the general direction of the pub.

8. **JOB** used in the name of a job to show that the person who does it has complete responsibility:

- the general manager
- the Attorney General

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## THESAURUS

- **in general** used when saying that something is usually true in most situations, or about most people or things: In general, temporary jobs are less well-paid. | In general, the bigger a company becomes, the harder it is to maintain customer satisfaction.
- **generally** another way of saying 'in general', which is often used before a verb. **Generally** can also be used to say that most people have a particular opinion: Women generally live longer than men. | Newton is generally regarded as the father of modern science.
- **generally speaking/as a rule** other ways of saying 'in general': Generally speaking, large breeds of dog are becoming less popular. | He's a singer who doesn't do interviews, as a rule. | The graduates are, generally speaking, a confident and articulate group of young people.
- **mostly/mainly/largely** used when saying that something is true about most people or things, or about most of something. **Largely** is slightly more formal than **mostly** or **mainly**: The disease mainly affects women. | Their attempts were largely

unsuccessful. | The students were mostly French and German, but there were a few Japanese students too.

- **for the most part** used when saying that something is true in most cases, but not in every case: These problems have for the most part been resolved. | For the most part, the gangs were made up of boys aged between 11 and 16.

- **by and large/on the whole** used for saying that something is true in most ways or in most cases: The project was, by and large, a success. | On the whole, people were very friendly.

## II. **general** <sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>\*</sup> *AmE* <sup>\*</sup> *noun*

[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑generalization, ↑general, ↑generalist, ↑generality; **adjective**: ↑general, ↑generalist, ↑generalized; **verb**: ↑generalize; **adverb**: ↑generally]

[**Date**: 1500-1600; **Origin**: general officer]

[**countable**] an officer of very high rank in the army or air force

## general

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2640 **6320**<sup>5749</sup> *nnb*

73 **73706**<sup>106</sup> *np1*

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