

**single****1. ['sɪŋɡ(ə)] n**

1. *часто pl* лицо, не состоящее в браке; холостяк; незамужняя  
young singles - несемейная молодёжь
2. *разг.* один доллар (*бумажный*)  
ten dollars in singles - десять долларов бумажками в один доллар
3. проездной билет (в одном направлении)
4. номер, комната на одного
5. *pl спорт.* игра с участием двух противников; одиночный разряд
6. *шахм.* изолированная пешка
7. пластинка на 45 оборотов с записью одного популярного произведения на каждой стороне

**2. ['sɪŋɡ(ə)] a**

1. 1) единственный, один  
this beetle has a single pair of wings - у этого жука одна пара крыльев  
I did not see a single flower - я не видел ни единого /ни одного/ цветка  
a single purpose [exception] - единственная цель [-ое исключение]  
a man of single purpose - целеустремлённый человек  
single farrowing - *с.-х.* разовый опорос  
to take by single pieces - брать по одному куску /отдельными кусками/
- 2) одиночный; непарный; расположенный *и т. п.* по одному; одинарный  
single file - *воен.* колонна по одному  
single rank - *воен.* (одна) шеренга  
to walk in single file - идти гуськом  
a single eye-glass - монокль  
articles sold single - товары /вещи/, продающиеся некомплектно
- 3) годный в одном направлении (*о проездном билете*)
2. 1) отдельный; взятый в отдельности; обособленный  
each single fibre [plant, act] - каждое отдельное волокно [растение, действие]
- 2) с участием одного с каждой стороны (*о схватке и т. п.*)  
single fight /combat/ - борьба один на один, единоборство  
a single game at tennis - одиночная игра (в теннисе)
- 3) взятый отдельно; существующий сам по себе  
the single greatest factor - самый важный отдельно взятый фактор  
the largest single group in parliament - самая большая из всех групп в парламенте (*но не имеющая абсолютного большинства*)  
the strongest single force - самая мощная из всех сил (*но не перевешивающая всех остальных вместе взятых*)
- 4) *эмоц.-усил.* каждый; любой без исключения  
every single citizen - все граждане без исключения  
every single day - каждый божий день  
every single moment - каждую секунду, непрерывно
3. 1) единый, общий  
people worked with a single object - люди работали воодушевлённые единой целью  
they spoke with a single voice - они высказались единодушно  
a single standard for men and women - единая мерка для мужчин и женщин, единый подход к обоим полам
- 2) целый, сплошной  
made of a single piece - сделанный из одного куска
4. 1) одинокий  
he was left alone, single and unsupported - он остался один-одинёшенек, без всякой помощи  
a single tree - одиноко стоящее /одиночное/ дерево [*ср. тж.* single-tree]
- 2) холостой; незамужняя  
single state - безбрачие  
single man - холостяк  
single woman - незамужняя женщина  
to remain single - остаться холостым *или* незамужней
5. рассчитанный на одного  
single bed - односпальная кровать  
single room - комната на одного человека  
single harness - *с.-х.* одноконная упряжь
6. *редк.* простой, искренний, бесхитростный, бескорыстный  
a single devotion - искренняя преданность
7. нераздельный (*о внимании и т. п.*)  
an eye single to the truth - забота только об истине
8. *бот.* немаховый (*о цветке*)  
◇ single heart /mind/ - прямодушие, честность  
single blessedness - *шутл.* безбрачие, холостая жизнь  
misfortunes never come single - беда никогда не приходит одна; ≅ пришла беда - отворяй ворота

**3. ['sɪŋɡ(ə)] v**

1. определять  
to single one's aim - определить /наметить/ цель

2. редк.

- 1) отделять, разделять
- 2) отделяться, разделяться
3. с.-х. прореживать (посев)

## single

**sin·gle** [single singles singled singling] adjective, noun, verb BrE ['sɪŋɡl̩] <sup>4</sup>

NAmE ['sɪŋɡl̩] <sup>4</sup>

adjective



## ONE

1. only before noun only one

- He sent her a single red rose.
- a **single-sex school** (= for boys only or for girls only)
- All these jobs can now be done by one single machine.
- I couldn't understand a single word she said!
- the European **single currency**, the euro
- (BrE) a **single honours** degree (= for which you study only one subject)

## FOR EMPHASIS

2. only before noun used to emphasize that you are referring to one particular person or thing on its own

- Unemployment is the single most important factor in the growing crime rates.
- We eat rice **every single day**.

## NOT MARRIED

3. (of a person) not married or having a romantic relationship with sb

- The apartments are ideal for single people living alone.
- Are you still single?

see also ↑single parent

## FOR ONE PERSON

4. only before noun intended to be used by only one person

- a **single bed/room**
- a single sheet (= large enough for a single bed)

compare ↑double <sub>adj.</sub> (3)

## TICKET

5. only before noun (BrE) (also **one-way** NAmE, BrE) a single ticket, etc. can be used for travelling to a place but not back again

- a single ticket
- How much is the single fare to Glasgow?

compare ↑return <sub>n.</sub> (7)

see (in) Indian/single file **at** ↑file <sub>n.</sub>, at a (single) glance **at** ↑glance <sub>n.</sub>

## Word Origin:

Middle English: via Old French from Latin *singulus*, related to *simplus* 'simple'.

## Thesaurus:

**single** <sub>adj.</sub>

1. only before noun

- What is the single most important factor here?

**individual** • **particular** • **specific** • **separate** • **distinct** •

a/an single/individual/particular/specific/separate/distinct **category/region**

a single/particular/specific/separate **event/incident/occasion**

a single/particular/specific/distinct **objective/purpose**

2.

- The apartments are ideal for single people living alone.

**unmarried** • **divorced** • **widowed** • **separated** • |especially BrE, especially written **lone** •

**Opp:** married

a single/unmarried/divorced/widowed/separated/lone **man/woman/parent/mother/father**

### Example Bank:

- Marriage breakdown is common and there are a large number of single-parent families.
- Unemployment is the single most important factor in the rising crime rates.
- We eat rice every single day.

Derived ↑single somebody out

noun

### TICKET

1. **countable** (BrE) a ticket that allows you to travel to a place but not back again

- How much is a single to York?

**compare** ↑return *n.* (7)

### MUSIC

2. **countable** a piece of recorded music, usually popular music, that consists of one song; a CD that a **single** is recorded on

- The band releases its new single next week.

**compare** ↑album

### ROOM

3. **countable** a room in a hotel, etc. for one person

- Singles are available from £50 per night.

**compare** ↑double *n.* (5)

### MONEY

4. **countable** (NA&E) a bill/note that is worth one dollar

**compare** ↑double *n.* (5)

### UNMARRIED PEOPLE

5. **singles plural** people who are not married and do not have a romantic relationship with sb else

- They organize parties for singles.

- a **singles bar/club**

### IN SPORT

6. **singles uncountable + singular or plural verb** (especially in ↑tennis) a game when only one player plays against one other; a series of two or more of these games

- the women's singles champion
- the first round of the men's singles
- a singles match
- She's won three singles titles this year.

**compare** ↑doubles *n.* (6)

7. **countable** (in ↑cricket) a hit from which a player scores one ↑run (= point)

8. **countable** (in ↑baseball) a hit that only allows the player to run to ↑first base

### Word Origin:

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### Example Bank:

- A single to Stratford, please.
- Following the success of their breakthrough single, a follow-up is planned.
- Her catchy first single was a hit.
- Her new album features her single 'Georgia Rain'.
- I got a single to Birmingham.
- I prefer playing singles to doubles.
- It was voted the best single by a solo artist.
- She decided not to play in the singles.
- She was in her room playing her singles.
- She won the junior singles.
- The band has yet to record a hit single.
- The band later released this album track as a single.
- The radio stations play her new single several times a day.
- They put out a single in time for Christmas.
- number one in the singles chart
- the classic comeback single from Take That
- the new single from the band 'Therapy?'

verb

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	single
	BrE / 'sɪŋɡl/
	NAmE / 'sɪŋɡl/
he / she / it	singles
	BrE / 'sɪŋɡl/
	NAmE / 'sɪŋɡl/
past simple, past participle	singled
	BrE / 'sɪŋɡld/
	NAmE / 'sɪŋɡld/
-ing form	singling
	BrE / 'sɪŋɡlɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'sɪŋɡlɪŋ/

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See also: ↑one-way

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I. **single**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /'sɪŋɡl/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> adjective

[Word Family: noun: ↑single, singles, ↑singleness, the singular, ↑singularity; adverb: ↑singly, ↑singularly; adjective: ↑single, ↑singular]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin *singulus*]

1. **ONE** [only before noun] only one:

- A single tree gave shade from the sun.
- They won the game by a single point.
- the highest price ever paid for a single work of art
- a single-sex school (=one for only boys or girls)

2. **every single** used to emphasize that you are talking about every person or thing:

- Don't write down every single word I say.
- He works every single day.

3. **not a single** no people or things at all:

- The plane was brought down safely and not a single passenger was killed.
- We didn't get a single reply to the advertisement.

4. **the single biggest/greatest etc** used to emphasize that you are talking about the one thing that is the biggest, greatest etc:

- Cigarette smoking is the single most important cause of lung cancer.
- Tourism is the country's single biggest earner.

5. **NOT MARRIED** not married, or not involved in a romantic relationship with anyone:

- The changes in tax rates will benefit single people the most.
- Is he single?

6. **single bed/room etc** a bed, room etc that is meant to be used by one person only:

- You have to pay extra for a single room. ⇒ ↑double<sup>1</sup>(4)

7. **TICKET** *British English* a single ticket etc is for a trip from one place to another but not back again **SYN one-way** ⇒ **return, round-trip**

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THESAURUS

- **married** having a husband or wife: How long have you been married? | a married couple
- **single** not married: Chris is 45 and still single. | single mothers
- **engaged** having formally agreed to marry someone in the future: Jane and Pete have just got engaged. | engaged couples
- **live together** to share a home and have a sexual relationship, but not be married: More and more couples are choosing to live together rather than get married.
- **separated** no longer living with your husband or wife because of problems in your marriage: I think Joan and Brian are separated now.
- **divorced** no longer married because you have legally ended your marriage: My parents got divorced when I was 10. | divorced men
- **widowed** no longer married because your husband or wife has died: He's a widowed father of two.

II. **single**<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> noun [countable]

[Word Family: noun: ↑single, singles, ↑singleness, the singular, ↑singularity; adverb: ↑singly, ↑singularly; adjective: ↑single, ↑singular]

1. **MUSIC** a ↑CD that has only one song on it, not a number of songs, or a song which is sold in this way ⇒ **album**:

- Have you heard their latest single?

2. **SPORT**

a) one ↑run<sup>2</sup> in a game of ↑cricket

b) a hit that allows the person who is hitting the ball to reach first ↑base in a game of baseball

3. **TENNIS singles** [uncountable] a game, especially in tennis, in which one person plays on their own against another person:

- I prefer playing singles.
- Who won the women's singles? ⇒ **doubles** at ↑double<sup>2</sup>(3)

4. **NOT MARRIED singles** [plural] people who are not married and are not involved in a romantic relationship with anyone:

" The show is especially popular among young singles.

" a singles night at the club

5. **TICKET** *British English* a ticket for a trip from one place to another but not back again **SYN** **one-way ticket** *American English* ⇒ **return**:

" A single to Oxford, please.

6. **MONEY** *American English* a piece of paper money worth one dollar:

" Anybody have five singles?

7. **ROOM** a room in a hotel for just one person ⇒ **double**:

" I'm afraid we haven't got any singles available.

III. **single**<sup>3</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb*

**single somebody/something** ↔ **out** *phrasal verb*

to choose one person or thing from among a group because they are better, worse, more important etc than the others

**single somebody/something** ↔ **out for**

" I don't see why he should be singled out for special treatment.

**single somebody/something** ↔ **out as**

" One programme was singled out as being particularly good.

## single

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15000 **664**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **1k SINGLE** 70826

single 64746

singled 2159

singly 336

singleness 70

singling 298

singles 3217

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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153 **60266**<sup>156</sup> *vvi*

108 **71783**<sup>111</sup> *vv0*

5 **229942**<sup>13</sup> *np1*

5 **387604**<sup>5</sup> *nnu*

4 **425296**<sup>4</sup> *cc*