

noble1. ['nəʊb(ə)] *n*

1. = nobleman 1 и 2

2. нобль (*старинная английская золотая монета*)3. *амер. сл.* руководитель штрейкбрехеров; представитель компании, поставляющей штрейкбрехеров4. *амер. сл.* ханжа, лицемер2. ['nəʊb(ə)] *a*

1. благородный, великодушный

noble actions - благородные поступки

noble sentiments - великодушные чувства

noble deed - доблестный подвиг

noble mind - высокий ум

noble soul - великая душа

2. 1) величавый, величественный, статный

noble edifice - величественное сооружение

on a noble scale - с размахом, щедро

a building planned on a noble scale - здание с благородными пропорциями

2) прекрасный, замечательный, превосходный

noble horse - прекрасная лошадь, конь-красавец

noble cellar - превосходный погреб /запас старых вин/

3. титулованный знатный

noble estate - дворянское сословие, дворянство

noble birth - благородное происхождение

noble blood - благородная /дворянская, аристократическая/ кровь

noble rank - высокое положение, знатность

to be born noble - родиться в дворянской семье, быть аристократом по рождению

4. благородный (о металле)

5. *хим.* инертный (о газе)◇ noble science /art/ - а) *сл.* бокс; б) *исп.* фехтование**noble**

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noble [noble nobles nobler noblest] adjective, noun BrE ['nəʊbl̩] ^m NAmE['nəʊbl̩] ^madjective (no·bler BrE ['nəʊbl̩ə(r)] ^m ; NAmE ['nəʊbl̩ə] ^m nob·lest BrE ['nəʊbl̩ɪst] ^m ; NAmE ['nəʊbl̩ɪst] ^m)

1. having fine personal qualities that people admire, such as courage, ↑honesty and care for others

• a noble leader

• noble ideals

• He died for a noble cause.

• It was very noble of you to go so far to take him home.

compare ↑ignoble

2. very impressive in size or quality

Syn: ↑splendid

• a noble building

3. belonging to a family of high social rank (= belonging to the ↑nobility)

Syn: ↑aristocratic

• a man of noble birth

• one of the noblest families in Portugal

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French, from Latin (g)nobilis 'noted, high-born', from an Indo-European root shared by ↑know.

Example Bank:

• He was a young man of noble birth.

• Intermarriage between the noble families means that all the counts are related.

• She died in a noble cause.

Derived Word ↑nobly**noun**

a person who comes from a family of high social rank; a member of the ↑nobility

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Example Bank:

• The cost of the arch was met by Milanese nobles.

• The regime was supported by a group of powerful nobles.

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I. **noble**¹ /'nəʊbəl \$ 'noʊ-/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective*

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin nobilis]

1. morally good or generous in a way that is admired:

ˈ It's very noble of you to spend all your weekends helping the old folk.

ˈ noble ideals

2. [only before noun] belonging to the nobility

noble family/blood/birth etc

ˈ a member of an ancient noble family

ˈ The Marquis would have to marry a woman of noble blood.

3. something that is noble is very impressive and beautiful:

ˈ the old church with its noble tower

4. **noble gas/metal** *technical* a noble gas or metal is not affected chemically by other substances ⇒ ↑**base metal**

5. **noble savage** *literary* someone who comes from a society that is less developed or interested in money than western countries, making them morally better than people who live in western countries

II. **noble**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

a member of the highest social class with a title such as 'Duke' or 'Countess'

⇒ ↑**commoner**

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Frequency Pack

12500 **4742**^{MCW}

15000 **3488**^{COCA}

RANGE: **5k** NOBLE ⁷⁸⁷⁷

noble ⁵⁴⁸³

nobler ¹¹⁸

noblest ¹⁸⁸

nobleness ¹³

nobles ⁸⁰⁹

nobility ¹¹⁰²

nobilities ⁵

nobly ¹⁵⁹

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

3073 **8162**⁴⁰⁹⁹ *jj*

684 **17825**¹³⁰⁷ *np1*

62 **86994**⁷⁷ *nn1*