

# goal

[gəʊl] *n*

- 1) цель, задача  
 one's goal in life - цель в жизни  
 to get a goal - достичь цели
- 2) цель, место назначения  
 my goal is in sight - я уже вижу место своего назначения; ≅ (вдали) показался город, куда я ехал  
 Naples is my goal in this tour - в этой поездке моя конечная цель - Неаполь

## 2. спорт.

- 1) ворота  
 to keep /to stay in/ the goal, to play goal - стоять в воротах, быть вратарём  
 the sides changed goals - команды поменялись воротами
- 2) финиш

## 3. спорт.

- 1) гол  
 to kick /to make, to score/ a goal - забить гол  
 to win [to lose] by three goals - победить со счётом 3:0 [проиграть со счётом 0:3]  
 goal counts [does not count] - мяч считается [не считается] забитым  
 it's a goal!, goal! - гол!
- 2) попадание мяча в корзину (*баскетбол*)  
 goal from the field - попадание мяча в ходе игры

## 4. мета (в Древнем Риме)

◇ to knock smb. for a goal - *амер.* одержать полную победу над кем-л.; нанести сокрушительный удар кому-л.

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**goal** *AW* [goal goals] *BrE* [gəʊl] <sup>u</sup> *NAme* [gouɫ] <sup>u</sup> **noun**



1. (*in sports*) a frame with a net into which players must kick or hit the ball in order to score a point
  - He headed the ball into an open goal (= one that had nobody defending it) .
  - Who is **in goal** (= is the <sup>↑</sup>goalkeeper) for Arsenal?
2. the act of kicking or hitting the ball into the **goal**; a point that is scored for this
  - The **winning goal** was scored by Hill.
  - Liverpool won by three goals to one.
  - United conceded two goals in the first half.
  - a penalty goal

**see also** <sup>↑</sup>drop goal, <sup>↑</sup>golden goal, <sup>↑</sup>own goal

## 3. something that you hope to achieve

**Syn:** <sup>↑</sup>aim

- to work towards a goal
- to **achieve /attain a goal**
- You need to **set yourself** some long-term **goals** .
- Our **ultimate goal** must be the preservation of the environment
- Their goal was to eradicate malaria.

### Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'limit, boundary'): of unknown origin.

### Thesaurus:

**goal** **noun** **C**

• He pursued his goal of becoming a photographer.

**objective** •• **target** •• **aim** •• **object** •• **purpose** •• **plan** • |**formal end** •

goals/objectives/targets/aims/plans **for** sth

work **towards** a/an goal/objective/target/aim

the **main/primary/prime/principal** goal/objective/target/aim/object/purpose

**Goal, objective or target?** **Goals** usually relate to a person or organization's long-term plans. **Targets** are usually specific figures, such as a number of sales, that are set officially, for example by an employer or a government committee. People often set their own **objectives** that they wish to achieve, for example as part of a project, campaign or piece of writing.

### Synonyms:

**target**

objective • goal • object • end

These are all words for sth that you are trying to achieve.

**target** • a result that you try to achieve: ▪ Set yourself targets that you can reasonably hope to achieve. ◊▪ attainment targets in schools

**objective** • (rather formal) something that you are trying to achieve: ▪ What is the main objective of this project?

**goal** • something that you hope to achieve: ▪ He continued to pursue his goal of becoming an actor.

**target, objective or goal?**

A **target** is usually officially recorded in some way, for example by an employer or by a government committee. It is often specific, and in the form of figures, such as number of sales or exam passes, or a date. People often set their own **objectives**: these are things that they wish to achieve, often as part of a project or a talk they are giving. **Goals** are often long-term, and relate to people's life and career plans or the long-term plans of a company or organization.

**object** • the purpose of sth; sth that you plan to achieve: ▪ The object is to educate people about road safety.

**end** • something that you plan to achieve: ▪ He joined the society for political ends. ◊▪ That's only OK if you believe that ▪ the end justifies the means ▪ (= bad methods of doing sth are acceptable if the final result is good) ▪.

**End** is usually used in the plural or in particular fixed expressions.

to work **towards** a(n) target/objective/goal

an **ambitious/major/long-term/short-term/future** target/objective/goal

**economic/financial/business** targets/objectives/goals

to **set/agree on/identify/reach/meet/exceed** a(n) target/objective/goal

to **achieve** a(n) target/objective/goal/end

### Example Bank:

- Bahr made his fifth field goal of the day.
- He kicked the ball into an open goal.
- It is important to have explicit goals.
- Our immediate goal is to earn enough money to keep the business going.
- The equalizing goal came from Cole.
- The fans were annoyed that the team gave away such a soft goal.
- The goalkeeper was injured so a defender had to go in goal.
- The prison service pursues the twin goals of the punishment and rehabilitation of offenders.
- The referee disallowed the goal.
- The second goal came from a penalty.
- They have set themselves some ambitious goals.
- They scored three goals against the home team.
- Two field goals gave the Tigers an early lead.
- Vega scored an unfortunate own goal when he slipped as he tried to clear the ball.
- Visconti scored one goal himself and made two for Lupo.
- We are all working towards a common goal.
- Who's in goal for Arsenal?
- his first goal for Spain
- their goal of providing free university education for everyone
- He continued to pursue his goal of becoming a photographer.
- The company has set itself some long-term organizational goals.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**goal** **S2 W1 AC** /gəʊl \$ ɡoʊl/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: gol 'limit, boundary' (1300-1400)]

1. something that you hope to achieve in the future **SYN aim**:

" Your goal as a parent is to help your child become an independent adult.

### REGISTER

In everyday British English, people often talk about what someone **is aiming to do** rather than talk about someone's **goal**:

▪ **His goal is to set up his own business.** → He's **aiming to** set up his own business.

2. the area between two posts where the ball must go in order to score in games such as football or ↑**hockey**

**be in goal/keep goal** *British English* (=be the goalkeeper)

3. the action of making the ball go into a goal, or the score gained by doing this:

" I **scored** the first **goal**.

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

#### ■ adjectives

▪ **sb's main/primary goal** My main goal was to get the team to the finals. | The primary goal of the 1917 Revolution was to seize and redistribute the wealth of the Russian empire.

▪ **sb's ultimate goal** (=what they eventually and most importantly hope to achieve) The ultimate goal is a freer, more democratic society.

▪ **an immediate goal** (=that you need to achieve very soon) Our immediate goal is to cut costs.

▪ **a long-term goal** (=that you hope to achieve after a long time) The organization's long-term goal is to gain a strong position in the European market.

▪ **a short-term goal** (=that you hope to achieve after a short time) Companies should not focus only on the short-term goal of profitability.

▪ **sb's personal goal** They had to sacrifice personal goals for their family life.

▪ **a common goal** (=an aim shared by more than one person or organization) Iran and Turkey shared common goals in their handling of the refugee crisis.

▪ **a realistic/achievable goal** Students are encouraged to set themselves realistic goals for academic improvement. | We pushed for what we thought were achievable goals

▪ **an ambitious goal** (=an aim that will be difficult to achieve) The agreement set ambitious goals to cut greenhouse gas emissions worldwide.

▪ **a modest goal** (=an aim that is not too difficult to achieve) Don't try to lose a lot of weight quickly; set yourself a more modest goal.

#### ■ verbs

▪ **have a goal** She had one goal in life: to accumulate a huge fortune.

▪ **work towards a goal** We are all working towards similar goals.

▪ **pursue a goal** Have we gone too far in pursuing the goal of national security?

▪ **achieve/attain/reach your goal** She has worked hard to achieve her goal of a job in the medical profession. | They're hoping to reach their goal of raising £10,000 for charity.

▪ **set (yourself/somebody) a goal** (=decide what you or someone else should try to achieve) It helps if you set yourself clear goals.

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

#### ■ verbs

▪ **score a goal** Robbie Keane scored a goal just before halftime.

▪ **get a goal** It was great that he got that goal so late in the game.

▪ **head a goal** (=score a goal by hitting the ball with your head) Peter Crouch headed England's equalizing goal.

▪ **make a goal** (=help another player to score a goal) Rooney made the goal with a superb pass to Saha.

▪ **concede a goal** (=let the other team score a goal) Arsenal conceded a goal in the final minute of extra time.

▪ **let in a goal** (=let the other team score a goal) Chelsea let in a goal in the 63rd minute.

▪ **disallow a goal** (=not allow a goal to be counted because a rule has been broken) The goal was disallowed for offside.

#### ■ adjectives

▪ **the winning goal** Berbatov scored the winning goal from just outside the box.

▪ **an own goal** (=when a player accidentally puts the ball into his/her own net) Dixon scored an unfortunate own goal against West Ham.

▪ **a last-minute goal** A last-minute goal condemned Fulham to a 0–1 home defeat.

▪ **an equalizing goal** *British English* (=a goal that gives you the same number of points as your opponent) A loud cheer went up as he scored the equalizing goal.

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15000 **752**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **2k GOAL** 62486

goal 35919

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goals 26567

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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35 **128971**<sup>36</sup> *nnu*

7 **313525**<sup>7</sup> *jj*