

**basis**['beɪsɪs] *n* (*pl* *bases*)

1. базис; основа; основание

basis and superstructure - базис и надстройка

on the basis of peaceful coexistence - на основе мирного сосуществования

on this basis - на этом основании, исходя из этого

2. основной компонент, основа

the basis of this beverage is milk - этот напиток делается на молоке

3. *редк.* основание, фундамент

◇ to be on a first-name basis with smb. - называть друг друга по именам; ≅ быть на «ты»

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**basis** [basis bases] *BrE* ['beɪsɪs] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* ['beɪsɪs] <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* (*pl.* **bases** *BrE*['beɪsɪsɪz] <sup>ˈ</sup> ; *NAmE* ['beɪsɪsɪz] <sup>ˈ</sup> )1. **singular** the reason why people take a particular action• She was chosen for the job **on the basis of** her qualifications.• Some movies have been banned **on the basis that** they are too violent.2. **singular** the way things are organized or arranged• on a **regular/permanent/part-time/temporary basis**• on a **daily/day-to-day/weekly basis**3. **countable, usually singular, uncountable** the important facts, ideas or events that support sth and that it can develop from

• The basis of a good marriage is trust.

• This article will **form the basis for** our discussion.

• The theory seems to have no basis in fact.

Word Origin:late 16th cent. (denoting a base or pedestal): via Latin from Greek, stepping. Compare with the noun <sup>ˈ</sup>base.Thesaurus:**basis** *noun*1. **sing.**

• She was chosen on the basis of her qualifications.

**reason** • • **grounds** • • **justification** • • **cause** • • **argument** • • **case** •(a/an) basis/reason/grounds/justification/cause/argument/case **for** sth**on the basis/grounds of/that...**the basis/reason/grounds/justification/argument/case **that...**2. **C, usually sing.**

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**foundation** • • **base** •a/the basis/foundation/base **of/for** sth**have sth as/establish/use sth as/form** a/the basis/foundation/base of sth**have no basis/foundation in fact****Basis or foundation?** **Foundation** is often used to talk about larger and more important things than **basis**

• He laid the foundation of Japan's modern economy.

• These figures formed the basis of their pay claim.

Synonyms:**basis**

foundation • base

These are all words for the ideas or facts that sth is based on.

**basis** • [usually sing.] a principle, an idea or a fact that supports sth and that it can develop from: ▫ This article will form the basis for our discussion.**foundation** • [C, U] a principle, an idea or a fact that supports sth and that it develops from: ▫ Respect and friendship provide a solid foundation for marriage. ◇ ▫ The rumour is totally without foundation ▫ (= is not based on any facts) ▫.**basis or foundation?****Foundation** is often used to talk about larger or more important things than **basis**: ▫ He laid the foundations of Japan's modern economy. ◇ ▫ These figures formed the basis of their pay claim.**base** • [usually sing.] an idea, a fact or a situation from which sth is developed ▫ His arguments have a sound economic base.a/the basis/foundation/base **for/of** stha **secure/solid/sound/strong/weak** basis/foundation/baseto **form** the basis/foundation/base of sthto **be without** basis/foundationSynonyms:**reason**

explanation • grounds • basis • excuse • motive • justification • pretext

These are all words for a cause or an explanation for sth that has happened or that sb has done.

**reason** • a cause or an explanation for sth that has happened or that sb has done; a fact that makes it right or fair to do sth: ▫ He said no but he didn't give a reason.

**explanation** • a statement, fact or situation that tells you why sth has happened; a reason given for sth: ▪ The most likely explanation is that his plane was delayed. ◊▪ She left the room abruptly without explanation.

**grounds** • (rather formal) a good or true reason for saying, doing or believing sth: ▪ You have no grounds for complaint.

**basis** • (rather formal) the reason why people take a particular action: ▪ On what basis will this decision be made?

**excuse** • a reason, either true or invented, that you give to explain or defend your behaviour; a good reason that you give for doing sth that you want to do for other reasons: ▪ Late again! What's your excuse this time? ◊▪ It gave me an excuse to take the car.

**motive** • a reason that explains sb's behaviour ▪ There seemed to be no motive for the murder.

**justification** • (rather formal) a good reason why sth exists or is done: ▪ I can see no possible justification for any further tax increases.

### grounds or justification?

**Justification** is used to talk about finding or understanding reasons for actions, or trying to explain why it is a good idea to do sth. It is often used with words like **little**, **no**, **some**, **every**, **without**, and **not any**. **Grounds** is used more for talking about reasons that already exist, or that have already been decided, for example by law: **moral/economic grounds**.

**pretext** • (rather formal) a false reason that you give for doing sth, usually sth bad, in order to hide the real reason: ▪ He left the party early on the pretext of having to work.

(a/an) reason/explanation/grounds/basis/excuse/motive/justification/pretext **for** sth  
the reason/motive **behind** sth

**on the grounds/basis/pretext of/that...**

(a) **good/valid** reason/explanation/grounds/excuse/motive/justification

### Example Bank:

- Staff are employed on a monthly basis.
- The proposal provides a sound basis for a book.
- The whole basis for your argument is false.
- These allegations have no basis in fact.
- We made our decision on the basis of the information we had.
- On what basis will this decision be made?
- She was chosen for the job on the basis of her qualifications and ideas.
- Some videos have been banned on the basis that they are too violent
- This theory seems to have no basis in fact.

## basis

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**ba** **sis** **S2** **W1** /'beɪsɪs, 'beɪsɪs/ **BrE** **AmE** **noun** (plural **bases** /-sɪz/) [countable]

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑base, the basics, ↑basis; **adjective**: ↑baseless, ↑basic, ↑based; **verb**: ↑base; **adverb**: ↑basically]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: Greek, 'step, base', from bainein 'to go']

1. the facts, ideas, or things from which something can be developed:

▪ Their claim had no basis in fact (=it was not true).

### basis of

▪ Bread forms the basis of their daily diet.

### basis for

▪ The video will provide a basis for class discussion.

2. **on the basis of something** because of a particular fact or situation:

▪ discrimination on the basis of sex

3. **on a regular/daily/weekly etc basis** every day, week etc:

▪ I'm saving money on a regular basis.

4. **on a voluntary/part-time/temporary etc basis** a system or agreement by which someone or something is ↑voluntary etc:

▪ Nurses are employed on a full-time basis.

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ verbs

- **form the basis of something** This research will form the basis of a book.
- **provide a basis for something** The poem provided the basis for an interesting class discussion.
- **become the basis of/for something** Some of these ideas became the basis for the Parents' Educational Union.
- **serve as a basis for something** The document will serve as a basis for negotiations.
- **establish a basis** (also **lay a basis**) (=create something from which something can be developed) The agreement established a sound basis for international commerce.
- **have a basis** Our constitution has a democratic basis.
- **have no basis in fact** (=be not true) Many of these rumours have no basis in fact.

### ■ adjectives

- **a good basis** Love and trust form a good basis for marriage.
- **a sound/firm/solid basis** Drama school may provide a sound basis for an acting career.

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## THESAURUS

- **basis** the facts, ideas, things etc from which something can be developed: His work will be used as a basis for future research.
- **foundation** the thing on which something is based, especially something important that continues for a long time: Their ideas were the foundation for the political system that exists in the UK today. | How can we provide a solid foundation for world peace?
- **bedrock** the most important thing that something depends on in order to be successful: Honesty is the bedrock of any healthy

relationship. | Labour's traditional bedrock of support is among the working classes.

▪ **cornerstone** the most important thing that something depends on in order to be successful, especially in business and politics:  
Confidence is the cornerstone of our business. | NATO remains a cornerstone of defence policy for Europe.

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