

1. [tʃɔɪs] *n*1. **выбор, отбор**

to make a choice of smth. - выбирать /отбирать/ что-л

to make one's choice - сделать выбор

to take one's choice - выбирать по своему усмотрению

take your choice of rooms - выбирайте любую комнату

for choice - по собственному выбору; по своему усмотрению; добровольно

2. **выбор, ассортимент**

wide [roo] choice - большой /богатый/ [бедный] выбор

3. **альтернатива возможность выбора**

I have no choice in the matter - выбора у меня нет, я ничего не могу поделать, я вынужден поступить так

he had no choice in the determination of his profession - он не имел возможности выбирать профессию

I have no choice but ... - у меня нет выхода /выбора/, кроме ...; я вынужден ...

he had no choice but to go - он был вынужден /ему ничего не оставалось, как/ уйти

there is another choice - есть и другой выход (*из положения*)

4. 1) **избранное, выбранное**

this is my choice - я выбираю это; вот что я выбрал

2) **избранник, избранница**

he was the people's choice - он был избранником народа

everyone admires his choice - все восхищаются его избранницей /невестой/

3) **нечто отборное; цвет, сливки**

the flower and choice (of) - цвет и краса (чего-л.)

these flowers are the choice of my garden - эти цветы - гордость моего сада

5. **арх. умение разбираться; пронизательность**

◇ there is small choice in rotten apples - *посл.* выбирать тут не из чего; ≅ хрен редьки не слаще

2. [tʃɔɪs] *a*1. **отборный, лучший**

choice goods - отборные товары

choice wines - тонкие вина

choice passage /piece/ - отрывок, избранное место (*из книги*)

of the choicest quality - самого лучшего качества

2. **изысканный, изощрённый, тонкий**

choice arguments - хорошо продуманные аргументы

choice phrases - а) изысканный язык; б) *шутл.* отборная ругань

choice and master spirit - тонкий и глубокий ум

3. **преим. диал. разборчивый, привередливый**

to be choice of one's company - быть разборчивым в знакомствах

4. **преим. диал. бережливый, экономный**

she is very choice of it - она этим очень дорожит

choice

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choice [choice choices choicer choicest] *noun, adjective* BrE [tʃɔɪs] ¹ NAmE

[tʃɔɪs] ¹

noun

1. countable ~ (between A and B) an act of choosing between two or more possibilities; something that you can choose

- women forced to make a choice between family and career
- We are faced with a difficult choice.
- We aim to help students make more informed career choices.
- Resources are finite, and choices have to be made between competing priorities and needs.
- There is a wide range of choices open to you.

2. uncountable, singular the right to choose or the possibility of choosing

- If I had the choice, I would stop working tomorrow.
- He **had no choice** but to leave (= this was the only thing he could do) .
- She's going to do it. She doesn't have **much choice** , really, does she?
- This government is committed to extending parental choice in education.
- After a delicious meal with free wine, the choice is yours: a quiet drink in the bar, the late night disco or a stroll along the beach beneath a starry sky .
- Sandy had to tell his tale in halting Italian. Since Franco spoke no English, he had no choice in the matter.

3. countable a person or thing that is chosen

- She's the obvious choice for the job.
- Hawaii remains a popular choice for winter vacation travel.
- This colour wasn't my first choice.
- She wouldn't be my choice as manager.
- I don't like his choice of friends (= the people he chooses as his friends) .

4. singular, uncountable the number or range of different things from which to choose

- The menu has a good choice of desserts.
- There wasn't **much choice** of colour.

see also ↑Hobson's choice, ↑multiple-choice

more at you pays your money and you takes your choice **at** ↑pay_{v.}, be spoilt for choice **at** ↑spoil

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **chois**, from **choisir** 'choose', of Germanic origin and related to ↑**choose**.

Thesaurus:

choice noun

1. C

- Many women make a choice between family and career.

selection • |informal **pick** •

make a choice/selection

have/take a/your choice/pick

get first choice/pick

2. U, C, usually sing.

- If I had the choice, I'd give up work tomorrow.

- He had no choice but to (= he had to) leave.

option • • **alternative** • • **possibility** •

a **real/realistic/practical** choice/option/alternative/possibility

a/an **good/acceptable/reasonable** choice/option/alternative

have no choice/option/alternative (**but to** do sth)

look at/limit the choices/options/alternatives/possibilities

Choice, option or alternative ? **Alternative** is slightly more formal than **option** or **choice**, and is more frequently used to talk about choosing between two things rather than several.

3. C

- She is the first choice for the job.

preference • • **selection** • |BrE **favourite** • |AmE **favorite** • |especially AmE, informal **pick** •

sb's choice/favourite/pick **for** sth

sb's choice/selection/pick **as** sth

an **obvious** choice/selection/favourite

4. sing., U

- a good choice of desserts

range • • **variety** • • **selection** • • **assortment** • • **array** •

a **wide** choice/range/variety/selection/assortment/array

a/an **good/interesting/limited** choice/range/variety/selection

have/offer/provide (a/an) choice/range/variety/selection/array/assortment (**of** sth)

Synonyms:

choice

favourite • preference • selection • pick

These are all words for a person or thing that is chosen, or that is liked more than others.

choice • a person or thing that is chosen: ▫ She's the obvious choice for the job.

favourite/favorite • a person or thing that you like more than the others of the same type: ▫ Which one's your favourite?

preference • a thing that is liked better or best: ▫ Tastes and preferences vary from individual to individual

favourite or preference ?

Your **favourites** are the things you like best, and that you have, do, listen to, etc. often; your **preferences** are the things that you would rather have or do if you can choose.

selection • a number of people or things that have been chosen from a larger group: ▫ A selection of reader's comments are published below.

pick • (rather informal, especially NAmE) a person or thing that is chosen: ▫ She was his pick for best actress.

sb's choice/favourite/pick **for** sth

sb's choice/selection/pick **as** sth

an **obvious** choice/favourite/selection

a(n) **excellent/good/popular/fine** choice/selection

Synonyms:

option

choice • alternative • possibility

These are all words for sth that you choose to do in a particular situation.

option • something that you can choose to have or do; the freedom to choose what you do: ▫ As I see it, we have two options... ◇

▫ Students have the option of studying abroad in their second year.

Option is also the word used in computing for one of the choices you can make when using a computer program: ▫ Choose the 'Cut' option from the Edit menu.

choice • the freedom to choose what you do; something that you can choose to have or do: ▫ If I had the choice, I would stop working tomorrow. ◇ ▫ There is a wide range of choices open to you.

alternative • something that you can choose to have or do out of two or more possibilities: ▫ You can be paid in cash weekly or by cheque monthly: those are the two alternatives.

option, choice or alternative ?

Choice is slightly less formal than **option** and **alternative** is slightly more formal. **Choice** is most often used for 'the freedom to choose', although you can sometimes also use **option** (but not usually **alternative**): ▫ If I had the choice/option, I would... ◇ If I

had the alternative, I would... ◇ parental choice in education ◇ parental option/alternative in education. Things that you can choose are **options, choices** or **alternatives**. However, **alternative** is more frequently used to talk about choosing between two things rather than several

possibility • one of the different things that you can do in a particular situation: ▫ We need to explore a wide range of possibilities.
◇ The possibilities are endless.

Possibility can be used in a similar way to **option, choice** and **alternative**, but the emphasis here is less on the need to make a choice, and more on what is available

with/without the option/choice/possibility **of** sth

a(n) **good/acceptable/reasonable/possible** option/choice/alternative

the **only** option/choice/alternative/possibility **open to sb**

to **have** a/an/the option/choice **of doing sth**

to **have no** option/choice/alternative **but to do sth**)

a **number/range of** options/choices/alternatives/possibilities

Example Bank:

- Bill is the obvious choice for captain of the team.
- Doctors have to make moral choices every day of their lives.
- Everyone in a democracy has the right to exercise choice.
- First prize will be a meal for two at a restaurant of your choice.
- He had no choice about that.
- I don't think much of her choice of outfit.
- I had no choice but to cancel my holiday.
- I now had a clear choice: either I accept their terms or I leave.
- I think she's a very good choice for captain.
- I wouldn't have come to this bar by choice!
- In the end, the choice was quite easy.
- It was a happy choice of venue
- Maria defended her choice of name for the child.
- Mary is a popular choice as chair of the committee.
- Much ill health is the result of poor diet and lifestyle choices.
- Our first choice for a holiday is the north of Scotland.
- Our first choice for a site was already taken.
- People were asked about their top choices for meeting locations.
- She faced the stark choice of backing the new plan or losing her job.
- She has a choice between three different universities.
- She questioned the choice of Murphy for this role.
- She was starting to regret her choice.
- Smoking may limit your choice of contraception.
- Students have a free choice from a range of subjects.
- The hotel is the preferred choice for business people.
- The shop has a very limited choice of ties.
- The way he behaved meant that we had no choice in the matter.
- These are personal choices that people must make for themselves.
- We gave her the choice, and she decided she'd like a bike for her birthday.
- We offer a choice of ten different destinations.
- When did you make a conscious choice to become an artist?
- You can have first choice of all the rooms.
- Your decision leaves me with no choice but to resign.
- Your needs should dictate your choice.
- a careful choice of words
- a limited range of choices available to buyers
- a range of available choices
- a test with multiple choice questions
- to extend parental choice as to which schools children should attend
- to make choices about their future
- I don't like his choice of friends.
- Many women are forced to make a choice between family and career.
- She wouldn't be my choice as manager.
- She's going to do it. She doesn't have much choice, really, does she?
- She's the obvious choice for the job.
- The choice is yours: a quiet drink in the bar, the late night disco or a stroll along the beach.
- There wasn't much choice of colour.
- This colour wasn't my first choice.

Idioms: ↑ **by choice** ▫ ↑ **of choice** ▫ ↑ **of your choice**

adjective (choicer, choicest) only before noun

1. (especially of food) of very good quality
2. (NAme) (of meat) of very good, but not the highest, quality
3. ~ **words/phrases** carefully chosen words or phrases

- She summed up the situation in a few choice phrases.
- (humorous) He used some pretty choice (= rude or offensive) language.

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **chois**, from **choisir** 'choose', of Germanic origin and related to †**choose**.

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choice

1. **choice**¹ **S1 W1** /tʃɔɪs/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: **chois**, from **choisir** 'to choose']

1. [uncountable and countable] if you have a choice, you can choose between several things ⇒ **choose**

choice between

• Voters have a choice between three main political parties.

choice of

• You have a choice of hotel or self-catering accommodation.

• He has to make some important choices.

• They gave us no choice in the matter.

2. [singular, uncountable] the range of people or things that you can choose from:

• It was a small shop and there wasn't much choice.

choice of

• There is a choice of four different colours.

• We offer a wide choice of wines and beers.

• Consumers these days are spoilt for choice *British English* (=have a lot of things to choose from).

3. [countable] the person or thing that someone chooses

choice of

• I don't really like her choice of jewellery.

• I think London was a good choice as a venue.

sb's first/second choice

• My first choice of college was Stanford.

4. **by choice** if you do something by choice, you do it because you want to do it and not because you are forced to do it:

• She lives alone by choice.

5. **the something of your choice** the person or thing of your choice is the one that you would most like to choose:

• My children cannot go to the school of their choice.

6. **the something of choice** the thing of choice is the one that people prefer to use:

• It is the drug of choice for this type of illness.

⇒ **HOBSON'S CHOICE**

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **have a choice** Students have a choice between German and Spanish.
- **make a choice** (=choose something) One of our course advisors can help you to make your choice.
- **give somebody a choice** Her doctor gave her a choice: take medicine or lose weight.
- **be faced with a choice** He was faced with a difficult choice.
- **have no choice (but to do something)** The men had no choice but to obey.
- **leave somebody with no choice** I was left with no choice but to resign.
- **exercise your choice** *formal* (=make a choice - used especially when talking about someone using their right to choose) Everyone should have the right to exercise choice in matters of relationships.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + choice

- **the right/wrong choice** I think you've made the right choice.
- **a difficult choice** It was a very difficult choice for me.
- **a stark choice** (=a choice between two unpleasant things that you must make) We faced a stark choice: steal or starve.
- **(a) free choice** Students have an entirely free choice of what to study at university.
- **an informed choice** (=a choice based on knowledge of the facts about something) The patient should have enough information to make an informed choice.
- **consumer choice** (=the opportunity for people to choose between different products) I believe in free trade and consumer choice.
- **parental choice** The aim is to extend parental choice in education.

■ phrases

- **freedom of choice** Patients should have more freedom of choice.
- **given the choice** (=if you had a choice) Given the choice, I probably wouldn't work.
- **have no choice in the matter** The village people had no choice in the matter.

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- **choice**: **choice of**: The school seems OK, but there isn't a great choice of courses. | **have a choice** (=be able to choose from several things): With her high grades and athletic skill, Celeste had her choice of colleges. | **have no choice but to do something** (=to be forced to do something because there is nothing else you can choose): Spooner says he had no choice but to file for bankruptcy. | **wide choice** (=a lot of things to choose from): There is a wide choice of hotels and hostels in the town.
- **option** one of the things that you can choose to do in a particular situation: He basically has two options: he can have the surgery, or he can give up playing football. | **keep/leave your options open** (=delay choosing so that you continue to have

several things to choose from): I haven't signed any contracts yet – I want to keep my options open.

▪ **alternative** one of two or more ways of doing something: Did you consider other alternatives before you moved in with Lucy? | **alternative to**: There is no practical alternative to our current policy. | **have no alternative (=to not have a choice)**: He says he doesn't want to see a doctor, but I'm afraid he has no alternative.

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▪ **choice** something or someone that has been chosen: Maria was very pleased with her choice. | **first/second/third choice (=the thing you wanted most, the thing you wanted most after that etc)**: Greece was our first choice for a vacation, but all the flights were full. | **somebody's choice of**: I don't like his choice of friends.

▪ **selection** a small group of the best things that have been chosen from a larger group: **selection of**: She showed me a selection of her drawings. | a selection of songs from 'West Side Story'

II. choice² BrE^{*} AmE^{*} adjective

1. [only before noun] **formal** choice food is of very good quality:

▪ choice steak

▪ We select only the choicest apples for our pies.

2. **a few choice words/phrases** if you use a few choice words, you say exactly what you mean in an angry way:

▪ He told us what he thought of the idea in a few choice words.

choice

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