

cardinal1. [ˈkɑːd(ə)nəl] *n*

1. *церк.* кардинал
2. ярко-красный, пунцовый цвет (*мж.* cardinal red)
3. *pl*
 - 1) страны света
 - 2) = cardinal winds [*см.* cardinal II ◇]
 4. = cardinal-bird
 5. = cardinal-flower
6. *разг.* глинтвейн из красного вина
7. *мат.* кардинальное число, мощность множества
cardinal of set - мощность множества

2. [ˈkɑːd(ə)nəl] *a*

1. основной, главный, кардинальный
cardinal arguments - основные доводы
cardinal events - главные события
cardinal problem - кардинальный вопрос
cardinal virtues - главные добродетели
cardinal vowels - *фон.* кардинальные гласные
2. ярко-красный, пунцовый
3. *мат.* кардинальный
◇ cardinal winds - ветры, дующие с севера, запада, юга *или* востока

cardinal

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

car·din·al [**cardinal cardinals**] **noun, adjective** *BrE* [ˈkɑːdɪnəl] *NAmE* [ˈkɑːrdɪnəl]**noun**

1. a priest of the highest rank in the Roman Catholic Church. **Cardinals** elect and advise the **Pope**
 - Cardinal Brady
2. (*also* **cardinal number**) a number, such as 1, 2 and 3, used to show quantity rather than order
compare ↑ordinal
3. a N American bird. The male **cardinal** is bright red.

Word Origin:

Old English, from Latin **cardinalis**, from **cardo**, **cardin-** 'hinge'. Sense 1 has arisen through the notion of the important function of such priests as "pivots" of church life.

adjective only before noun (formal)

- most important; having other things based on it
- Respect for life is a cardinal principle of English law.

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I. **cardinal number** *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m (*also* **cardinal**) *noun* [countable]

a number such as 1, 2, or 3, that shows how many of something there are, but not what order they are in
⇒ ↑ordinal number

II. **cardinal** ¹ /ˈkɑːdɪnəl \$ ˈkɑːr-/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *noun* [countable]

[**Date:** 1100-1200; **Language:** Medieval Latin; **Origin:** cardinalis, from Late Latin (⇒ ↑cardinal²);]

[**Sense 2: Origin:** from the color of a cardinal's clothing]



1. a priest of high rank in the Roman Catholic Church
2. a North American bird. The male is a bright red colour.
3. a ↑cardinal number

III. **cardinal** ² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *adjective* [only before noun]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: Late Latin cardinalis, from Latin cardo 'hinge' (= part that fastens something so that it can still move)]

very important or basic **SYN fundamental** :

- " Having clean hands is one of the cardinal rules when preparing food.
- " an issue of cardinal importance

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