

commonwealth[ˈkɒmənweɪθ] *n*

1. государство, страна
2. народ, население страны
3. союз; федерация содружество (*в наименованиях государств*)
the commonwealth of Australia - Австралийский Союз
the commonwealth Government - правительство Австралийского Союза
4. (the Commonwealth) Содружество (*государственное объединение Великобритании и большинства её бывших доминионов и колоний*)
commonwealth Conference - конференция стран Содружества (*на высшем уровне*)
commonwealth Day - День Содружества
commonwealth Military Forces - вооружённые силы Содружества
commonwealth countries - страны Содружества
5. (the Commonwealth) *ист.* Английская республика (*во время Английской буржуазной революции XVII в.*)
6. *амер.* штат (*официальное название*)
the commonwealth of Massachusetts [Pennsylvania, Kentucky] - штат Массачусетс [Пенсильвания, Кентукки]
7. союз лиц, объединённых общими интересами
commonwealth of artists [literary men] - союз художников [литераторов]
the commonwealth of scientists - научные круги; ≅ учёная братия
8. *редк.* республика
Brasil, the United States, Romania are commonwealths - Бразилия, США, Румыния - республики
9. *арх.* общественное благосостояние

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com·mon·wealth [commonwealth commonwealths] *BrE* [ˈkɒmənweɪθ] ^m*NAmE* [ˈkɑːmənweɪθ] ^m noun singular

1. **the Commonwealth** an organization consisting of the United Kingdom and other countries, including most of the countries that used to be part of the British Empire
 - a member of the Commonwealth
 - Commonwealth countries
2. (*usually* **the Commonwealth**) used in the official names of, and to refer to, some states of the US (Kentucky, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia)
 - the Commonwealth of Virginia
 - The city and the Commonwealth have lost a great leader.
3. (*NAmE*) an independent country that is strongly connected to the US
 - Puerto Rico remains a US commonwealth, not a state.
4. (*usually* **Commonwealth**) used in the names of some groups of countries or states that have chosen to be politically linked with each other
 - the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)
5. **the Commonwealth** a period (1649–60) in English history when the country was governed without a king or queen. For the first four years after the death of King [↑]Charles I, the country was governed by the [↑]House of Commons. Then in 1653 the army gave power to Oliver Cromwell with the title of Lord Protector. The years 1653–9 are therefore known as the [↑]Protectorate. The Commonwealth ended with the Restoration of King [↑]Charles II.

Word Origin:late Middle English (originally as two words, denoting public welfare): from [↑]common + [↑]wealth.Culture:

The **British Commonwealth of Nations** was set up in 1931 and has been known simply as the **Commonwealth** since 1949. Members of the Commonwealth have special links with the UK and with each other and agree to work together towards world peace, the encouragement of trade, the defence of **democracy** and improvements in human rights, health and education. It also encourages joint cultural and sporting events, particularly the [↑]Commonwealth Games. The British king or queen is the head of the Commonwealth and the senior official is the **Secretary-General**. A meeting of heads of government of all Commonwealth countries called the **Commonwealth Conference** takes place every two years and is organized by the **Commonwealth Secretariat** which is based in London. The second Monday in March is celebrated in many member countries as [↑]Commonwealth Day.

Example Bank:

- She says that she will retire from athletics after next year's Commonwealth Games.
- The city and Commonwealth have lost a great leader.
- There is an annual meeting of Commonwealth heads of government
- We want to create a commonwealth of democratic, self-governing countries.

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