

mostly['məʊstli] *adv*

главным образом; большей частью, обыкновенно, обычно

to work mostly in the morning - работать главным образом /обычно/ по утрам

to be mostly out - почти не бывать дома

the weather was mostly dull - в основном погода стояла пасмурная

his diet was mostly fruits and vegetables - он питался почти только одними фруктами и овощами

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most-ly *BrE* ['məʊstli] [Ⓜ] *NAmE* ['moustli] [Ⓜ] *adverb*

mainly; generally

- The sauce is mostly cream.
- We're mostly out on Sundays.

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- People mostly call him by his surname.

usually •• **generally** •• **normally** •• **most of the time** •• **as a rule** •• **commonly** •• **often** •• **more often than not/as often as not** • | **especially written in general** •

Opp: rarelymostly/usually/generally/commonly/often **known as...**mostly/usually/generally/normally/commonly/often **called/found...**mostly/usually/generally/normally/commonly/often **used**Example Bank:

- Disposal of hazardous waste is mostly handled by the public sector.
- Here the vines are mostly grown at below 100 metres above sea level.
- Mostly he eats in a restaurant.
- People mostly grew their own vegetables.
- She mostly calls me by my last name.

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most-ly *S2 W3* /'məʊstli \$ 'moust-/ *BrE* [Ⓜ] *AmE* [Ⓜ] *adverb*used to talk about most members of a group, most occasions, most parts of something etc **SYN** mainly:

- Green teas are mostly from China or Japan.
- There were about fifteen people in the lounge, mostly women.
- He blamed his parents. Mostly he blamed his dad.

REGISTERIn written English, people often prefer to use **generally** or **for the most part** rather than **mostly**, because they sound more formal:

- Many tourists visit the region, generally for skiing.
- The inhabitants of the village are for the most part elderly.

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- **in general** used when saying that something is usually true in most situations, or about most people or things: In general, temporary jobs are less well-paid. | In general, the bigger a company becomes, the harder it is to maintain customer satisfaction.
- **generally** another way of saying 'in general', which is often used before a verb. **Generally** can also be used to say that most people have a particular opinion: Women generally live longer than men. | Newton is generally regarded as the father of modern science.
- **generally speaking/as a rule** other ways of saying 'in general': Generally speaking, large breeds of dog are becoming less popular. | He's a singer who doesn't do interviews, as a rule. | The graduates are, generally speaking, a confident and articulate group of young people.
- **mostly/mainly/largely** used when saying that something is true about most people or things, or about most of something. **Largely** is slightly more formal than **mostly** or **mainly**: The disease mainly affects women. | Their attempts were largely unsuccessful. | The students were mostly French and German, but there were a few Japanese students too.
- **for the most part** used when saying that something is true in most cases, but not in every case: These problems have for the most part been resolved. | For the most part, the gangs were made up of boys aged between 11 and 16.
- **by and large/on the whole** used for saying that something is true in most ways or in most cases: The project was, by and large, a success. | On the whole, people were very friendly.

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