

**foundation**

[faʊn'deɪʃ(ə)n] *n*

1. основание (*города и т. п.*), закладка (*фундамента и т. п.*)  
the foundation of London took place at an unknown date - год основания Лондона неизвестен
2. (*часто pl*) фундамент, основание  
the explosion shook the building to its foundations - взрыв потряс здание до самого основания  
to lay the foundation(s) of smth. - а) заложить фундамент чего-л.; б) положить начало чему-л.  
foundation bolt - анкерный /фундаментальный болт  
foundation pit - *стр.* котлован (*фундамента*)
3. 1) основание, обоснование, обоснованность  
the rumour is without foundation - это ни на чём не основанный слух  
2) *pl* основы; принципы  
the foundations of the theory - основы теории
4. основа, базис, база; исходный пункт  
the foundations of smb.'s career [smb.'s fortune] - основа чьей-л. карьеры [чьего-л. состояния]  
to strike at the foundation of smth. - подрывать самую основу чего-л.
5. организация, учреждение, создание  
the foundation of a library - организация библиотеки
6. фонд, пожертвованный на (*какое-л.*) культурное начинание  
to be on the foundation - существовать за счёт пожертвованного фонда
7. (*часто Foundation*) учреждение *или* организация, существующие на пожертвованный фонд
8. *жив.* грунт
9. *текст.* жёсткая подкладка; бортовка
10. = foundation garment
11. *пчел.* вошина
12. = foundation cream

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**foun-da-tion** *AW* [foundation foundations] *BrE* [faʊn'deɪʃn] *AmE* [faʊn'deɪʃn] *noun*



1. **countable, usually plural** a layer of bricks, concrete, etc. that forms the solid underground base of a building
  - The builders are now beginning **to lay the foundations** of the new school.
  - The explosion shook the foundations of the houses nearby.
2. **countable, uncountable** a principle, an idea or a fact that sth is based on and that it grows from
  - Respect and friendship provide a **solid foundation** for marriage.
  - The rumour is **totally without foundation** (= not based on any facts).
  - These stories **have no foundation** (= are not based on any facts).
3. **countable** an organization that is established to provide money for a particular purpose, for example for scientific research or charity
  - The money will go to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.
4. **uncountable** the act of starting a new institution or organization  
**Syn:** ↑ establishment
  - The organization has grown enormously since its foundation in 1955.
  - She used the money to go towards the foundation of a special research group.
5. **uncountable** a skin-coloured cream that is put on the face underneath other make-up  
**Idioms:** ↑ rock something to its foundations ▪ ↑ rock the foundations of something

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **fondation**, from Latin **fundatio(n-)**, from **fundare** 'to lay a base for', from **fundus** 'bottom, base'.

Thesaurus:

**foundation** *noun*

1. **C, usually pl.**
  - They started to lay the foundations of the new school.

**base** • • **bottom** •

(a) **firm/solid/strong** foundations/base  
**have** (a) foundations/base/bottom
2. **C, usually sing.**
  - Friendship provides a solid foundation for marriage.

**basis** • • **base** •

the foundation/basis/base **for/of** sth

a/an ideological /intellectual /philosophical/theoretical/economic foundation/basis/base

form/have sth as/establish/use sth as a/the foundation/basis/base of sth

**Foundation or basis?** **Foundation** is often used to talk about larger and more important things than **basis**

- He laid the foundation of Japan's modern economy.
- These figures formed the basis of their pay claim.

Synonyms:

**basis**

foundation • base

These are all words for the ideas or facts that sth is based on.

**basis** • [usually sing.] a principle, an idea or a fact that supports sth and that it can develop from: ▪ This article will form the basis for our discussion.

**foundation** • [C, U] a principle, an idea or a fact that supports sth and that it develops from: ▪ Respect and friendship provide a solid foundation for marriage. ◇▪ The rumour is totally without foundation ▪ (= is not based on any facts) ▪.

**basis or foundation?**

**Foundation** is often used to talk about larger or more important things than **basis**: ▪ He laid the foundations of Japan's modern economy. ◇▪ These figures formed the basis of their pay claim.

**base** • [usually sing.] an idea, a fact or a situation from which sth is developed ▪ His arguments have a sound economic base. a/the basis/foundation/base **for/of** sth

a **secure/solid/sound/strong/weak** basis/foundation/base

to **form** the basis/foundation/base of sth

to **be without** basis/foundation

Synonyms:

**bottom**

base • foundation • foot

These are all words for the lowest part of sth.

**bottom** • [usually sing.] the lowest part of sth: ▪ Footnotes are given at the bottom of each page. ◇▪ I waited for them at the bottom of the hill.

**base** • [usually sing.] the lowest part of sth, especially the part or surface on which it rests or stands: ▪ The lamp has a heavy base.

**foundation** • [usually pl.] a layer of bricks, concrete, etc. that forms the solid underground base of a building: ▪ to ▪ lay the foundations ▪ of the new school

**foot** • [sing.] the lowest part of sth: ▪ At the foot of the stairs she turned to face him.

**bottom or foot?**

**Foot** is used to talk about a limited number of things: it is used most often with **tree, hill/mountain, steps/stairs** and **page**. **Bottom** can be used to talk about a much wider range of things, including those mentioned above for **foot**. **Foot** is generally used in more literary contexts.

**at/near/towards** the bottom/base/foot of sth

**on** the bottom/base of sth

(a) **firm/solid/strong** base/foundation(s)

Example Bank:

- Concrete foundations have been laid.
- He believes terrorism undermines the very foundations of our society.
- In 1853 Queen Victoria laid the foundation stone of the new palace.
- Rumours of his resignation are entirely without foundation.
- The Fine Arts degree starts with a foundation year.
- The foundation stone was laid in 1911.
- The peace treaty rests on shaky foundations.
- The scandal rocked the legal establishment to its foundations.
- The thunder seemed to shake the very foundations of the building.
- They had dug too deep and undermined the foundations of the house.
- This agreement laid a sound foundation for future cooperation between the two countries.
- We now have a firm foundation to build on.
- a charitable foundation established in 1983
- a private foundation for sport and the arts
- an event which rocked the foundations of British politics
- digging trenches and laying concrete foundations
- malicious gossip which has no foundation
- malicious rumours which have no foundation
- providing a solid foundation for this new democracy
- He laid the foundation of Japan's modern economy.
- Many of the hospitals were originally established by religious foundations.
- The research centre was set up by a charitable foundation.
- The rumour is totally without foundation.
- Worship is the foundation of all the Church's activities.

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**founda**tion **W2 AC** /faʊn'deɪʃən/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun*

1. **BUILDING** [countable] the solid layer of ↑cement, bricks, stones etc that is put under a building to support it:

- It took the builders three weeks to lay the foundations.
- The earthquake shook the foundations of the house.

2. **BASIC IDEA** [countable] a basic idea, principle, situation etc that something develops from  
**foundation of**

- All theories should be built on a foundation of factual knowledge.

**solid/firm foundation**

- The course gives students a solid foundation in the basics of computing.

3. **ORGANIZATION** [countable] an organization that gives or collects money to be used for special purposes, especially for ↑charity or for medical ↑research:

- the British Heart Foundation

4. **ESTABLISHMENT** [uncountable] the establishment of an organization, business, school etc **SYN** **founding**:

- The school has served the community since its foundation in 1835.

5. **be without foundation** (*also* **have no foundation**) *formal* if a statement, idea etc is without foundation, there is no proof that it is true **SYN** **be groundless**:

- Davis dismissed the allegations as being without foundation.

6. **lay/provide the foundation(s) for something** to provide the conditions that will make it possible for something to be successful:

- Careful planning laid the foundations for the nation's economic miracle.

7. **SKIN** [uncountable] a cream in the same colour as your skin that you put on before the rest of your ↑make-up

8. **shake/rock the foundations of something** (*also* **shake/rock something to its foundations**) to completely change the way something is done or the way people think by having a completely new idea:

- Darwin's theory rocked the scientific establishment to its foundations.

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12500 **1833**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **1913**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **3k** FOUNDATION 19134

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foundations 3856

foundational 674

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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