

# arbitrary

[ˈɑːbɪtrəri] **a**

- произвольный, случайный  
arbitrary choice - случайный выбор; выбор наудачу  
arbitrary signs and symbols - *полигр.* условные знаки и обозначения
- книжн.* капризный, непостоянный, своевольный
- книжн.* деспотичный  
arbitrary rule - деспотизм, произвол власти  
arbitrary government - автократия

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**ar·bi·trary** **AW BrE** [ˈɑːbɪtrəri] **BrE** [ˈɑːbɪtri] **NAmE** [ˈɑːrbətɹeji] **adjective**

- (of an action, a decision, a rule, etc.) not seeming to be based on a reason, system or plan and sometimes seeming unfair
    - The choice of players for the team seemed completely arbitrary.
    - He makes unpredictable, arbitrary decisions.
  - (formal) using power without restriction and without considering other people
    - the arbitrary powers of officials
- Derived Words ↑arbitrarily ▪ ↑arbitrariness

### Word Origin:

[**arbitrarily** **arbitrariness** **arbitrary**] late Middle English (in the sense 'dependent on one's will or pleasure, discretionary'): from Latin *arbitrarius*, from *arbiter* 'judge, supreme ruler', perhaps influenced by French *arbitraire*.

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**ar·bi·trary** **AC** /ˈɑːbɪtrəri, ˈɑːbɪtrəri, ˈɑːrbətɹeri/ **BrE** **AmE** **adjective**

[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑arbitrariness; **adverb**: ↑arbitrarily; **adjective**: ↑arbitrary]

[**Date**: 1400-1500; **Language**: Latin; **Origin**: *arbitrarius* 'depending on the decision of a judge, uncertain', from *arbiter*; ⇨ ↑arbiter]

decided or arranged without any reason or plan, often unfairly:

- an arbitrary decision
- the arbitrary arrests of political opponents

—**arbitrariness** **noun** [uncountable]

—**arbitrarily** /ˈɑːbɪtrəri, ˈɑːbɪtrəri, ˈɑːrbətɹeri/ **adverb**:

- an arbitrarily chosen number

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