

common**1. ['kɒmən] n**

1. общинная земля; общинный выгон

2. **уст.** (городская) община3. право на общественное пользование (*землёй и т. п.*); право на совместное пользование (*чем-л.*)

common of pasturage - право на общественный выгон

4. неогороженная, неиспользованная земля

◇ in common - а) совместно, сообща; to hold property in common - владеть имуществом сообща; б) (with) подобно (*чему-л.*)

to have nothing in common with smth., smb. - не иметь ничего общего с чем-л., кем-л.

nothing out of the common - ничего особенного

2. ['kɒmən] a

1. 1) общий; совместный

common language [lot] - общий язык [удел]

common efforts - общие /совместные/ усилия

common interests - общие интересы

common advantage - а) общая выгода; б) всеобщее благо

by common consent - с общего согласия

a contribution to the common cause - вклад в общее дело

to make common cause (with) - действовать сообща (*с кем-л.*)2) общий, имеющий общее происхождение *или* источник

common parentage - общее происхождение, общая родословная

2. общественный, общинный, публичный

common property - а) общинная земля; б) **юр.** общая собственность; в) всеобщее достояние (*о новостях и т. п.*)

common land - общинный выгон

common kitchen - общая /коммунальная/ кухня

3. 1) широко распространённый, общеизвестный, общепринятый

common error [practice] - обычная /распространённая/ ошибка [практика]

this word [expression] is in common use in English - это слово [выражение] очень употребительно в английском языке

it is common knowledge that ... - общеизвестно, что ...

2) обыкновенный, обычный, простой

the common people - простые /обыкновенные/ люди

common salt - поваренная соль

common species - **биол.** обыкновенный вид

common year - невисокосный год

common soldier - **воен.** рядовой

man of no common abilities - человек незаурядных способностей

common labour - неквалифицированный труд

common sight - обычное зрелище

common honesty - элементарная честность

this sort of weather is quite common - такая погода - обычное явление

3) **мат.** простой

common fraction - простая дробь

common logarithm - десятичный логарифм

4. 1) грубый, вульгарный; простонародный

common manners - грубые манеры

common expression - грубое /вульгарное/ выражение

she has a common look - у неё вульгарный вид

2) простой, грубо сделанный; простоватый

common clothes [furniture, decoration] - простая /грубая/ одежда [мебель, отделка]

common wool - грубая шерсть

5. **грам.** общий

common case [gender] - общий падеж [род]

6. **мат.** общий

common multiple - общий множитель

◇ common woman - проститутка

common shell - **воен.** фугасный артиллерийский снаряд

at the common rate - по рыночной цене

(as) common as dirt - самый обычный, заурядный

common

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com·mon [common commons commoner commonest] adjective, noun BrE['kɒmən] ^а NAmE ['kɑmən]

adjective (com·mon·er, com·mon·est) more common and most common are more frequent

1. happening often; existing in large numbers or in many places

• Jackson is a common English name.

• Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among women in this country.

• Some birds which were once a common sight are now becoming rare.

• a common spelling mistake

• Allergies to milk are quite common in childhood.

Opp: ↑uncommon

2. **usually before noun** ~ (to sb/sth) shared by or belonging to two or more people or by the people in a group

- They share a common interest in photography.
- basic features which are common to all human languages
- We are working together for a common purpose.
- common ownership of the land
- This decision was taken for the **common good** (= the advantage of everyone) .
- It is, **by common consent** , Scotland's prettiest coast (= everyone agrees that it is) .

3. **only before noun** ordinary; not unusual or special

- the common garden frog
- Shakespeare's work was popular among **the common people** in his day.
- In most people's eyes she was nothing more than a **common criminal** .
- You'd think he'd have the **common courtesy** to apologize (= this would be the polite behaviour that people would expect) .
- It's only **common decency** to let her know what's happening (= people would expect it) .

4. (BrE, **disapproving**) typical of sb from a low social class and not having good manners

- She thought he was very common and uneducated.

more at be common/public knowledge **at** ↑knowledge

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **comun** (adjective), from Latin **communis** .

Thesaurus:

common **adj.**

1.

- The most common complaint was of late deliveries.

widespread •• **universal** •• **general** •• **commonplace** • | **formal prevalent** •

Opp: rare, **Opp:** uncommon

a/the common/widespread/universal/general/prevalent **view / problem**

a common/widespread/universal/general **feeling**

violence is common/widespread/commonplace

2. **usually before noun**

- a decision taken for the common good (= the advantage of everyone)

joint •• **collective** •• **communal** •• **shared** •• **popular** •• **public** •• **cooperative** •

common/joint/collective/communal/shared/public **property**

common/joint/collective/communal/shared **ownership/responsibility**

a common/joint/collective/communal/cooperative **enterprise**

common/collective/popular **opinion**

3. **only before noun**

- She was nothing more than a common criminal.

ordinary •• **normal** •• **average** •• **typical** •

common/normal **for sb sth to do sth/for sth to happen**

the common/ordinary/normal/average **man**

the common/ordinary/normal **sort**

Example Bank:

- I don't like Sandra. She seems a bit common to me.
- I have nothing in common with Jane.
- I wish you wouldn't use that word— it sounds so common.
- India, in common with= like many other countries, has experienced major changes over the last 100 years.
- Stomach pain is very common in children.
- These problems now seem fairly common.
- This attitude is common to most young men in the armed services.
- Don't use that word, it's awfully common.
- He's as common as muck, but he's got a lot of posh friends.
- I wanted a recording of the common cuckoo.
- In most people's eyes she was nothing more than a common criminal.
- It is, by common consent, Scotland's prettiest coast.
- It's a common enough situation, I know.
- It's only common decency to let her know what's happening.
- Jones and Davies are common Welsh names.
- Oats were the staple food of the common people.
- Polite letters of rejection are a matter of common courtesy.
- Some basic features are common to all human languages.
- The disease is very common in young horses.
- The fungus is a common sight in woodlands at this time of year.
- The most common complaint from patients was about poor communication.
- This decision was taken for the common good.
- common courtesy/decency
- common gulls/frogs/ragwort

• common people/soldiers/criminals

Idioms: ↑common or garden ▪ ↑common touch ▪ ↑have something in common ▪ ↑in common ▪ ↑in common with somebody ▪ ↑make common cause with somebody

noun

- 1. countable** an area of open land in a town or village that anyone may use
 - We went for a walk on the common.
 - Wimbledon Common
- 2. commons singular (US)** a large room where students can eat in a school, college, etc
 - The commons is next to the gym.

see also ↑Commons

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **comun** (adjective), from Latin **communis**.

Example Bank:

- Wimbledon Common covers an area of 1 200 acres.

See also: ↑garden-variety

common

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I. **com**mon¹ **S1 W1** /'kɒmən \$ 'kɑː-/ *BrE* = *AmE* = **adjective**

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: commun, from Latin communis]

1. HAPPENING OFTEN happening often and to many people or in many places **OPP rare**:

• Heart disease is one of the commonest causes of death.

common among

• Bad dreams are fairly common among children.

it's common for somebody to do something

• It's common for new fathers to feel jealous of the baby.

▶ Do not say 'It is common that ...' Say '**It is common for ...**':

• It is common for children to be afraid (NOT It is common that children are afraid) of the dark.

2. A LOT existing in large numbers **OPP rare**:

• Daisies are very common flowers.

3. SAME/SIMILAR [usually before noun, no comparative] common aims, beliefs, ideas etc are shared by several people or groups:

• people working towards a common goal

• countries that share a common language

common to

• a theme that is common to all her novels

4. common ground facts, features, or beliefs that are shared by people or things that are very different

common ground between

• There is a great deal of common ground between management and trade unions on this issue.

5. SHARED BY EVERYONE [no comparative] belonging to or shared by everyone in a society

common to

• These problems are common to all societies.

• Joe was chosen as captain by common consent (=with everyone's agreement).

6. common knowledge something everyone knows:

• It is common knowledge that travel broadens the mind.

7. the common good the advantage of everyone:

• They work together for the common good.

8. common practice a usual or accepted way of doing things:

• It was common practice for families to attend church together.

9. ORDINARY [only before noun, no comparative] ordinary and not special in any way:

• common salt

• The 20th century was called the century of the common man (=ordinary people).

• He insists that he is a revolutionary, not a common criminal.

10. common courtesy/decency/politeness a polite way of behaving that you expect from people:

• It would be common courtesy to return their hospitality.

11. common or garden *British English* ordinary **SYN garden-variety** *American English*:

• a common or garden dispute

12. make/find common cause (with/against somebody) *formal* to join with other people or groups in order to achieve something:

• France and Russia made common cause against Britain.

13. common touch the ability of someone in a position of power or authority to talk to and understand ordinary people – used to show approval:

• He's made it to the top without losing the common touch.

14. SOCIAL CLASS *British English old-fashioned* an offensiveword used for describing someone from a low social class

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• **common** if something is common, there are a lot of them: Jones is a very common name in Great Britain. | Foxes are common in the area. | Personal computers are nearly as common in American homes as televisions.

- **widespread** happening in a lot of places or done by a lot of people: Racism is much more widespread than people imagine. | The report claimed that the problem of police brutality was widespread. | the widespread availability of antibiotics
- **commonplace** [not before noun] *especially written* common in a particular place or time – used especially when saying that this seems surprising or unusual: Crimes such as robbery are commonplace in big cities. | Expensive foreign cars are commonplace in this Chicago suburb.
- **prevalent** *formal* common in a place or among a group of people – used especially about illnesses, problems, or ideas: Flu is most prevalent during the winter months. | Depression remains one of the most prevalent health disorders in the US. | This belief is more prevalent among men than women.
- **rife** /raɪf/ [not before noun] very common – used about illnesses or problems: AIDS is rife in some parts of the world.
- **ubiquitous** /juːˈbɪkwɪtəs, ˈbɪkwɪtəs/ *formal* very common and seen in many different places – often used humorously in written descriptions: He was carrying the ubiquitous MP3 player. | In Britain, CCTV cameras are ubiquitous.
- **something is everywhere** *especially spoken* used when saying that you can see something a lot in many different places: Images of the dictator were everywhere. | Microchips seem to be everywhere these days – even in washing machines. | One of the first things you notice in Amsterdam are the bicycles – they're everywhere.

II. common ² BrE ¹ AmE ¹ noun

- have something in common (with somebody)** to have the same interests, attitudes etc as someone else:
 - I found I had a lot in common with these people.
 - four women with almost nothing in common
- have something in common (with something)** if objects or ideas have something in common, they share the same features:
 - The two games have much in common.
- in common with somebody/something** in the same way as someone or something else:
 - In common with a lot of other countries, we're in an economic recession.
- [countable]** a large area of open land in a town or village that people walk or play sport on:
 - Boston Common

common

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