

**principle**['prɪnsɪp(ə)] *n*

## 1. принцип, основа, закон

Archimedes' principle, buoyancy principle - закон Архимеда

principles of war - принципы военного искусства

principles of biology [of government] - основы биологии [правления]

principle of action and reaction - закон равенства действия и противодействия

principle of universal gravitation - закон всемирного тяготения

2. норма, основное правило (*поведения*); принцип

unanimity principle, principle of unanimity - принцип единогласия

on principle - а) из принципа; б) в соответствии с правилом, нормой, привычкой *и т. п.* [*ср. тж.* 3, 1)]

he drank hot milk every night on principle - у него было правилом /он имел обыкновение/ каждый вечер пить горячее молоко

in principle - в принципе

a man of principle - принципиальный человек

a man of no principles - беспринципный человек

to stick to one's principles - придерживаться своих принципов

the principles political party - принципы политической партии

I make it a principle never to lend money - я взял за правило никому не давать займы

3. 1) принцип (*работы*); основа (*действия, устройства*)step principle - ступенчатый принцип конструирования (*ракеты*)to work on principle - работать/действовать/ по *какому-л.* принципу [*ср. тж.* 2]

in all these instruments the principle is the same - все эти инструменты действуют по одному и тому же принципу

## 2) специфика действия, действующее начало лекарственного вещества

## 4. источник, первопричина, первооснова

5. *хим.* составная часть, элемент**principle**

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**prin-ciple** **AW** [prɪn-sɪpəl] *BrE* ['prɪnsəpəl] *NAme* ['prɪnsəpəl] *noun*1. **countable, usually plural, uncountable** a moral rule or a strong belief that influences your actions

• He has high moral principles.

• I refuse to lie about it; **it's against my principles** .• **Stick to your principles** and tell him you won't do it.• She refuses to allow her family to help her as **a matter of principle** .• He doesn't invest in the arms industry **on principle** .2. **countable** a law, a rule or a theory that sth is based on

• the principles and practice of writing reports

• The principle behind it is very simple.

• There are three fundamental principles of teamwork.

• Discussing all these details will get us nowhere; we must get back to **first principles** (= the most basic rules) .3. **countable** a belief that is accepted as a reason for acting or thinking in a particular way

• the principle that free education should be available for all children

4. **singular** a general or scientific law that explains how sth works or why sth happens

• the principle that heat rises

• A tidal current turbine is similar in principle to a windmill.

Idiom: †in principleWord Origin:late Middle English: from Old French, from Latin **principium** 'source', **principia** (plural) 'foundations', from **princeps**, **princip-** 'first, chief' .Thesaurus:**principle** *noun*1. **C, usually pl., U**

• It's against my principles to lie.

**morals** • **morality** • **ethics** • **standards** • **values** • **ideal** •**personal** principles/morality/standards/values/ethics**have (no/high, etc.)** principles/morals/standards/values/ideals**compromise** your principles/standards/values/ideals2. **C, U**

• The principle behind this method is very simple.

**theory** • **law** • **rule** • **technical theorem** •the principle/theory/law/rule/theorem **that...**a **basic/fundamental /mathematical** principle/theory/law/rule/theorema **scientific** principle/theory/law/rule**prove** a principle/theory/law/rule/theorem3. **C, U**

• Their policy is based on the principle that free education should be available to all.

**rule** • **law** • **formal tenet** •the principle/rule/law/tenet **that...**

a **basic/fundamental** principle/rule/law/tenet  
a **moral** principle/rule/law  
**accept** a principle/rule/tenet

### Example Bank:

- Eating meat was against her principles.
- Freedom is the founding principle of our Republic.
- He was a man of high moral principles.
- His novels reject chronology as an organizing principle.
- I agree with you in principle, but we'll need to discuss the details.
- I refuse to compromise my principles by eating meat.
- She is interested in actual human relationships rather than abstract principles.
- She sticks to the principle that everyone should be treated equally.
- She went on to explain the principles behind what she was doing.
- She's opposed to abortion on principle.
- The house incorporates many principles of modern environmentally aware design.
- The principle of equality is enshrined in our Constitution.
- They reject the proposal as a matter of principle.
- This principle applies to all kinds of selling.
- This violates every principle of good writing.
- the basic principles of car maintenance
- the principles underlying Western philosophy
- As a man of principle, he would not cover up for his former friend.
- As a matter of principle she won't be visiting the president.
- Concern for welfare of the child is the guiding principle of the family courts.
- He doesn't invest in the arms industry on principle.
- I can't accept his offer without seriously compromising my principles.
- I refuse to lie about it— it's against my principles.
- It is based on the principle that heat rises.
- Some countries refuse to accept these legal principles.
- Stick to your principles and tell him you won't do it.
- The group never departed from its principle of non-violence
- The order to show no mercy was contrary to the most basic principles of their religion.
- Their policy is based on the principle that free education should be available for all children.
- These same principles apply to all animals, including humans.
- We apply the principle of prevention to other areas of our lives; we regularly visit the dentist even when there is no pain.
- We must get back to first principles.

## principle

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**principle** **S2 W1 AC** /'prɪnsəpəl, 'prɪnsɪpəl/ *BrE* <sup>■</sup> *AmE* <sup>■</sup> *noun*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: principe, from Latin principium 'beginning', from princeps; ⇨ ↑prince]

**1. MORAL RULE** [uncountable and countable] a moral rule or belief about what is right and wrong, that influences how you behave:

- Schools try to teach children a set of principles.
- He's got no principles at all!
- It's against my principles to accept gifts from clients.

**2. IDEA BEHIND SOMETHING** [countable] the basic idea that a plan or system is based on:

- The general principle is that education should be available to all children up to the age of 16.

**basic/fundamental/guiding principle**

- the basic principles of business management

**principle of**

- the principles of French law

**principle that**

- Reflexology is based on the principle that specific areas on the feet correspond to different parts of the body.

**on a principle**

- The project worked on the principle that each person's experience was equally valuable.

**principle behind**

- the principles behind government policies
- He called for a return to first principles (=the most important ideas) of road safety for children.
- Similar principles apply in the case of older children (=the principles are the same as others that have been mentioned).

**3. in principle**

**a)** if something is possible in principle, there is no good reason why it should not happen, but it has not actually happened yet **SYN theoretically**:

- In principle, the new software should make the accounting system a lot simpler.

**b)** if you agree to something in principle, you agree about a general plan or idea but have not yet considered the details:

- They have accepted the idea in principle.
- The government has agreed in principle to a referendum.

**4. RULES OF A PROCESS** [countable] a rule which explains the way something such as a machine works, or which explains a natural force in the universe:

- Archimedes' principle

principle of

the basic principles of physics

HINT: ► Do not confuse the noun **principle** with the noun and adjective **principal**: *a former principal of the college | her principal tasks*

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

#### ■ adjectives

- **strict principles** Rosa is a woman of strict moral principles.
- **strong principles** (=that someone believes in very strongly) a man of strong principles
- **high principles** (=strong beliefs about right and wrong) Dunn's high principles and pleasant manner won him the real affection of his colleagues.
- **moral principles** Criminal law should be used to protect and reinforce moral principles.
- **religious/political principles** Doesn't working on Sunday conflict with your religious principles?
- **socialist principles** Would he stick to his socialist principles after being elected Prime Minister?

#### ■ verbs

- **have principles** I may have no money and no power but I have principles.
- **stick to your principles** (=act according to them, even when this is difficult) Throughout this time, he stuck to his principles and spoke out against injustice.
- **betray/compromise your principles** (=do something that is against your principles) I knew I could lie to help him, but it would be betraying my principles.
- **abandon your principles** (=stop believing in them or trying to act by them) It has been said that he abandoned his basic political principles while he was in power.

#### ■ phrases

- **be against sb's principles** It's against my principles to eat meat.
- **as a matter of principle** (=because of moral beliefs about right and wrong) As a matter of principle one should never yield to terrorism.
- **a man/woman of principle** (=someone with strong moral ideas) He is the only candidate who has demonstrated that he is a man of principle.

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

#### ■ adjectives

- **a general/broad principle** He explained the general principles of the constitution.
- **an important principle** One important principle is that you should give yourself plenty of reward for your success.
- **a basic/fundamental principle** (=a very important principle to which other ideas are added) Applicants should show that they understand the basic principles of marketing.
- **a guiding principle** (=a principle that helps you decide what to do) Fairness is the guiding principle.
- **first principles** (=the most basic ideas that something is based on) The researchers went back to first principles.

#### ■ verbs

- **be based on a principle** A good education ought to be based on multicultural principles.
- **a principle applies** The same principle applies to all kinds of selling.
- **the principle underlying something** What are the principles underlying this form of treatment?
- **establish a principle** (=make it accepted) Establish the principle that when your office door is shut you must not be disturbed.
- **lay down a principle** (=describe a principle and make it accepted) The report lays down general principles for the teaching of English.

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