

- difference**
- 1) **разница; различие, несходство, отличие**
 difference in appearance [character] - несходство внешности [характеров]
 all the difference in the world - существенная /большая/ разница
 difference of opinion - расхождение во мнениях, разногласия
 the difference between two versions of the same text - различие между двумя редакциями одного и того же текста, различение
 with the difference that ... - с той разницей, что ...
 to make a difference (between) - проводить различие (между)
 she doesn't make any difference between the children - она совершенно одинаково относится к своим детям; она не выделяет кого-л. из своих детей
 it doesn't make much difference - это не имеет (большого) значения, это не слишком существенно
 it makes a great difference, it makes all the difference in the world - а) это (совсем) другое дело; б) в этом-то всё и дело
 it makes no difference (to me) - (для меня) это не имеет значения; (мне) всё равно
 he is a businessman, but with a difference - он бизнесмен, но не такой, как все остальные
 - 2) **разница (количественная)**
 difference of five pounds - разница в пять фунтов
 to pay /to meet/ the difference - уплатить разницу
 to speculate in differences - *бирж.* играть на разнице
 difference of potentials - *эл.* разность потенциалов
 - 2) **разногласие; спор; ссора**
 to have a difference with smb. - поспорить /поссориться/ с кем-л.
 to have a difference about smth. - повздорить (с кем-л.) по какому-л. поводу
 we sometimes have our differences - у нас бывают /случаются/ разногласия, нам случается не соглашаться друг с другом
 to settle /to resolve/ the difference - уладить спор; устранить разногласия
 to exaggerate the differences - преувеличивать разногласия
 to play upon differences among smb. - играть на разногласиях между кем-л.
 - 3) 1) = differentia
 - 2) *геральд.* отличительный знак (*герба*)
 4. *мат.* разность
 first [second] order difference - разность первого [второго] порядка
 common difference of an arithmetical progression - разность арифметической прогрессии
 ◇ to split the difference - а) брать среднюю величину; б) поделить разницу пополам; в) сойтись в цене, сторговаться; г) идти на компромисс
 to make a distinction without a difference - проводить слишком тонкие различия; мудрить, перемудрить; ≅ существенной разницы нет
 not to know the difference between chalk and cheese - не понимать очевидных различий; ≅ путать божий дар с яичницей
2. [**'dif(ə)rəns**] *v* **КНИЖН.**
1. различать; отличать
 2. *мат.* вычислять разность

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dif-fer-ence [**difference differences**] *BrE* ['dɪfrəns] ^m *NAmE* ['dɪfrəns] ^m **noun**
1. countable, uncountable ~ (between **A and B**) | ~ (in **sth**) the way in which two people or things are not like each other; the way in which sb/sth has changed

- There are no significant differences between the education systems of the two countries.
- He was studying the complex similarities and differences between humans and animals.
- There's no difference in the results.
- I can never **tell the difference** (= distinguish) between the twins
- She noticed a **marked difference** in the children on her second visit.
- There's a **world of difference** between liking someone and loving them.
- **What a difference!** You look great with your hair like that.

Opp: ↑similarity

2. singular, uncountable ~ (in **sth**) (between **A and B**) the amount that sth is greater or smaller than sth else

- There's not much difference in price between the two computers.
- There's an age difference of six years between the boys (= one is six years older than the other) .
- I'll lend you £500 and you'll have to find the difference (= the rest of the money that you need) .
- We measured the difference in temperature.

3. countable a disagreement between people

- We **have our differences** , but she's still my sister.
- Why don't you **settle your differences** and be friends again?
- There was a **difference of opinion** over who had won.

more at bury your differences **at** ↑bury, sink your differences **at** ↑sink _{v.}, split the difference **at** ↑split _{v.}, a/the world of difference **at** ↑world

Idioms: make a/no/some difference ▪ ↑make all the difference ▪ ↑same difference ▪ ↑with a difference

Word Origin:

Middle English: via Old French from Latin **differentia** 'difference', from **different** 'carrying away', from the verb **differre**, from **dis-** 'from, away' + **ferre** 'bring, carry'.

Thesaurus:

difference noun C, U

• There are significant differences between the two systems.

contrast • • **variation** • • **distinction** • | **formal disparity** • • **variance** • • **divergence** • | **technical imbalance** •

Opp: similarity

a difference/contrast/variation/distinction/disparity/variance/divergence/imbalance **between** A and B

a difference/contrast/variation/disparity/variance/divergence/imbalance **in** sth

show a difference/contrast/variation/distinction/disparity/variance/divergence/imbalance

see/be aware of/look at a difference/contrast/variation/distinction

Language Bank:

contrast

Highlighting differences

▪ This survey **highlights a number of differences in** ▪ the way that teenage boys and girls in the UK spend their free time.
One of the main differences between ▪ the girls **and** ▪ the boys who took part in the research was the way in which they use the Internet.

Unlike ▪ the girls, who use the Internet mainly to keep in touch with friends, the boys questioned in this survey tend to use the Internet for playing computer games.

▪ The girls **differ from** ▪ the boys **in that** ▪ they tend to spend more time keeping in touch with friends on the telephone or on social networking websites.

Compared to ▪ the boys, the girls spend much more time chatting to friends on the telephone.

▪ On average the girls spend four hours a week chatting to friends on the phone. **In contrast** ▪, very few of the boys spend more than five minutes a day talking to their friends in this way.

▪ The boys prefer competitive sports and computer games, **whereas** ▪ / **while** ▪ the girls seem to enjoy more cooperative activities, such as shopping with friends.

▪ When the girls go shopping, they mainly buy clothes and cosmetics. The boys, **on the other hand** ▪, tend to purchase computer games or gadgets.

Language Banks at ↑**generally**, ↑**illustrate**, ↑**proportion**, ↑**similarly**, ↑**surprising**

Example Bank:

- A small number of additional jobs can make a crucial difference to economic conditions.
- Although the talks were generally successful, differences remain between the groups.
- Can you spot the difference between these two photos?
- Differences may arise when the young people do not have the same expectations as their parents.
- He didn't have enough money, but his aunt agreed to make up the difference.
- He sold the car for more than he'd paid and pocketed the difference.
- He was very aware of his difference from the other children.
- I found very little difference in price.
- I noticed a real difference in his attitude.
- I wanted to leave early and Ian wanted to leave late, so we split the difference and left at noon.
- If you decide on the more expensive model, you can bring this one back and pay the difference.
- If you want a holiday with a difference, come to Iceland.
- It's difficult to tell the difference between butterflies and moths.
- Just five minutes' exercise a day could make all the difference.
- Like any married couple, we have our differences.
- One tiny mistake when you're climbing could mean the difference between life and death.
- Only an expert would know the difference between the male and the female.
- Our different attitudes to life reflect the differences in our backgrounds.
- She and Luke had a difference of opinion over how much money they should spend.
- The difference in price is not very significant.
- The difference lies in the way the fruit is prepared.
- The difference with this information service is that it's free.
- The differences in size arise from the amount of sunshine each plant gets.
- The extra money will make a lot of difference to us.
- The new central heating has made an enormous difference to the house.
- The questionnaire showed vast differences in what kind of product people want.
- The study explores the differences between the way girls and boys talk.
- There are few important policy differences among the main parties.
- There is a striking difference between eastern and western Europe.
- There is one key difference with the earlier version of the software.
- There were some differences as to how to deal with the crisis.
- There's a big difference between reading about skiing and doing it yourself.
- There's all the difference in the world between choosing to do something and being forced to do it.
- There's not much difference between baseball and softball.
- These talks aim to resolve the outstanding differences between the two sides.
- They have had some minor differences, but in general they get on well together.
- We found no significant difference between the two groups.
- We should be focusing on what we have in common rather than emphasizing our differences.

- We're going to get the two sides together to see if they can't settle their differences.
- What difference does it make if he doesn't have a car?
- What's the time difference between London and Tokyo?
- a crucial difference of emphasis
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[Word Family: **verb**: ↑differ, ↑differentiate; **noun**: ↑difference, ↑differentiation; **adverb**: ↑differently; **adjective**: ↑different]

1. [uncountable and countable] a way in which two or more people or things are not like each other **OPP similarity**

difference between

- " There's a big difference between knowing that something is true, and being able to prove it.
- " There is very little difference between the parties on green issues.
- " Do children know the difference between right and wrong?

difference in

- " Researchers found a number of important differences in the way boys and girls learn.
- " There's a world of difference (=there's a very big difference) between being alone and being lonely.

2. [singular, uncountable] the amount by which one thing is greater or smaller than another

difference in age/size etc

- " There's not much difference in price.
- " There's a five-hour time difference between London and New York. ⇒ **split the difference** at ↑split¹(9)

3. **make a/the difference** to have an important effect or influence on something or someone:

- " Whatever she did, it made no difference.

make a/the difference to

- " One more person wouldn't make any difference to the arrangements.

make a/the difference between

- " It could make the difference between missing your train and getting to work on time.
- " Having a good teacher has made all the difference for Alex (=had an important influence).

4. **it makes no difference to somebody** used to say that it does not matter to someone which thing happens, is chosen etc:

- " Morning or afternoon. It makes no difference to me.

5. **our/your/their differences** disagreements:

- " We've had our differences in the past.

settle/resolve your differences (=agree not to argue any more)

6. **difference of opinion** a slight disagreement:

- " There have been some differences of opinion as to exactly how the money should be spent.

7. **with a difference** *informal* used to describe something which is interesting or unusual, especially in a good way:

- " an adventure holiday with a difference

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COLLOCATIONS

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + difference

- **a big/major/huge difference** I think you'll notice a big difference.
- **an important/significant/crucial difference** A study of the two groups of students showed a significant difference.
- **a slight/small/minor difference** There's only a slight difference between the male and the female bird.
- **a marked/dramatic difference** (=very noticeable) There was a marked difference between the two sets of results.
- **a subtle difference** (=not obvious) There's a subtle difference in flavour between these coffees.
- **an essential/fundamental difference** (=a very basic one) The fundamental differences between the two sides slowly emerged.
- **cultural/political/regional etc differences** the major cultural differences between the west and the east
- **class differences** (=between different classes of society) People's answers to the questions showed clear class differences.
- **sex/gender differences** (=between men and women) gender differences in levels of criminality
- **individual differences** (=between one person and another) We respect the children's individual differences.

verbs

- **show a difference** Our data showed considerable national differences.
- **know the difference** (=know how two things are different) If you don't know the difference between two words, your dictionary can help.
- **can tell/see the difference** (=can recognize how two things are different) I can't really see the difference between these two colours.
- **notice a difference** She has noticed a dramatic difference in her energy levels.
- **spot the difference** (=see the difference) It's easy to spot the difference between real and imitation leather.

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- **difference** a detail, fact, or quality that makes one person or thing different from another: We should think about the similarities

between cultures, not the differences. | **difference between**: Try and spot the differences between these two pictures. | The difference between the two cheeses is that one is made from goat's milk. | **difference in**: I don't think there's any difference in the way you pronounce these two words. | **know the difference**: He's speaking Italian, not Spanish. Don't you know the difference?

- **contrast** a very clear difference that you can easily see when you compare two things or people: **contrast between something/somebody and something/somebody**: What surprised me was the contrast between Picasso's early style and his later work.
- **gap** a big difference between two amounts, two ages, or two groups of people: **gap between**: There's a ten-year gap between Kay's two children. | The gap between rich and poor is wider in the South than in the rest of the country. | **age/gender/income etc gap**: The age gap between us didn't seem to matter until we decided to have children.
- **gulf** a very big difference and lack of understanding between two groups of people, especially in their beliefs, opinions, and way of life: **gulf between somebody and somebody**: More riots led to a growing gulf between the police and the communities in which they worked. | **bridge/cross the gulf** (=improve understanding and communication): The central problem was how to bridge the gulf between the warring factions of the party.
- **disparity** *formal* a big difference between two groups of people or things – use this especially when you think the difference is unfair or may cause problems: **disparity between**: It is not easy to explain the disparity that still exists between the salaries of men and women. | **disparity in**: the disparity in wealth between the highest and the lowest employees | **the economic/income etc disparity**: The economic disparity between the area's black and white citizens is a serious problem.

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