

staff

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[stɑ:f] *n* (*pl мж. staves*)

1. посох, палка
to walk with a staff - идти, опираясь на палку
2. дубин(к)а
3. (*pl мж. staves*) флагшток, древко
4. жезл, символ власти
5. (*pl мж. staves*) столп, опора, поддержка
she is the staff of his old life - она его опора в старости
courage is the staff of my ambitions - мужество - вот что поддерживает мои честолюбивые замыслы
6. *мор.* шток
7. *муз.* нотный стан, нотоносец
8. *геод.* нивелирная рейка, футшток
9. ступенька (*приставной лестницы*); перекладина (*стула*)
10. *ж.-д.* жезл
11. *мед.* операционный цистоскоп
◇ staff and staple - главные составные части, основа, суть
to have the staff in one's own hand - а) владеть собственностью /имуществом/; б) быть хозяином положения; властвовать, иметь власть
to set up one's staff - поселиться, обосноваться

II

1. [stɑ:f] *n*

- 1) 1) *собир.* штат, штаты (*служащих и т. п.*)
to be on the staff - быть в штате
to cut down the staff - сокращать штаты
- 2) персонал, личный состав, сотрудники
staff members - сотрудники (*данного учреждения*)
teaching staff - учителя; профессорско-преподавательский состав
nursing staff - средний медицинский персонал
the staff of a newspaper - сотрудники газеты
diplomatic staff - дипломатические сотрудники
a staff of servants - штат прислуги
the faculty and administrative staff - преподаватели и административный персонал (вуза)
to join the staff of the newspaper [of a corporation] - стать сотрудником газеты [корпорации]
- 3) (*pl без измен.*) *амер.* штатный сотрудник
2. *воен.* штаб
the General Staff - генеральный штаб
regimental staff - штаб полка

2. [stɑ:f] *a*

1. штатный
staff writer - а) штатный сотрудник газеты; б) сценарист, состоящий в постоянном штате киностудии
2. предназначенный для сотрудников
staff entrance - служебный вход
staff paper - справка /меморандум/ для служебного пользования
staff regulations - правила внутреннего распорядка
3. *воен.* штабной
staff agency [surgeon, duty] - штабной орган [хирург, -ая служба]
staff records - *амер.* штабные документы
staff work - а) административная работа; б) штабная работа /служба/

3. [stɑ:f] *v*

- 1) укомплектовывать штаты; обеспечивать персоналом
to staff up - увеличивать штат
the research section cannot get underway unless we staff it up - сектор исследований не сможет развернуться, если мы не добавим ему работников
an office staffed with trained personnel - учреждение, укомплектованное квалифицированными работниками
- 2) *воен.* укомплектовывать личным составом

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[stɑ:f] *n сmp.*штукатурный раствор с примесью волокнистых веществ (*для недолговременных лепных работ*)**staff**

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staff [staff staffs staves] *noun, verb BrE* [stɑːf] " *NAmE* [stæf] "*noun*

1. **countable, usually singular, uncountable** all the workers employed in an organization considered as a group
 - medical staff
 - (BrE) teaching staff
 - (BrE) We have 20 part-time **members of staff** .
 - (NAmE) **staff members**

- **staff development /training**
 - a **staff restaurant/meeting**
 - (especially BrE) a lawyer **on the staff** of the Worldwide Fund for Nature
- see also** ↑ground staff
- singular** (NAme) the people who work at a school, college or university, but who do not teach students
 - students, faculty and staff
 - countable + singular or plural verb** a group of senior army officers who help a commanding officer
 - a staff officer**see also** ↑chief of staff, ↑general staff
 - countable** (old-fashioned or formal) a long stick used as a support when walking or climbing, as a weapon, or as a symbol of authority
 - (especially NAme) (BrE also **stave**) **countable** (music) a set of five lines on which music is written

Word Origin:

Old English *stæf* (in sense 4), of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *staf* and German *Stab*.

Thesaurus:

staff noun C, pl.

• All medical staff are tested for the virus.

workforce • • **workers** • • **employees** • • **manpower** • • **sales force** • |BrE **members of staff** • |especially AmE **staff members** • |**business personnel** • • **human resources** •

(a/an) **skilled/unskilled/qualified/trained** staff/workforce/workers/employees/personnel

(a/an) **female/male/experienced** staff/workforce/workers/employees/members of staff/staff members/personnel

a **10–strong, 2–000 strong, etc.** staff/workforce/sales force

train staff/the workforce/workers/employees/members of staff/staff members

reduce/increase staff/the workforce/personnel

Collocations:

Jobs

Getting a job

look for work

look for/apply for/go for a job

get/pick up/complete/fill out/ (BrE) fill in an application (form)

send/email your (BrE) CV/(NAme) résumé/application/application form/covering letter

be called for/have/attend an interview

offer sb a job/work/employment/promotion

find/get/land a job

employ/ (especially NAme) hire/recruit/ (especially BrE) take on staff/workers/trainees

recruit/appoint a manager

Doing a job

arrive at/get to/leave work/the office/the factory

start/finish work/your shift

do/put in/work overtime

have/gain/get/lack/need experience/qualifications

do/get/have/receive training

learn/pick up/improve/develop (your) skills

cope with/manage/share/spread the workload

improve your/achieve a better work-life balance

have (no) job satisfaction/job security

Building a career

have a job/work/a career/a vocation

find/follow/pursue/ (especially NAme) live (out) your vocation

enter/go into/join a profession

choose/embark on/start/begin/pursue a career

change jobs/profession/career

be/ (both especially BrE) work/go freelance

do/take on temp work/freelance work

do/be engaged in/be involved in voluntary work

Leaving your job

leave/ (especially NAme) quit/resign from your job

give up work/your job/your career

hand in your notice/resignation

plan to/be due to retire in June/next year, etc.

take early retirement

Grammar Point:

staff

In BrE **staff** (sense 1) can be singular: ▪ a staff of ten (= a group of ten people) or plural: ▪ I have ten staff working for me . If it is the subject of a verb, this verb is plural: ▪ The staff in this shop are very helpful.

In **NAmE** **staff** (senses 1 and 2) can only be singular: ▫ a staff of ten (but not ten staff). ◊ ▫ The staff in this store is very helpful .
 The plural form **staffs** is less frequent but is used in both **BrE** and **NAmE** to refer to more than one group of people: ▫ the senator and his staff (singular) ◊ ▫ senators and their staffs (plural) .

Example Bank:

- A spokesperson said that the bank expects to make 15 000 staff redundant over the next three years.
- He joined the editorial staff in 1999.
- He's a staff writer for The New Yorker.
- I've heard they're recruiting staff at the moment.
- She has been on the staff of the hospital for most of her working life.
- She's a staff scientist at the Research Institute.
- Some companies are struggling to retain skilled staff.
- Specialist training is necessary for staff carrying out this work.
- The Wimbledon ground staff pulled the covers over the courts.
- The bar staff can serve around a hundred drinks an hour.
- The company has a staff of fifty.
- The hospital is freezing staff appointments as part of its cutbacks.
- The staff are working under pressure.
- There are four full-time members of staff.
- There are only four full-time members of staff in the company.
- There is separate staff accommodation for the housekeeper.
- They pay their staff by cheque.
- We'll be down to a skeleton staff over Christmas.
- a staff person for a government agency
- a staff position at 'Life' magazine
- a staff report by the House Foreign Affairs Committee
- staff appointed to the project
- the campaign staff of President Bush
- the ground staff at the airport
- the medical staff who treated him during his confinement
- All medical staff are tested for the virus.
- He's a lawyer on the staff of the Worldwide Fund for Nature.
- I have ten staff working for me.
- I tend not to eat in the staff restaurant.
- Students, faculty and staff were all men in those days.
- The school is closed for staff development
- The staff in this shop are very helpful.
- Three staff members were suspended after the incident.
- We have 20 part-time members of staff.
- a staff of ten
- senators and their staffs
- the senator and his staff

Idiom: ↑**staff of life**

Derived Word ↑**staffing**

verb transitive, usually passive ~ sth

to work in an institution, a company, etc; to provide people to work there

- The advice centre is staffed entirely by volunteers.
- The charity provided money to staff and equip two hospitals.
- a fully staffed department

see also ↑**overstaffed** ↑**short-staffed** ↑**understaffed**

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	staff
	BrE /stɑːf/
	NAmE /stæf/
he / she /it	staffs
	BrE /stɑːfs/
	NAmE /stæfs/
past simple, past participle	staffed
	BrE /stɑːft/
	NAmE /stæft/
-ing form	staffing

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See also: ↑**stave**

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I. **staff**¹ **S2 W2** /stɑːf/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

[Language: Old English; Origin: stæf 'stick']

1. **WORKERS** [C, also plural *British English*] the people who work for an organization

staff of 10/50 etc

- Our department has a staff of seven.
- The entire staff has done an outstanding job this year.
- They employ a total of 150 staff.
- The staff were very helpful.

medical/academic/library etc staff

- a strike by ambulance staff
- one of our longest-serving staff members

member of staff *British English*:

- I'd like to welcome a new member of staff.

on the staff (of something)

- We were both on the staff of the British Film Institute at the time.

on staff *American English*:

- Joan is the only lawyer we have on staff.
- a staff meeting

staff room *British English* (=a room for teachers in a school)

GRAMMAR

In British English, **staff** is often used as a plural noun and followed by a plural verb:

- We need to recruit more staff.
- All the teaching staff were women.

In American English, **staff** is not often used in this way, and is never followed by a plural verb.

- ▶ You never refer to a person as 'a staff'. Say a **staff member**, a **member of staff** (BrE), or an **employee**.

2. **STICK** [countable] (plural **staves** /steɪvz/)

a) *old use* a long thick stick to help you walk

b) a long thick stick that an official holds in some ceremonies

3. **MUSIC** [countable] *especially American English* the set of five lines that music is written on **SYN stave**

4. **the staff of life** *literary* bread

⇒ ↑general staff, ↑ground staff

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COLLOCATIONS

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + staff

- **full-time/part-time staff** The school has over 100 full-time staff.
- **permanent/temporary staff** Much of the work is done by temporary staff.
- **senior/junior staff** I have taken on board the comments of my senior staff.
- **medical/academic/technical etc staff** We would like to thank all the medical staff at Broadgreen Hospital.
- **hospital/library/office etc staff** He had responsibility for training library staff.
- **support staff** (=office staff, technical staff etc) A school needs good support staff.
- **trained/qualified staff** Recruitment of trained staff was a continuing problem.

staff + NOUN

- a **staff member** (also a **member of staff** *British English*) At least one staff member should always be present.
- a **staff meeting** On Wednesdays there's our weekly staff meeting.
- **staff training** The company has made a massive investment in staff training.
- **the staff room** *British English* (=a room for teachers in a school) I usually have a coffee in the staff room before school starts.
- **staff morale** (=how happy and confident the staff somewhere feel) Staff morale has been badly affected by the reorganisation.

verbs

- **have staff** (also **employ staff** *formal*) The hotel has 145 staff.
- **join the staff** Kelly Jones has joined the staff as a medical secretary.

phrases

- **be on the staff** *British English*, **be on staff** *AmE*: He is no longer on the staff.

II. **staff**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [transitive usually passive]

to be or provide the workers for an organization ⇒ **overstaffed**, **understaffed**:

- The centre is staffed mainly by volunteers.

—**staffing** *noun* [uncountable]:

- staffing levels

staff

12500 **437**^{MCW}

15000 **751**^{COCA}

RANGE: **1k** **STAFF** 62707

staff 54385

staffed 1012

staffing 1484

staffs 1358

staffer 1510

staffers 2613

understaffed 307

understaffing 38

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

25446 **776**⁵¹⁵⁰² *nn*

1432 **12285**²³⁰⁴ *vv0*

471 **31589**⁵⁰⁸ *vvi*

29 **135288**³³ *nnu*

19 **181224**¹⁹ *np1*

11 **244970**¹¹ *nn1*

8 **291758**⁸ *jj*
