

1. [[və] ə

1) уверенный

to be /to feel/ sure of success [of oneself] - быть уверенным в успехе [в себе]

I am sure that he is honest - я уверен /убеждён/ в его честности

are you /do you feel/ sure (about it)? - вы уверены (в этом)?

I am sure of that - я и этом убеждён

sure person - самоуверенный человек

2) твёрдый, уверенный

sure hand - твёрдая рука

with a sure step - уверенным шагом, твёрдой походкой

sure brush strokes - уверенные мазки

sure faith - непоколебимая вера

to stand on sure ground - стоять на твёрдой почве

he spoke from sure knowledge - он говорил на основании точного знания фактов

3) убедившийся

to make sure of /that/ - убедиться, удостовериться

I want to make sure that he is here - я хочу убедиться, что он здесь

you'd better make sure yourself - лучше удостоверьтесь сами

I think there is a train at 5.15 but you'd better make sure - кажется, есть поезд в 5.15, но советую вам это проверить

2. несомненный, бесспорный; неизбежный

one thing is sure - одно несомненно

sure disaster - неизбежная катастрофа

3. верный, надёжный

sure remedy - верное средство

sure proof - верное доказательство

sure shot - меткий стрелок

he is my sure adviser - он мой верный советчик

put it in a sure place - положите это в надёжное место

4. обязательный, неременный

be sure to come - приходите обязательно/неременно/

be sure to close the door after you - не забудьте запереть за собой дверь

the weather is sure to be fine - погода, безусловно, будет хорошая

don't worry, it is sure to turn out well - не беспокойся, всё, несомненно, наладится

◇ to be sure - конечно

to be sure, she is pretty - она, конечно, хорошенькая

well, to be sure I, well, I'm sure I - вот те раз!, однако!, вот те на!, ну и ну!, нечего сказать!

sure draw - а) лес, в котором наверняка есть лисицы; б) замечание, рассчитанное на то, чтобы заставить кого-л. проболтаться /выдать себя/

as sure as fate /as my name is Bob/ - вернее верного; можете не сомневаться

as sure as a gun /as death, as fate, as eggs is eggs/ - наверняка, дело верное; ≅ как дважды два четыре, как пить дать

2. [[və] adv **обыкн. амер.**

1. конечно

it sure was cold - было очень холодно

are you glad? - I sure am! - ты рад? - Чертовски!

2. **разг.** конечно, безусловно

will you come? - Sure! - ты придёшь? - Конечно!

it's pleasant, sure, to see one's name in print - приятно, признаться /конечно/, видеть своё имя в печати

for sure - а) несомненно, неременно; I shall do it for sure - я это неременно /обязательно/ сделаю; б) точно, наверняка; I

don't know it for sure - я этого точно /наверняка/ не знаю

sure

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sure [sure surer sures] adjective, adverb **BrE** [ʃʊə(r)] ⁴ **BrE** [ʃʊə(ɹ)] ⁴ **NAmE** [ʃʊr]

adjective (surer, surer-est) You can also use **more sure** and **most sure**, especially in sense 1.

1. **not before noun** confident that you know sth or that you are right

Syn: ↑certain

• 'Is that John over there?' 'I'm **not sure**'.

• You don't sound very sure.

• ~ **(that)**... I'm pretty sure (that) he'll agree.

• Are you sure you don't mind?

• I'm sure he's still alive.

• ~ **of sth** I hope you are sure of your facts.

• ~ **about sth** Are you sure about that?

• ~ **how, whether, etc...** Ask me if you're **not sure how** to do it.

• I'm **not sure whether** I should tell you this.

Opp: ↑unsure

2. **not before noun** certain that you will receive sth or that sth will happen

• ~ **of sth** You're always sure of a warm welcome there.

- We could not be sure of financial support.
- ~ **of doing sth** England must win this game to be sure of qualifying for the World Cup.
- 3. ~ **to do sth** certain to do sth or to happen
 - The exhibition is sure to be popular.
 - It's sure to rain.
 - You're sure to get lost if you don't keep to the path.
- 4. **usually before noun** that can be trusted or relied on
 - It's a **sure sign** of economic recovery.
 - There's only one sure way to do it.
 - He is a **sure bet** for the presidential nominations (= certain to succeed) .
- 5. **usually before noun** steady and confident
 - We admired her sure touch at the keyboard.

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **sur**, from Latin **securus** 'free from care'.

Synonyms:

certain

bound • sure • definite • guaranteed

These are all words describing sth that will definitely happen or is definitely true.

certain • that you can rely on to happen or be true: ▪ It's certain that they will agree. ◇▪ They are certain to agree.

bound • [not before noun] certain to happen, or to do or be sth. **Bound** is only used in the phrase **bound to do/be, etc.:** ▪ There are bound to be changes when the new system is introduced. ◇▪ You've done so much work— you're bound to pass the exam.

sure • certain to happen or be true; that can be trusted on relied on: ▪ She's sure to be picked for the team. ◇▪ It's sure to rain.

definite • (rather informal) certain to happen; that is not going to change: ▪ Is it definite that he's leaving?

guaranteed • certain to have a particular result: ▪ That kind of behaviour is guaranteed to make him angry.

certain/sure **of** sth

certain/bound/sure/guaranteed **to do sth**

certain/definite **that...**

I **couldn't say for** certain/sure/definite.

Synonyms:

sure

confident • convinced • certain • positive • clear

These words all describe sb who knows without doubt that sth is true or will happen.

sure • [not before noun] without any doubt that you are right, that sth is true, that you will get sth or that sth will happen: ▪ 'Is that John over there?' 'I'm not sure.' ◇▪ Are you sure about that? ◇▪ England must win this game to be sure of qualifying.

Sure is often used in negative statements and questions, because there is some doubt or anxiety over the matter. If there is no doubt, people often say **quite sure:** ▪ I'm quite sure (that) I left my bag here ▪ (= I have no doubt about it) ▪.

confident • completely sure that sth will happen in the way that you want or expect: ▪ I'm quite confident that you'll get the job. ◇▪ The team feels confident of winning.

Confident is a stronger and more definite word than **sure** and is more often used in positive statements, when you feel no anxiety.

convinced • [not before noun] completely sure that sth is true or right, especially because the evidence seems to prove it or sb else has persuaded you to believe it: ▪ I'm convinced that she's innocent.

certain • [not usually before noun] sure that you are right or that sth is true: ▪ Are you absolutely certain about this?

sure or certain?

Like **sure**, **certain** is often used in negative statements and questions. It is slightly more formal than **sure**; **sure** is more frequent especially in spoken English.

positive • [not before noun] (rather informal) completely sure that sth is true: ▪ She was positive that he'd been there. ◇▪ 'Are you sure?' 'Positive.'

clear • (often used in negative statements and questions) having no doubt or confusion about sth: ▪ My memory isn't really clear on that point.

sure/confident/convinced/certain/positive/clear **about** sth

sure/confident/convinced/certain **of** sth

sure/confident/convinced/certain/positive/clear **that...**

sure/certain/clear **who/what/how**, etc.

to **feel** sure/confident/convinced/certain/positive

quite/absolutely/completely/fairly/pretty sure/confident/convinced/certain/positive/clear

not altogether sure/confident/convinced/certain/clear

Example Bank:

- Make sure no one finds out about this.
- Potts was confident of taking the American title, but less sure about the world championship.
- To make doubly sure they would not be disturbed she turned the key in the lock.
- What makes you so sure she'll come back to you?
- You don't seem very sure to me.
- You'd better be completely sure of your facts.
- 'Is that John over there?' 'I'm not sure.'
- Ask me if you're not sure how to do it.

- England must win this game to be sure of qualifying.
- He's a sure bet for the presidential nomination.
- I told my friends that our winning was a sure thing.
- I'm not sure whether I should tell you this.
- I'm pretty sure (that) he'll agree.
- I'm quite sure (that) I left my bag here.
- It's a sure sign of economic recovery.
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Idioms: ↑be sure ▪ ↑for sure ▪ ↑make sure ▪ ↑sure as eggs is eggs ▪ ↑sure enough ▪ ↑sure of yourself ▪ ↑sure thing ▪ ↑sure to do something

adverb (informal, especially NAmE)

- used to say 'yes' to sb
 - 'Will you open the wine?' 'Sure, where is it?'
 - Did it hurt? Sure it hurt.
 - Sure, no problem.
- used to emphasize sth that you are saying
 - Boy, it sure is hot.
 - 'Amazing view.' 'Sure is.'
 - That song **sure as hell** sounds familiar.
 - He sure looked unhappy.
- used to reply to sb who has just thanked you for sth
 - 'Thanks for the ride.' 'Sure— anytime.'

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I. **sure**¹ **S1 W1** /ʃʊr/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **adjective**

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: sur, from Latin securus; ⇨ ↑secure¹]

1. CERTAIN YOU KNOW SOMETHING [not before noun] confident that you know something or that something is true or correct

SYN certain:

- 'That's Sarah's cousin.' 'Are you sure?'
- 'What time does the show start?' 'I'm not sure.'

sure (that)

- I'm sure there's a logical explanation for all this.
- Are you sure that you know how to get there?
- My mother, I felt sure, had not met him before.

not sure how/where/when etc

- Henry wasn't sure how to answer this.

not sure if/whether

- I'm not sure if I'm pronouncing this correctly.

sure of

- He wasn't even sure of his mother's name.
- They were talking about her, she was sure of that.

sure about

- 'That's the man I saw in the building last night.' 'Are you quite sure (=completely sure) about that?'

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In writing, people often prefer to use **certain** rather than **sure**, because it sounds more formal:

- We cannot be certain what causes this phenomenon.

2. make sure

a) to find out if something is true or to check that something has been done:

- 'Did you lock the front door?' 'I think so, but I'd better make sure.'

make sure (that)

- I wanted to make sure you were all right.
- First, make sure the printer has enough paper in it.

b) to do something so that you can be certain of the result

make sure (that)

- I'll walk you home, just to make sure no one bothers you.

make sure of (doing) something

- Spain made sure of their place by holding Japan to a 1–1 draw.
- Thomas would be sorry – she would make sure of that.

3. CERTAIN ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS [not before noun] certain about what you feel, want, like etc

sure (that)

Are you sure you really want a divorce?

sure of

" Carla says she is very sure of her love for Tony.

4. CERTAIN TO BE TRUE certain to be true

one thing is (for) sure

" One thing's for sure, we'll never be able to move this furniture on our own.

sure sign/indication

" Those black clouds are a sure sign of rain.

5. CERTAIN TO HAPPEN/SUCCEED certain to happen, succeed, or have a particular result

sure to do something

" He's sure to get nervous and say something stupid.

sure way to do something/of doing something

" There was only one sure way of finding out – and that was to visit him.

sure thing/bet *American English* (=something that will definitely happen, win, succeed etc)

6. be sure of (doing) something to be certain to get something or be certain that something will happen:

" United must beat Liverpool to be sure of winning the championship.

" You can be sure of one thing – there'll be a lot of laughs.

7. sure of yourself confident in your own abilities and opinions, sometimes in a way that annoys other people:

" Kids nowadays seem very sure of themselves.

8. be sure to do something *spoken* used to tell someone to remember to do something:

" Be sure to ring and let us know you've got back safely.

9. for sure

a) *informal* certainly or definitely:

" No one knows for sure what really happened.

b) *spoken* used to emphasize that something is true:

" We'll always need teachers, that's for sure.

c) *American English informal spoken* used to agree with someone

10. sure thing *spoken informal* used to agree to something:

" 'Can you pick me up later?' 'Sure thing.'

11. to be sure *spoken formal* used to admit that something is true, before saying something that is the opposite:

" It was difficult, to be sure, but somehow we managed to finish the job.

12. (as) sure as hell *spoken informal* used to emphasize a statement:

" If I could get you out of there, I sure as hell would.

13. have a sure hold/footing if you have a sure hold or footing, your hands or feet are placed firmly so they cannot slip

—sureness *noun* [uncountable]

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **adverbs**

- **quite sure** Are you quite sure she won't mind?
- **pretty sure** I'm pretty sure it was the same woman who called the office last week.
- **absolutely sure** Don't throw anything away until you are absolutely sure you won't need it again.
- **not quite/entirely sure** 'What are they?' 'I'm not entirely sure.'
- **not exactly sure** I'm not exactly sure when the funeral is.
- **not very/too sure** Make a list of any words or phrases whose meaning you are not too sure about.
- **not at all sure** By now, we were not at all sure where we were.

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- **sure** *adjective* believing that something is definitely true or correct: I'm sure that you're right. | 'The car was a BMW' 'Are you sure?' | I'm not sure what the best thing to do is.
- **certain** *adjective* completely sure. **Certain** is more formal than **sure**, and it is very commonly used in writing: The police were certain that they had found the killer. | I think he's married, but I'm not certain about it.
- **convinced** *adjective* sure that something is true, even though you cannot prove it: She became convinced that her boyfriend was seeing someone else. | Brown's wife was convinced of his innocence.
- **positive** *adjective especially spoken* completely sure that something is true, especially when other people are not sure: She said she was positive that the exam was next Tuesday. | I'm absolutely positive I haven't made a mistake.
- **satisfied** *adjective* sure that you know the truth about something that has happened, because you have enough information: The authorities are now satisfied that her death was an accident.
- **confident** *adjective* sure that something good will happen or that you will achieve something: Doctors are confident that he'll make a full recovery. | A spokesman said the government was confident of winning the vote.
- **have no doubt** (also **be in no doubt**) *verb phrase* to have no doubts in your mind about something: I have no doubt that his story is true. | He was in no doubt about what he should do next.
- **know** *verb* to have a strong feeling that something is true or correct: I just know that she will love this necklace. | When the phone rang, we knew something terrible must have happened.

II. **sure**² *S3 BrE* *AmE* *adverb*

1. sure enough used to say that something did actually happen in the way that you said it would:

" Sure enough, Mike managed to get lost.

2. YES *spoken* used to say 'yes' to someone:

" 'Can you give me a ride to work tomorrow?' 'Sure.'

3. ACCEPT THANKS *American English spoken* used as a reply when you accept thanks from someone:

'Thanks for your help, Karen.' 'Sure.'

4. **EMPHASIZE** *American English informal* used to emphasize a statement:

" It sure is hot out here.

" I sure hope they get there all right.

5. **BEFORE STATEMENT** *spoken* used at the beginning of a statement admitting that something is true, especially before adding something very different:

" Sure Joey's happy now, but will it last?

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