area ['e(ə)rıə] *n*

vast area - огромная площадь, обширное пространство sown area, area under crops - посевная площадь area sown to wheat, wheat growing area - посевная площадь под пшеницей area under glass - c.-x. площадь под стеклом, закрытый грунт area of a room - площадь комнаты area of bearing - mex. опорная поверхность bombing area - воен. площадь бомбометания area bombing - воен. бомбометаниепо площади area target - воен. цель большой площади area of dispersion - воен. площадь рассеивания 2) мат. площадь area of a triangle - площадь треугольника 2. район, область; зона geographic area - географический район postal area - микрорайон, обслуживаемый почтовым отделением service area - mex. обслуживаемая зона dollar [sterling] area - долларовая [стерлинговая] зона free area - зона свободной торговли area headquarters - штаб района дислокации войск; штаб военного округа 3. сфера (деятельности); область (исследования и т. п.) in the area of language teaching [of foreign policy] - в области преподавания языков [внешней политики] areas of agreement - полит. области согласия; вопросы, по которым возможно или достигнуто соглашение 4. размах, охват; сфера area of thought - кругозор 5. 1) проход, ведущий к входу в подвал area step - ступеньки, ведущие к двери в подвал 2) приямок перед окнами подвального этажа 6. анат. область; поле (коры головного мозга) 7. спец. зона; площадь 8. спорт. зона

area

area AW [area areas] BrE ['eəriə] NAmE ['eriə] noun

PART OF PLACE

1. countable part of a place, town, etc, or a region of a country or the world

- mountainous/desert areas
- rural/urban/inner-city areas
- There is heavy traffic in the downtown area tonight.
- She knows the local area very well.
- John is the London area manager.
- Wreckage from the plane was scattered over a wide area .
- The farm and surrounding area were flooded.

see also tcatchment area, tconservation area, tdevelopment area, tno-go area

2. countable a part of a room, building or particular space that is used for a special purpose

- the hotel reception area
- a play/parking/dining area

see also †rest area, †service area

PARTICULAR PLACE

- 3. countable a particular place on an object
- Move the cursor to a blank area of the computer screen.
- The tumour had not spread to other areas of the body.

SUBJECT/ACTIVITY

4. countable ~ (of sth) a particular subject or activity, or an aspect of it

- the areas of training and development
- Finance is Mark's area.
- The big growth area of recent years has been in health clubs.
- see also [†]grey area

MEASUREMENT

5. countable, uncountable the amount of space covered by a flat surface or piece of land, described as a measurement

- the area of a triangle
- The room is 12 square metres in area.

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

• Britain occupies a total area of 88 798 square miles.

FOOTBALL

6. the area (BrE) (in football ([†]soccer)) = [†]penalty area

• He shot from just outside the area.

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (in the sense 'space allocated for a specific purpose'): from Latin, literally vacant piece of level ground.

Thesaurus:

area noun

1. C

• The whole area was flooded.

region •• part •• zone •• district •• quarter • |BrE neighbourhood • |AmE neighborhood •

a/an eastern/northern/southern/western area/region/parts/zone/district/quarter

an industrial area/region/zone/district/quarter

a residential area/zone/district/quarter/neighbourhood

Area or region? Area has a wide range of meaning and can refer to a part of sth as large as a continent or smaller than a room. A region refers to a large area of a country or continent, especially in terms of its geographical, political or economic importance.

2. C

• The big growth area of recent years has been in health clubs.

sector •• field •• domain •• sphere •• realm •• subject •• branch •• specialism • |especially AmE specialty • |formal discipline •

within/outside the area/sector/field/domain/sphere/realm/discipline the public/private/domestic sector/domain/sphere/realm work in the area/sector/field/domain of sth

Synonyms:

place

site • area • position • point • location • scene • spot • venue

These are all words for a particular area or part of an area, especially one used for a particular purpose or where sb/sth is situated or happens.

place • a particular point, area, city, town, building, etc, especially one used for a particular purpose or where a particular thing happens: • This would be a good place for a picnic.

site • the place where sth, especially a building, is or will be situated; a place where sth happened or that is used for a particular purpose: • They've chosen a site for the new school.

area • a part of a room, building or particular space that is used for a special purpose; a particular place on an object: = the hotel reception area \diamond = Move the cursor to a blank area on the screen.

position • the place where a person or thing is situated; the place where sb/sth is meant to be: • From his position at the top of the hill, he could see the harbour.

The **position** of sb/sth is often temporary: the place where sb/sth is at a particular time.

point • a particular place within an area, where sth happens or is supposed to happen: = the point at which the river divides **location** • a place where sth happens or exists, especially a place that is not named or not known: = The company is moving to a new location.

scene • a place where sth happens, especially sth unpleasant: - the scene of the accident

spot • a particular point or area, especially one that has a particular character or where sth particular happens: • The lake is one of the local • beauty spots •.

venue • the place where people meet for an organized event such as a performance or sports event

at a place/site/position/point/location/scene/spot/venue

in a(n) place/area/position/location/venue

the place/site/point/location/spot/venue where...

the **right** place/site/position/location/spot/venue

a central site/position/location/venue

the/sb's/sth's exact/precise place/site/position/point/location/spot

Example Bank:

- A large building with a floor area of 100m 2 .
- A lot of new people have moved into the area recently.
- Do not use the spray in enclosed areas.
- Few homes in the area had electricity.
- He slowly turned around, surveying the area.
- He was shown to a table in the VIP area.
- I explored the area on my day off.
- I live outside the London area.
- I'll meet you in the reception area.
- Keep storage areas locked.
- · People with this disability can cope well in most areas of life.
- Police patrol the area regularly.

- · Search for area hotels on the website.
- Taxation is a very complex area.
- The course covers two main subject areas.
- The estate covers an area of 106 acres.
- The hotel has an outdoor area that rivals any Las Vegas hotel.
- The primary need is to identify problem areas.
- The proposals contain too many grey areas.
- The proposals contain too many grey/gray areas= aspects that are not clear.
- The research explores three areas.
- The storm surges have brought significant flooding to low-lying coastal areas.
- The storms hit Boston and the surrounding area.
- There have been some exciting new developments in this area.
- Thousands of tourists visit the area every year.
- We are generally pleased with how the scheme is operating but there are one or two areas of concern.
- We are generally pleased with the results but there are a few areas of concern.
- We were in a secluded area far away from the rest of the school.
- Wreckage from the plane was scattered over a large area.
- You can only smoke in designated areas.
- · environmentally sensitive areas
- · people living in socially deprived areas
- the Mount Sunapee ski area in New Hampshire
- the area around San Francisco
- the widening economic gap between urban and rural areas
- Don't ask me about finance— that's Mark's area.
- How do you work out the area of a right-angled triangle?
- Move the cursor to a blank area on the screen.
- The country has a total area of around a million square miles.
- The farm and surrounding area was flooded.
- The province covers an area roughly the size of Wales.
- The report covers several areas of social policy.
- There has been a fall in sales in certain areas.
- a play/parking/dining area
- mountainous/desert areas

area

ar e a S1 W1 AC /'eəriə \$ 'eriə/ BrE AmE noun [countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: 'piece of flat ground]

1. a particular part of a country, town etc:

- Only cheeses made in this area may be labelled 'Roquefort.'
- Crime rates are much higher in urban areas.

area of

Many areas of Africa have suffered severe drought this year.

2. a part of a house, office, garden etc that is used for a particular purpose:

- a <u>no-smoking</u> area
- Their apartment has a large kitchen area.
- Come through into the <u>dining</u> area.
- the <u>reception</u> area of the hotel
- a <u>storage</u> area on the ground floor

3. a particular subject, range of activities, or group of related subjects:

- The course covers three main subject areas.
- This study has clearly identified a major problem area for the National Health Service.
- We're funding research into new areas such as law enforcement technology.

area of

reforms in the key areas of health and education

4. the amount of space that a flat surface or shape covers

area of

- an area of 2,000 square miles
- a formula to calculate the area of a circle

\Rightarrow grey area at \uparrow grey¹(7)

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + area

- a rural area (=in the countryside) Schools in rural areas are often very small.
- an urban area (=in a town or city) 90% of the English population live in urban areas.
- a remote/isolated area (=a long way from towns and cities) a remote area of northeast Afghanistan
- the local area He quickly made friends in the local area.
- the surrounding area (=the area around a place) The tourist office will have a map of the surrounding area.

- outlying areas (=far from the centre of a town, village etc) The programme also includes plans to reforest outlying areas of the city.

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

- a wooded area The plane crashed into trees in a heavily wooded area.
- a mountainous area the mountainous areas of the Massif Central
- a coastal area The bird is found mainly in coastal areas.
- a desert area The hot, dry wind blows in from the desert areas of North Africa.
- a residential area (=a part of a town where people live) They had a large house in a pleasant residential area.
- an industrial area People living in industrial areas are exposed to these types of chemicals.

• a built-up area (=with a lot of buildings close together) New development will not be allowed outside the existing built-up area.

• a deprived area (=where many poor people live) He grew up in one of the toughest and most deprived areas of Glasgow.

• an inner-city area (=the central part of a city, where many poor people live) When will something be done to improve our inner-city areas?

• a middle-class/working-class etc area (=where a particular class of people live) She was born in a working-class area of London.

- a metropolitan area (=a very large city) major metropolitan areas such as Delhi, Bombay, and Calcutta
- a conservation area (=for preserving nature or old buildings) a new scheme to create a nature conservation area

a geographical area (=one that is shown on a map) The survey took place in three geographical areas.

verbs

• move into/out of an area She had just moved into the area and knew very few people. | Many young people are moving out of rural areas.

- keep/stay away from an area The police ordered people to stay away from the area.
- be spread out over a wide area The town is spread out over a wide area.
- be scattered over a wide area Parts of the plane were scattered over a wide area.

COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + area

- the kitchen/dining/bedroom/bathroom area The kitchen area is rather small.
- the living area (=the main room in a house, where people relax) The main living area was on the second floor.

• a reception area (=a desk where visitors arriving in a hotel or large organization go first) Visitors should please report to the reception area.

• a storage area (=a place for keeping things that are not being used) There's a temporary storage area where you can put those boxes.

- a picnic area (=an area outdoors where you can eat a meal) We pulled off the highway into a picnic area for lunch.
- a play area (=a place for children to play) There's a nice play area for the kiddies.
- a no-smoking/non-smoking area The airport terminal is a no-smoking area.
- a smoking area Employers do not have to provide smoking areas.

THESAURUS

- area a part of a town or country, or of the world: They live in a very wealthy area. | coastal areas
- region a large area of a country or the world: the northwest region of Russia | desert regions

• zone an area that is different from other areas around it in some way: a war zone | a no-parking zone | We crossed two different time zonesareas where there is a particular time compared to the rest of the world.

• district one of the areas a city or town is officially divided into, or an area of a city where a particular group live or an activity happens: the Chelsea district of Manhattan | the business/financial/theatre etc district: the financial district of London

• neighbourhood British English, neighborhood American English /'neibəhud \$ -ər-/ an area of a town where people live: a friendly neighbourhood There are lots of trees in our neighborhood.

- suburb an area outside the centre of a city, where people live: a suburb of Boston
- quarter an area of a town or city where people of a particular nationality live: the French quarter of New Orleans
- slum an area of a city that is in very bad condition, where many poor people live: He grew up in the slums of East London.
- ghetto an area of a city where poor people of a particular race or class live: a black baby born in the ghetto

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