

## 1. [ʃɔ:t] n

## 1. краткое содержание; суть

in short - вкратце, короче говоря, одним словом

for short - для краткости, сокращённо

they called him Tom for short - они называли его просто Томом

the long and the short of it is ... - короче говоря, одним словом

that's the long and the short of it - вот и всё

the short of it is this - дело сводится к следующему

the short of the matter - сущность /существо/ дела /вопроса, проблемы/

## 2. лингв.

1) краткий гласный

2) краткий слог

3) знак краткости

## 3. разг.

1) короткометражный фильм

documentary [feature, animated cartoon] short - короткометражный документальный [художественный, мультипликационный] фильм

2) короткий отрывок, короткое произведение

4. малый рост (*размер мужской одежды*)

5. эл. разг. короткое замыкание

6. воен. недолёт

7. = short sale [см. short II, I 7, 1])

8. р/ бирж. спекулянты, играющие на понижение

## 9. разг.

1) крепкий напиток, спиртное

2) «стаканчик» (*рюмка неразбавленного виски и т. п.*)

## 2. [ʃɔ:t] а

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## 1. короткий

short distance [journey] - короткое расстояние [путешествие]

short hair [legs] - короткие волосы [ноги]

short letter - короткое /коротенькое/ письмо [см. тж. 3, 1])

my coat was short in the sleeves - рукава пальто мне были коротки

at (a) short range - на близком расстоянии

a short way off - неподалёку

short arms - воен. короткоствольное оружие

short rifle - воен. а) укороченная винтовка, карабин; б) *ист.* штуцер

to make a long story short - короче говоря

## 2. низкий, невысокий

a short man - человек низкого роста

short grass [tree] - низкая трава [-ое дерево]

short tower - невысокая башня

## 3. 1) короткий, краткий, недолгий

short holiday [visit] - короткий /недолгий, непродолжительный/ праздник [визит]

short life - а) короткая жизнь; б) *тех.* быстрый износ

short address - короткое /краткое/ обращение /послание/

short memory - короткая память

short burst - короткая очередь (*из автоматического оружия*)

short turns - короткие номера (*программы*)

short bound - воен. бросок

short vowel - лингв. а) гласная буква со знаком краткости; б) краткий гласный

short letter см. short vowel а)

short syllable - стих. краткий слог

a short time ago - недавно

in a short time - вскоре, скоро

at /on/ short notice - а) незамедлительно тотчас же, сразу же, в короткий срок; б) *воен.* по первому требованию

to make short work of /редк. with/ smth. - быстро справиться /разделаться, покончить/ с чем-л.

at short intervals - с короткими /небольшими/ промежутками

## 2) краткосрочный

short bill - краткосрочный вексель

short loan /money/ - краткосрочная ссуда

short service - *воен.* краткосрочная служба

to be paid at short sight /at a short date/ - подлежать уплате /оплате/ в короткий срок

## 4. 1) краткий, сжатый

short title - а) краткое наименование (*закона*); б) *воен.* условное обозначение документа

to be short and to the point - говорить кратко и по существу

## 2) кино короткометражный

short motion picture /film/ - короткометражный кинофильм

5. 1) урезанный; неполный

short time - неполный рабочий день

workers were put on short time - рабочие были переведены на неполный рабочий день

short hours of work - сокращённые часы работы

short measure - **ком.** неполная мера, недомер

short weight - **ком.** неполный вес, недоев

short shipment - **ком.** недогруз

2) неполный, примерный

a short ten miles - каких-то /примерно/ десять миль

a short five minutes - всего пять минут

3) некомплектный, неукomплектованный

6. 1) скудный, бедный

short allowance [rations] - скудное содержание [-ый паёк]

short purse - тощий кошелёк; безденежье

to be /to go/ on short commons /rations/ - недоедать, жить впроголодь

supplies run /fall/ short - запасы кончаются /истощаются/

2) недостаточный, испытывающий нехватку (чего л.)

to be short of /in/ food [of /in/ money] - испытывать недостаток /нехватку/ в пище [в деньгах]

to be short in weight - весить меньше нормы

to be short in proofs - иметь недостаточно доказательств

to be short of /in/ breath - задыхаться, тяжело дышать; запыхаться

to be short of /in/ words - не находить (нужных) слов

to run short arguments - исчерпать доводы

he's not far short of thirty - ему немногим меньше тридцати (лет)

he's short on brains -  $\cong$  он звёзд с неба не хватает

to be short in one's payments [accounts] - недоплатить, не выплатить полностью

3) неудовлетворительный

short bran - **с.-х.** плохо высеянные отруби

7. 1) **ком.** продающийся без покрытия

short sale - продажа на срок без покрытия

2) **бирж. разг.** играющий на понижение

II

1. 1) резкий, грубый, отрывистый

short answer [person, manner] - резкий ответ [человек, -ая манера]

to be short with smb. - быть резким /грубым/ с кем-л.

to speak in short accents - говорить в резких тонах

2) резкий и сухой (о кашле)

2. **разг.** крепкий, неразбавленный

short drink, something short - спиртное

3. 1) рассыпчатый

short pastry - рассыпчатое /песочное/ пирожное

2) ломкий, хрупкий

short metal - ломкий /хрупкий/ металл

to work short - быть хрупким в обработке

◇

short and - знак & (**типографский знак союза «и»**)

short views - близорукость, недалёковидность

to take short views /a short view/ of a subject [of a matter /of an affair] - проявлять недалёковидность при рассмотрении вопроса [дела]; рассматривать вопрос [дело] с точки зрения непосредственных результатов

short price - низкая ставка (**в пари**)

short bit - **амер.** монета в 10 центов

short suit - **карт.** короткая /слабая/ масть

short hours = small hours

short sea, short seas - неспокойное море

Short Seas - **ком. проф.** Балтийское и Белое моря

short and sweet (like a donkey's gallop) - **шутл.** а) краткий и выразительный б) коротко и ясно

short blast - **воен.** дульная волна

to do smth. in short metre - сделать что-л. в два счёта

one's hand /arm/ is short -  $\cong$  руки короткие

a short horse is soon curried - **посл.**  $\cong$  с небольшим делом легко справиться

to have smb. by the short hairs - **амер. сл.** зажать кого-л. в кулак; взять кого-л. за горло

3. [ʃɔ:t] **adv**

1. резко, круто; внезапно, неожиданно

to stop /to pull up/ short - неожиданно /внезапно, резко/ остановиться

to turn (round) short - резко /круто/ обернуться

to pull a horse up short - резко натянуть поводья, круто осадить коня

to take smb. (up) short - а) застать кого-л. врасплох, напасть на кого-л. неожиданно; the wind took us (up) short - ветер налетел неожиданно /внезапно/; б) обрывать, прерывать кого-л.; не дать кому-л. договорить

to break off short - а) кончить неожиданно; б) кончиться неожиданно

## 2. преждевременно, до срока

to cut smb.'s life [smb.'s career] short - преждевременно оборвать чью-л. жизнь [чью-л. карьеру]

to cut the course of events short - оборвать ход событий, не дать событиям прийти к их естественному завершению

to cut a speech short - прервать речь, не дослушав до конца

to cut the speaker short - прервать оратора/говорящего/

## 3. коротко

to cut a stick [a rope] short - укоротить /коротко обрезать/ палку [верёвку]

to cut one's hair [one's nails] short - коротко остричь волосы [ногти]

to dress short - носить короткие платья

to wear one's hair short - носить короткие волосы

## 4. 1) близко, недалеко, на близком расстоянии

### 2) не доходя, не достигнув

the shells fell short (of the mark) - снаряды ложились с недолётом

to fall short of one's duty - не выполнить своего долга

to come /to fall/ short of smb.'s hopes [smb.'s expectations] - не оправдать чьих-л. надежд [чьих-л. ожиданий]

to come /to fall/ short of smb.'s dreams - разочаровать кого-л.

## 5. редк. кратко, сжато; отрывисто

to speak short and plain - говорить кратко и ясно

◇ to sell short **см.** sell short

to be taken short - **эфф.** ≅ надо кое-куда сходить

I was taken short - у меня живот схватило

## short

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**short** [short shorts shorted shorting shorter shortest] **adjective, adverb, noun, verb**

**BrE** [ʃɔːt] **NAmE** [ʃɔːt]

**adjective** (short·er, short·est)

### LENGTH/DISTANCE

#### 1. measuring or covering a small length or distance, or a smaller length or distance than usual

- He had short curly hair.
- a short walk
- a short skirt

**Opp:** ↑long

### HEIGHT

#### 2. (of a person) small in height

- She was short and dumpy.

**Opp:** ↑tall

### TIME

#### 3. lasting or taking a small amount of time or less time than usual

- I'm going to France for a short break.
- Which is the shortest day of the year?
- a short book (= taking a short time to read, because it does not have many pages)
- She has a very **short memory** (= remembers only things that have happened recently) .
- (informal) **Life's too short** to sit around moping.
- It was all over in a relatively **short space of time** .

**Opp:** ↑long

#### 4. only before noun (of a period of time) seeming to have passed very quickly

- Just two short years ago he was the best player in the country.

**Opp:** ↑long

### NOT ENOUGH

#### 5. not before noun ~ (of sth) not having enough of sth; lacking sth

- I'm afraid I'm a little short (= of money) this month.
- She is not short of excuses when things go wrong.

#### 6. ~ on sth (informal) lacking or not having enough of a particular quality

- He was a big strapping guy but short on brains.

#### 7. not before noun not easily available; not supplying as much as you need

- Money was short at that time.

#### 8. not before noun ~ (of sth) less than the number, amount or distance mentioned or needed

- Her last throw was only three centimetres short of the world record.
- The team was five players short.
- She was just short of her 90th birthday when she died.

### OF BREATH

#### 9. ~ of breath having difficulty breathing, for example because of illness

- a fat man, always short of breath

## NAME/WORD

### 10. ~ for sth being a shorter form of a name or word

- Call me Jo— it's short for Joanna.
- file transfer protocol or FTP **for short**

## RUDE

### 11. not before noun ~ (with sb) (of a person) speaking to sb using few words in a way that seems rude

- I'm sorry I was short with you earlier— I had other things on my mind.

## VOWEL

### 12. (phonetics) a short vowel is pronounced for a shorter time than other vowels

- Compare the short vowel in 'full' and the long vowel in 'fool'.

**Opp:** ↑long

**see also** ↑shortly

**more at** draw the short straw **at** ↑draw v., life's too short **at** ↑life n., cut/make a long story short **at** ↑long adj., full/short measure **at** ↑measure n., at short notice **at** ↑notice n., in the long/short/medium term **at** ↑term n., (as) thick as two short planks **at** ↑thick adj.

### Word Origin:

Old English sceort, of Germanic origin; related to ↑shirt and ↑skirt.

### Thesaurus:

**short** adj.

1.

- He was a short, fat little man.
- She ran as fast as her short legs would carry her.

**stubby** • • **stunted** • |formal **diminutive** • |approving **petite** • |disapproving **dumpy** •

**Opp:** tall, **Opp:** long

a short/diminutive/petite/dumpy **woman /figure**

a short/diminutive **man**

short/stubby **fingers**

2.

- Professor Ogawa gave a short talk on solar eclipses.

**temporary** • • **short-lived** • • **passing** • |especially written **brief** • • **fleeting** • • **momentary** •

**Opp:** long

a short/brief/passing **moment**

a short/temporary/brief **stay**

a short/brief/momentary **silence/pause**

**Short or brief?** **Short** is used more in informal and spoken English. **Short**, but not **brief**, is used to describe books, lists, projects, etc. that take only a short time. **Brief** is used more to describe a **look, glance, glimpse, smile or sigh**.

### 3. not before noun

- When food was short they picked berries in the woods.

**scarce** • • **in short supply** • • **low** • • **limited** • • **few and far between** •

**Opp:** plentiful

**resources** are short/scarce/in short supply/low/limited

**food** is short/scarce/in short supply

**time** is short/limited

**Which word?** **Short** is used especially about **time** and **money**. **Scarce** and **in short supply** are used about resources that are not generally available. **Low** is used especially about your supplies when you have not got much left.

4.

- She kept her answers short.

**brief** • • **concise** • • **economical** • • **abbreviated** • |approving **succinct** • • **pithy** • |sometimes disapproving **terse** • |usually disapproving **curt** • • **brusque** •

**Opp:** long

a/an short/brief/concise/abbreviated/succinct/terse **account**

a short/brief/concise/succinct/terse **summary/answer/statement**

**Short or brief?** A **mention** is usually **brief**; an **answer** is more likely to be **short**. **Brief** is used about speech:

- Please be brief.

✗ Please be short.

### Example Bank:

- His performance was woefully short of conviction.
- If space is really short, that door can be moved.
- It was all over in a relatively short space of time.
- Mike was a bit short of cash just then.
- Our team was one player short.
- Safe drinking water is in desperately short supply.
- Sorry I was a bit short with you earlier.
- The days are getting shorter and shorter.
- The interview was mercifully short.

- The working week is getting shorter and shorter.
- United looked woefully short of menace in attack.
- We're getting short of funds.
- a relatively short distance of 50 to 100 miles
- a young woman whose life was cut tragically short
- Call me Jo— it's short for Joanna.
- He felt his time was running short.
- He was a short, fat little man.
- He was too short to be admitted into the army.
- I'm going to France next week for a short break.
- I'm slightly shorter than you.
- I've only read the shorter version of the report.
- It's quite a short book.
- Just two short years ago he was the best player in the country.
- Life's too short to sit around moping.
- Money was pretty short at that time.
- She has a very short memory.
- Sheila waved her short stubby arms in the air.
- The little boy ran as fast as his short legs could carry him.
- The short answer to your query is that he has acted completely illegally.
- Try to keep your sentences short.
- What did he look like? Was he dark or fair? Tall or short?
- When food was short they used to pick berries in the woods.
- file transfer protocol or FTP for short

Idioms: brick short of a load/two sandwiches short of a picnic ▪ ↑caught short ▪ ↑come short ▪ ↑fall short of something ▪ ↑get the short end of the stick ▪ ↑give get short shrift ▪ ↑have on a short fuse ▪ ↑in short ▪ ↑in short order ▪ ↑in short supply ▪ ↑in the short run ▪ ↑little short of something ▪ ↑make short work of somebody ▪ pull/bring somebody up short ▪ ↑short and sweet ▪ ↑short of something

Derived Word ↑shortness

**adverb** (short-er, short-est)

1. if you go short of or run short of sth, you do not have enough of it
  - I'd never let you go short of anything.
  - Mothers regularly go short of food to ensure their children have enough.
  - They had **run short of** (= used most of their supply of) fuel.
2. not as far as you need or expect
  - All too often you pitch the ball short.
3. before the time expected or arranged; before the natural time
  - a career tragically **cut short** by illness
  - I'm afraid I'm going to have to **stop** you **short** there, as time is running out.

**more at** sell sb/yourself short **at** ↑sell <sub>v.</sub>, stop short stop sb short stop short of sth/of doing sth **at** ↑stop <sub>v.</sub>

Word Origin:

Old English sceort, of Germanic origin; related to ↑shirt and ↑skirt.

**noun** (informal)

**see also** ↑shorts

1. (BrE) a small strong alcoholic drink, for example of ↑whisky
2. a short film/movie, especially one that is shown before the main film
3. (informal) = ↑short circuit

**more at** the long and (the) short of it **at** ↑long <sub>adj.</sub>

Word Origin:

Old English sceort, of Germanic origin; related to ↑shirt and ↑skirt.

**verb** intransitive, transitive ~ (sth) (out) (informal) = ↑short-circuit

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	short
	BrE / ʃɔːt/
	NAme / ʃɔːrt/
he / she / it	shorts
	BrE / ʃɔːts/
	NAme / ʃɔːrts/
past simple, past participle	shorted
	BrE / ʃɔːtɪd/
	NAme / ʃɔːrɪtɪd/
-ing form	shorting
	BrE / ʃɔːtɪŋ/
	NAme / ʃɔːrɪtɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

Old English sceort, of Germanic origin; related to †shirt and †skirt.

See also: †draw the short straw ▪ †taken short

**short**

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I. **short**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /ʃɔːt\$ ʃɔːrt BrE<sup>1</sup> AmE<sup>1</sup> **adjective** (comparative **shorter**, superlative **shortest**)

[**Word Family:** noun: †short, †shortage, †shortness, shorts, †shorty; verb: †shorten, †short; adverb: †short, †shortly; adjective: †short]

[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** scort]

1. **TIME** happening or continuing for only a little time or for less time than usual **OPP long**:

- a short meeting
- Morris gave a short laugh.
- a short course on business English
- Winter is coming and the days are getting shorter.
- I've only been in Brisbane a short time.
- For a short while (=a short time), the city functioned as the region's capital.
- I learned a lot during my short period as a junior reporter.
- Germany achieved spectacular economic success in a relatively short period of time.
- They met and married within a short space of time.
- I promise to keep the meeting short and sweet (=short in a way that is good, especially not talking for a long time).
- For a few short weeks (=they seemed to pass very quickly), the sun shone and the fields turned gold.

2. **LENGTH/DISTANCE** measuring a small amount in length or distance **OPP long**:

- a short skirt
- Anita had her hair cut short.
- They went by the shortest route, across the fields.
- Carol's office was only a short distance away, and she decided that she would walk there.

**a short walk/flight/drive**

- It's a short drive to the airport.
- The hotel is only a short walk from the beach.

3. **NOT TALL** someone who is short is not as tall as most people **OPP tall**:

- a short plump woman
- Chris was short and stocky, with broad shoulders.
- He's a bit shorter than me.

4. **BOOK/LETTER** a book, letter etc that is short does not have many words or pages **OPP long**:

- a short novel
- I wrote a short note to explain. ⇒ †short story

5. **NOT ENOUGH**

a) if you are short of something, you do not have enough of it

**be short (of something)**

- Can you lend me a couple of dollars? I'm a little short.

**be short of money/cash/funds**

- Our libraries are short of funds.

**be 5p/\$10 etc short**

- Have you all paid me? I'm about £9 short.

**I'm a bit short** *British English spoken* (=I haven't got much money at the moment)

**somebody is not short of something** *British English* (=they have a lot of it)

- Your little girl's not short of confidence, is she?
- They're not short of a few bob (=they are rich).

b) if something is short, there is not enough of it:

- Money was short in those days.
- It's going to be difficult – time is short.
- Gasoline was in short supply (=not enough of it was available) after the war.

6. **be short on something** to have less of something than you should have:

He's a nice guy, but a little short on brains.

The president's speech was long on colorful phrases but short on solutions.

## 7. LESS THAN a little less than a number

**short of**

Her time was only two seconds short of the world record.

**just/a little short of something**

She was just short of six feet tall.

## 8. **short notice** if something is short notice, you are told about it only a short time before it happens:

I can't make it Friday. It's very short notice.

**at short notice** *British English on short notice American English:*

The party was arranged at short notice.

## 9. **in the short term/run** during the period of time that is not very far into the future ⇔ **short-term:**

These measures may save money in the short term, but we'll end up spending more later.

## 10. **have a short memory** if someone has a short memory, they soon forget something that has happened:

Voters have very short memories.

## 11. **be short for something** to be a shorter way of saying a name:

Her name is Alex, short for Alexandra.

## 12. **be short of breath** to be unable to breathe easily, especially because you are unhealthy:

He couldn't walk far without getting short of breath.

## 13. **be short with somebody** to speak to someone using very few words, in a way that seems rude or unfriendly:

Sorry I was short with you on the phone this morning.

## 14. **have a short temper/fuse** to get angry very easily:

Mr Yanto, who had a very short fuse, told her to get out.

## 15. **get/be given short shrift** if you or your idea, suggestion etc is given short shrift, you are told immediately that you are wrong and are not given any attention or sympathy:

McLaren got short shrift from all the record companies when he first presented his new band to them in 1976.

## 16. **be nothing/little short of something** used to emphasize that something is very good, very surprising etc:

Her recovery seemed nothing short of a miracle.

The results are little short of astonishing.

## 17. **draw/get the short straw** to be given something difficult or unpleasant to do, especially when other people have been given something better:

Giles drew the short straw, and has to give us a talk this morning.

## 18. **make short work of (doing) something** to finish something quickly and easily, especially food or a job:

The kids made short work of the sandwiches.

Computers can make short work of complex calculations.

## 19. **have/get somebody by the short and curlies** (also **have/get somebody by the short hairs**) *British English informal not polite* to put someone in a situation in which they are forced to do or accept what you want:

I signed the contract – they've got me by the short and curlies.

## 20. **be one ... short of a ...** *spoken* used humorously to say that someone is a little crazy or stupid:

Lady, are you a few aces short of a deck?

He's one sandwich short of a picnic.

## 21. **short time** *British English* when workers work for fewer hours than usual, because the company cannot afford to pay them their full wage:

Most of the workers were put on short time.

## 22. **in short order** *formal* in a short time and without delay

## 23. **give somebody short measure** *British English old-fashioned* to give someone less than the correct amount of something, especially in a shop

## 24. **SOUND** *technical* a short vowel is pronounced quickly without being emphasized, for example the sound of a in 'cat', e in 'bet', and i in 'bit' **OPP long**

—**shortness** *noun* [uncountable]:

He was suffering from shortness of breath.

Shirley was very conscious of her shortness and always wore high heels.

⇒ **life's too short** at ↑life(27)

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## THESAURUS

### ■ time

- **short not long:** I lived in Tokyo for a short time. | Smokers have a shorter life expectancy than non-smokers.
- **brief** *especially written* lasting only for a short time. **Brief** is more formal than **short**, and is used especially in written English: The President will make a brief visit to Seattle today. | He coached Hingis for a brief period in the 1990s.
- **quick** [only before noun] taking a short time to do something: I had a quick look at the map. | He had a quick shower and then went out.
- **short-lived** lasting only for a short time – used especially when someone wishes that a good situation had been able to last for longer: short-lived success | The ceasefire was short-lived. | a short-lived romance | short-lived optimism about the economy
- **fleeting** lasting only for an extremely short time – used especially when someone wishes that something had been able to last for longer: a fleeting visit | a fleeting smile | She caught a fleeting glimpse of him. | a fleeting moment of happiness | a fleeting thought
- **momentary** lasting for a very short time – used especially about feelings or pauses: There was a momentary pause in the conversation. | The momentary panic ended when he found his two-year-old son waiting happily outside the store.
- **passing** [only before noun] lasting only for a short time – used especially when people are only interested in something or

mention something for a short time: passing fashions | He made only a passing reference to war. | It's just a passing phase (=it will end soon).

▪ **ephemeral** *formal* lasting only for a short time, and ending quickly like everything else in this world: Beauty is ephemeral. | the ephemeral nature of our existence | His wealth proved to be ephemeral.

## ■ person

▪ **short** someone who is short is not as tall as most people: He was a short fat man.

▪ **not very tall** quite short. This phrase sounds more gentle than saying that someone is **short** She wasn't very tall – maybe about 1.60 m.

▪ **small** short and with a small body: My mother was a small woman. | The girl was quite small for her age (=smaller than other girls of the same age).

▪ **petite** used about a woman who is attractively short and thin: She was a petite woman with blonde hair.

▪ **stocky** used about a boy or man who is short, heavy, and strong: Harry was stocky and middle-aged.

▪ **dumpy** short and fat: a dumpy girl with red hair

▪ **diminutive** *formal literary* very short or small – used especially in descriptions in novels: a diminutive figure dressed in black

▪ **stubby** stubby fingers or toes are short and thick: the baby's stubby little fingers

## II. **short**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>AmE</sup> *adverb*

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑short, ↑shortage, ↑shortness, shorts, ↑shorty; **verb**: ↑shorten, ↑short; **adverb**: ↑short, ↑shortly; **adjective**: ↑short]

1. **fall short of something** to be less than what you need, expected, or hoped for, or to fail to reach a satisfactory standard:

▪ The Republicans increased their share of the vote, but still fell short of a majority.

▪ Shares in the company dropped 26p yesterday, as profits fell short of City expectations.

**fall short of a goal/target/ideal**

▪ The economy fell short of the Treasury's target of 2% growth.

**fall far/a long way/well short of something**

▪ Facilities in these schools fall far short of the standards required.

▪ One or two songs on the album are interesting, but most fall short of the mark (=are not good enough).

2. **be running short (of/on something)** if you are running short of something, or if something is running short, it is being used up and there will soon not be enough left:

▪ We're running short of coffee again.

▪ Our supplies of petrol were running short.

▪ Come on, time's running short!

3. **stop short of doing something** to almost do something but then decide not to do it:

▪ They accused the president of incompetence, but stopped short of calling for his resignation.

4. **stop short** to suddenly stop speaking or stop what you are doing, because something has surprised you or you have just thought of something:

▪ Seeing her tears, he stopped short.

5. **be cut short** if something is cut short, it is stopped before you expect or before it is finished:

▪ His career was tragically cut short when, at the age of 42, he died of a heart attack.

6. **cut somebody short** to interrupt and stop someone when they are speaking:

▪ I was halfway through my explanation when Walter cut me short.

7. **pull/bring somebody up short** to surprise or shock someone so that they stop what they are doing or saying to think for a moment:

▪ The question brought her up short, but, after a moment's hesitation, she answered it.

8. **3 metres/5 miles etc short of something** without reaching a place you are trying to get to, because you are still a particular distance from it:

▪ The plane touched down 200 metres short of the runway.

9. **two weeks/a month etc short of something** two weeks, a month etc before something:

▪ He died two days short of his fifty-sixth birthday.

10. **short of (doing) something** without actually doing something:

▪ Short of locking her in her room, he couldn't really stop her from seeing Jack.

11. **come up short** to fail to win or achieve something:

▪ We've been to the state tournament four times, but we've come up short every time.

12. **go short (of something)** *British English* to have less of something than you need:

▪ She made sure that her children never went short.

13. **be taken short/be caught short** *British English informal* to have a sudden strong need to go to the toilet when you are not near one

## III. **short**<sup>3</sup> *BrE* <sup>AmE</sup> *noun*

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑short, ↑shortage, ↑shortness, shorts, ↑shorty; **verb**: ↑shorten, ↑short; **adverb**: ↑short, ↑shortly; **adjective**: ↑short]

1. **shorts** [plural]

a) short trousers ending at or above the knees:

▪ a pair of shorts

▪ tourists in shorts and T-shirts ⇒ ↑Bermuda shorts, ↑cycling shorts

b) *especially American English* men's underwear with short legs:

▪ Craig was standing in the kitchen in his shorts. ⇒ ↑boxer shorts, ↑Jockey shorts

2. **in short** used when you want to give the main point of something:

▪ Carter hoped for greater trust between the two nations, more trade, more cultural exchanges – in short, a genuine peace.

3. **for short** used as a shorter way of saying a name:

▪ His name's Maximilian, but we just call him Max for short.



4. [countable] *informal* a short film shown in the cinema

5. [countable] *British English informal* a strong alcoholic drink that is not beer or wine, drunk in a small glass **SYN shot** *American English*:

Do you fancy a short?

6. [countable] *informal* a ↑short circuit:

a short in the system

⇒ the long and the short of it at ↑long<sup>1</sup>(10)

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- **film** *especially British English*, **movie** *especially American English* a series of images that tell a story and are shown in a cinema or on television: What's your favourite movie? | It won the award for best foreign film. | a made-for-TV movie
- **motion picture** *formal (also picture)* a film – used especially by people who make films or by critics: a major Hollywood motion picture | Tell us about your latest picture.
- **blockbuster** *informal* a very successful film: Steven Spielberg's latest Hollywood blockbuster
- **flick** *informal* a film – a very informal use: an action flick
- **documentary** a film that gives detailed information and facts about a particular subject: a documentary on the rain forest
- **feature film** a film made to be shown in cinemas: The book was later made into a full-length feature film starring Sean Penn.
- **comedy** a film intended to make people laugh: Monroe appeared in a number of comedies.
- **romantic comedy** (*also romcom* *British English informal*) a film about two people who are in love, which is intended to make the people who watch it feel happy: 'Notting Hill' is a romantic comedy starring Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant.
- **thriller** an exciting film, especially about murder or serious crimes: 'The Birds' is a classic Hitchcock thriller.
- **film noir** a film that shows strong feelings of fear or evil and whose characters are often immoral, or these films in general: 'The Big Sleep' is a classic Hollywood film noir.
- **action film/movie** a film that has lots of fighting, explosions etc: Stallone's latest action movie
- **horror film/movie** a frightening film about ghosts, murders etc: She loves watching old horror movies.
- **western** a film with cowboys in it: John Wayne is famous for making westerns.
- **science fiction film/movie** (*also sci-fi film/movie informal*) a film about imaginary events in the future or in outer space: '2001' is probably the most famous sci-fi movie ever made.
- **gangster film/movie** a film about violent criminals
- **silent film/movie** an old film without any sound: The 1920s were the golden age of silent movies.
- **an independent film/movie** a film made by a small film company
- **animated film/movie/cartoon** a film with characters that are drawn or made using a computer: One of his first animated films was 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'.
- **anime** /'æniːmeɪ, -mə/ a type of Japanese animated film, which often has a science fiction story: Miyazaki's anime film 'Spirited Away' became an international success. | an anime character
- **CGI** the use of computers to create characters and images in a film: The film uses CGI. | Disney's latest CGI movie
- **short** a short film, usually shown before a longer movie in the cinema: an animated short
- **trailer** a series of short scenes from a film or programme, shown in order to advertise it in a cinema, on television etc: We had to sit through all the trailers.

## IV. short<sup>4</sup> *BrE* <sup>\*</sup> *AmE* <sup>\*</sup> (*also short out*) *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

[Word Family: noun: ↑short, ↑shortage, ↑shortness, shorts, ↑shorty; verb: ↑shorten, ↑short; advert: ↑short, ↑shortly; adjective: ↑short]

to ↑short-circuit, or make something do this:

The toaster shorted and caused a fire.

## short

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