

legion

[ˈliːdʒ(ə)n] *n*

1. 1) легион
Foreign Legion - иностранный легион
 - 2) *ист.* легион (в Древнем Риме; 3000-6000 воинов)
 - 3) (Legion) легион (в названиях организаций ветеранов войны)
American [British] Legion - Американский [Британский] легион
2. легион, великое множество
the problems are legion - проблемам нет числа
her admirers are legion - у неё тьма поклонников
their name is Legion - *библ.* им (же) имя легион
3. *зоол. редк.* надсемейство; класс
◇ Legion of Honour - Орден почётного легиона (во Франции)
Legion of Merit - орден «За боевые заслуги» (в США)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

le-gion [**legion** **legions**] *noun, adjective* BrE [ˈliːdʒən] NAmE [ˈliːdʒən]

noun

1. a large group of soldiers that forms part of an army, especially the one that existed in ancient Rome
 - the French Foreign Legion
 - Caesar's legions
2. (formal) a large number of people of one particular type
 - legions of photographers

Word Origin:

Middle English: via Old French from Latin *legio(n-)*, from *legere* 'choose, levy'. The adjective dates from the late 17th cent., in early use often in the phrase *my, their, etc. name is legion*, i.e. 'we, they, etc. are many' (Mark 5:9) in the Bible.

Example Bank:

- The French Foreign Legion had taken control of much of the country.

adjective not before noun (formal)

very many

Syn: ↑numerous

- The medical uses of herbs are legion.

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I. **le-gion**¹ /ˈliːdʒən/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin *legio*, from *legere*; ⇨ ↑legend]

1. a large group of soldiers, especially in ancient Rome
2. *literary* a large number of people

II. **legion**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *adjective* [not before noun]

literary very many **SYN** numerous:

The stories of her adventures were legion.

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