

prime

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1. [praɪm] *n*
- 1) начало, начальный период
 - 2) *поэт.* весна (*тж.* the prime of the year)
 - 3) расцвет, лучшее время
in the prime of (one's) life, in one's prime - в расцвете сил; во цвете лет
to be cut off in one's prime - а) погибнуть в расцвете лет (*о человеке*); б) быть задушенным в зародыше (*о плане и т. п.*)
he is past his prime - пора (его) расцвета миновала; его лучшие годы позади
 2. лучшая часть (*чего-л.*)
 3. 1) *церк.* заутреня (*у католиков*)
 - 2) рассвет; заря
 4. *муз.* прима; основной тон
 5. *мат.*
 - 1) *сокр.* от prime number [*см.* prime1 II 2]
 - 2) прим, знак штриха (')
 6. *фехт.* прим-позиция, первая позиция
 7. = primero
2. [praɪm] *a*
- 1) первоначальный
prime cause - первоначальная причина, первопричина
prime entry - первоначальная *или* предварительная таможенная декларация
prime coating - а) *спец.* грунтовка; б) *стр.* первый намет (*штукатурки*)
 - 2) первичный, исходный
prime cost - *эк.* себестоимость
prime mover - *тех.* первичный двигатель
the prime postulate of his theory - исходное положение в его теории
 2. простой, несоставной
prime number - *мат.* простое число
 3. главный, важнейший; первый, основной
prime advantage - важнейшее /основное/ преимущество
prime factor - главный /основной/ фактор
of prime importance - важнейший, первостепенной важности
articles of prime necessity - предметы первой необходимости
 4. превосходный, отличный, первоклассный, лучшего качества
prime beef - отличная /первосортная/ говядина, говядина высшего сорта
prime bill - *эк.* первоклассный (банковский) вексель
in prime condition - в превосходном состоянии
3. [praɪm] *v*
1. *воен.*
 - 1) воспламенять
 - 2) вставлять запал *или* взрыватель
 - 3) заряжать (*мину*)
 - 4) *уст.* затравливать порохом
 2. *тех.*
 - 1) заправлять (*двигатель*); подкачивать топливо (*в карбюратор*)
 - 2) заливать (*насос*) перед пуском
 - 3) наполнять водой (*котёл*)
 3. *разг.* напоить, накормить досыта
well primed with beer - упившись пивом
 4. заранее снабжать сведениями; инструктировать; натаскивать
the witness had been primed by a lawyer - юрист проинструктировал свидетеля
 5. *спец.*
 - 1) грунтовать
 - 2) делать первичную обработку (дорожного покрытия) вяжущим материалом
 6. подвергать (*животное*) первичному воздействию антигена
 7. *биохим.* служить затравкой
 8. *тех.* уносить влагу паром
 9. *мат.* помечать знаком штриха (')
◇ to prime the pump - стимулировать, поощрять; вызывать рост экономической активности

II

[praɪm] *v*
повторяться через (более) короткие интервалы (*о приливе и отливе*)

II

[praɪm] *v редк.*
выпрыгивать из воды (*о рыбе*)

prime
prime **AW** [prime primes primed priming] **adjective, noun, verb** **BrE** [praɪm]
NAmE [praɪm]

adjective only before noun

- main; most important; basic**
 - My prime concern is to protect my property.
 - Winning is not the prime objective in this sport.
 - The care of the environment is of prime importance.
 - He's the police's **prime suspect** in this case.
- of the best quality; excellent**
 - prime (cuts of) beef
 - The store has a prime position in the mall.
- a prime example of sth is one that is typical of it**
 - The building is a prime example of 1960s architecture.
- most likely to be chosen for sth; most suitable**
 - The house is isolated and a prime target for burglars.
 - He's a prime candidate for promotion.

Word Origin:

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Synonyms:

main

major • key • central • principal • chief • prime

These words all describe sb/sth that is the largest or most important of its kind.

main • [only before noun] largest or most important: ▫ Be careful crossing the main road. ◇ ▫ The main thing is to remain calm.

major • [usually before noun] very large or important: ▫ He played a major role in setting up the system.

Major is most often used after **a** with a singular noun, or no article with a plural noun. When it is used with **the** or **my/your/his/her/our/their** it means 'the largest or most important': ▫ Our major concern here is combatting poverty. In this meaning it is only used to talk about ideas or worries that people have, not physical things, and it is also more formal than **main**: ▫ Be careful crossing the major road. ◇ The major thing is to remain calm.

key • [usually before noun] most important; essential: ▫ He was a key figure in the campaign.

Key is used most frequently in business and political contexts. It can be used to talk about ideas, or the part that sb plays in a situation, but not physical things. It is slightly more informal than **major**, especially when used after a noun and linking verb: ▫ Speed is key at this point.

central • (rather formal) most important: ▫ The central issue is that of widespread racism.

Central is used in a similar way to **key**, but is more formal. It is most frequently used in the phrase **sth is central to sth else**.

principal • [only before noun] (rather formal) most important: ▫ The principal reason for this omission is lack of time.

Principal is mostly used for statements of fact about which there can be no argument. To state an opinion, or to try to persuade sb of the facts as you see them, it is more usual to use **key** or **central**: ▫ The key/central issue here is...

chief • [only before noun] (rather formal) most important: ▫ Unemployment was the chief cause of poverty.

prime • [only before noun] (rather formal) most important; to be considered first: ▫ My prime concern is to protect my property.

a/the main/major/key/central/principal/chief/prime **aim/concern**

a/the main/major/principal **road/town/city**

the main/key **thing** is to...

to be **of** major/key/central/prime **importance**

Example Bank:

- Over £100 000 worth of prime lamb was destroyed in the fire.
- Use only prime cuts of beef.
- a prime location in the centre of town

Idiom: ↑ **prime the pump**

noun singular

the time in your life when you are strongest or most successful

- a young woman in her prime
- He was barely 30 and **in the prime of (his) life** .
- These flowers are long **past their prime** .

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Example Bank:

- I'm afraid he's long past his prime.
- She was cut off in her prime, and never lived to see the poems published.

- When he wrote the symphony he was in the prime of his life.
- He was barely 30 and in the prime of (his) life when he had the accident.
- It was late August and the flowers were long past their prime.
- She was then a great artist in her prime.

verb

1. to prepare sb for a situation so that they know what to do, especially by giving them special information

Syn: †brief

- ~ **sb (with sth)** They had been primed with good advice.
 - ~ **sb (for sth)** She was ready and primed for action.
 - ~ **sb to do sth** He had primed his friends to give the journalists as little information as possible.
2. ~ **sth** to make sth ready for use or action
 - The bomb was primed, ready to explode.
 3. ~ **sth** to prepare wood, metal, etc. for painting by covering it with a special paint that helps the next layer of paint to stay on

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	prime
	BrE /praɪm/
	NA mE /praɪm/
he / she / it	primes
	BrE /praɪmz/
	NA mE /praɪmz/
past simple, past participle	primed
	BrE /praɪmd/
	NA mE /praɪmd/
-ing form	priming
	BrE /praɪmɪŋ/
	NA mE /praɪmɪŋ/

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1. prime ¹ **AC** /praɪm/ **BrE** ^m **AmE** ^m **adjective** [only before noun]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: Latin primus '**first**']

1. most important SYN main:

- " Smoking is the prime cause of lung disease.
- " Our prime concern is providing jobs for all young school leavers.
- " He was named as the prime suspect in the murder investigation.
- " Good management is of prime importance in business.

2. of the very best quality or kind:

- " prime rib of beef
- " prime agricultural land
- " The hotel is in a prime location overlooking the valley.

3. be a prime candidate /target (for something) to be the person or thing that is most suitable or most likely to be chosen for a particular purpose:

- " The school is a prime candidate for closure.
- " Old people are a prime target for thieves.

4. prime example a very typical example of something:

- " Blakey Hall is a prime example of a 19th-century building.

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- **main** larger or more important than all the others: the main entrance of the building | the main reason for his decision
- **chief/principal** most important. **Chief** and **principal** are more formal than **main**, and are often used in written English: Coffee is the country's principal export. | What is the company's chief objective?
- **major** very important or serious: Smoking is a major cause of heart disease. | Street crime is becoming a major problem.
- **key** most important, or the one that everything or everyone else depends on: Education is likely to be a key issue in the election campaign. | Hooper was a key member of the team. | Diet is key.
- **number one** *especially spoken* most important or best - this phrase sounds a little informal and it is used especially in spoken English: Reliability is the number one priority. | the number one cause of death | He is still in the number one position.
- **primary** most important - used especially about the most important aim, role, cause, or concern. **Primary** is more formal than **main**: The primary aim of the project was to help students develop their communication skills. | Security is our primary concern. | The primary function of the university was considered to be the teaching of 'the great cultural disciplines'.
- **prime** very important or most important - used especially about the most important reason, cause, or aim, or about the most likely †**target** or †**suspect**. **Prime** is more formal than **main**: Their prime objective is to increase profits for their shareholders. | Tourists are prime targets for theft and robbery.
- **core** most important - used especially about the things that people should pay most attention to: the core skills of reading and writing | He wants the company to focus on its core business - advertising. | The party's core values are individual freedom and

reducing the amount of government bureaucracy.

▪ **central** most important and having more influence than anything else: The U.S. played a central role in the peace negotiations. | a central theme of the book | The central question is, why are people still so attached to their cars?

▪ **predominant** most common, typical, or important: Yellow was the predominant colour everywhere. | High arched windows are a predominant feature in English churches. | New York still has a predominant role in the contemporary art world.

II. **prime**² *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *noun* [singular]

the time in your life when you are strongest and most active

in your prime

▪ She's now 40 and still in her prime.

▪ He is now past his prime.

▪ a man in the prime of life

▪ a young singer who was tragically cut off in her prime (=died while she was in her prime)

III. **prime**³ *BrE* ³ *AmE* ³ *verb* [transitive]

1. **PREPARE SOMEBODY** to prepare someone for a situation so that they know what to do

prime somebody with something

▪ Did you prime her with what to say?

prime somebody for something

▪ He had a shower and primed himself for action.

prime somebody to do something

▪ He had been primed to say nothing about it.

2. **A GUN** to prepare a gun or bomb so that it can fire or explode

3. **PAINT** to put a special layer of paint on a surface, in order to prepare it for the next layer:

▪ All metal surfaces will have to be primed.

4. **prime the pump** *informal* to encourage a business, industry, or activity to develop by putting money or effort into it

5. **WATER** to pour water into a water pump in order to make it ready to work

prime

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RANGE: **2k** **PRIME** ²⁴⁹⁵⁸

prime ²³⁶⁸⁵

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primed ⁷⁴⁶

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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