

utility

1. [ju:ˈtɪlɪti] *n*
 1. полезность, практичность, выгодность
of no utility - бесполезный
 2. полезная вещь
 3. *pl* (*мж.* public utilities)
 - 1) муниципальные, коммунальные предприятия *или* сооружения
 - 2) коммунальные услуги
the rent of the house includes all utilities - в квартирную плату включается стоимость всех удобств
 4. приспособление (*к машине и т. п.*)
 5. *pl* акции и облигации муниципальных, коммунальных предприятий
 6. *эк.* общественная полезность
 7. *информ.* сервисная программа (*мж.* utility function, utility program)
2. [ju:ˈtɪlɪti] *a*
 1. вспомогательный
utility actor - актёр второго состава
utility workers - подсобные рабочие
utility man - а) *спорт.* запасной игрок; б) *см.* utility actor; в) *мор.* помощник кока; г) монтажёр, ремонтник *и т. п.*
utility room - подсобное помещение, подсобка
utility aviation - *воен.* авиация общего /вспомогательного/ назначения
utility plane - самолёт вспомогательного назначения
 2. экономически выгодный, рентабельный
utility poultry [live-stock] - птица [скот], разводимая [-ый] для продажи
 3. дешёвый, невысокого качества
utility beef - говядина низкого сорта
 4. утилитарный практичный
utility furniture - практичная мебель
utility clothes - а) практичная одежда; одежда для повседневной носки /на каждый день/; б) одежда, сшитая при экономном раскрое
utility art - прикладное искусство
 5. универсальный, общего назначения (*мж.* utility type)
utility bag - хозяйственная сумка
utility knife - нож с несколькими лезвиями
utility boat - корабельная /рабочая/ шлюпка
utility truck = utility vehicle
 6. второстепенный эпизодический (*о персонаже романа и т. п.*)
 7. общественного пользования, коммунальный
(public) utility companies - муниципальные /коммунальные/ предприятия
utility meter - счётчик воды, газа *и т. п.*
 8. *филос.* утилитарный

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util-ity **AW** [utility utilities] **noun, adjective** *BrE* [juːˈtɪlɪti] *NAmE* [juːˈtɪlɪti]**noun** (pl. **util-ities**)

1. **countable** (especially *NAmE*) a service provided for the public, for example an electricity, water or gas supply
 - the administration of **public utilities**
 - Rescue teams worked desperately to restore utilities in the area shattered by the hurricane.
2. **uncountable** (*formal*) the quality of being useful
Syn: ↑usefulness
 - This information is of the highest utility to a historian.
3. **countable** (*computing*) a piece of computer software that performs a particular task

Word Origin:late Middle English: from Old French **utilite**, from Latin **utilitas**, from **utilis** 'useful'.Collocations:**Moving house***Renting*

live in a rented/(especially *NAmE*) rental property
rent/share/move into a furnished house/(*BrE*) flat/(especially *NAmE*) apartment
rent a studio/(*BrE*) a studio flat/(especially *NAmE*) a studio apartment/(*BrE*) a bedsit
find/get a housemate/(*BrE*) a flatmate/(*NAmE*) a roommate
sign/break the lease/rental agreement/contract
extend/renew/terminate the lease/(*BrE*) tenancy
afford/pay the rent/the bills/(*NAmE*) the utilities
(especially *BrE*) fall behind with/ (especially *NAmE*) fall behind on the rent
pay/lose/return a damage deposit/(*NAmE*) security deposit
give/receive a month's/two-weeks' notice to leave/vacate the property

Being a landlord

have a flat/apartment/room (*BrE*) to let/(*especially NAmE*) for rent
 rent (out)/lease (out)/ (*BrE*) let (out)/sublet a flat/apartment/house/property
 collect/increase/raise the rent
 evict the existing tenants
 attract/find new/prospective tenants
 invest in rental property/(*BrE*) property to let/(*BrE*) the buy-to-let market

Buying

buy/acquire/purchase a house/(a) property/(*especially NAmE*) (a piece of) prime real estate
 call/contact/use (*BrE*) an estate agent/(*NAmE*) a Realtor™/(*NAmE*) a real estate agent/broker
 make/ (*BrE*) put in an offer on a house
 put down/save for (*BrE*) a deposit on a house
 make/put/save for (*especially NAmE*) a down payment on a house/home
 apply for/arrange/take out a mortgage/home loan
 (struggle to) pay the mortgage
 make/meet/keep up/cover the monthly mortgage payments/(*BrE also*) repayments
 (*BrE*) repossess (*especially NAmE*) foreclose on sb's home/house

Selling

put your house/property on the market/up for sale/up for auction
 increase/lower your price/the asking price
 have/hold/hand over the deed/(*especially BrE*) deeds of/to the house, land, etc.

Example Bank:

- He argued that the arts have great social utility.
- This computer is of low utility for the home user.
- a privatized electricity utility
- regulatory agencies such as public utility commissions
- Legislation will be introduced to regulate the privatized utilities.
- Public utilities such as water, gas and electricity come under the control of the government

adjective only before noun

that can be used for several different purposes

- an all-round utility player (= one who can play equally well in several different positions in a sport)

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: *utilité*, from Latin *utilitas*, from *utilis* 'useful', from *uti*; ⇒ ↑*use*¹]

1. [countable usually plural] a service such as gas or electricity provided for people to use:
 Does your rent include utilities?
2. [countable] a piece of computer ↑software that has a particular use:
 It's a simple shareware utility that allows you to print signs and banners.
3. [uncountable] *formal* the quality of being useful, or the degree to which something is useful

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