

lot[lɒt] *n*

1. жребий
 - to cast [to draw] lots - бросать [тянуть] жребий
 - to settle /to decide/ smth. by lot - решить что-л. по жребью /жеребьевкой/
 - to choose smb. by lot - выбрать кого-л. жеребьевкой
 - the lot came to /fell upon/ me - жребий пал на меня
2. судьба, доля, участь
 - to cast /to throw/ in one's lot with smb. - (согласиться) разделить чью-л. судьбу
 - to fall to the lot of smb. - выпасть на долю кому-л.
 - his lot has been a hard one - его судьба была суровой
3. *амер.* участок (земли)
 - parking lot - стоянка автомобилей
 - building lot - строительный участок
 - across lots - напрямик, кратчайшим путём
4. 1) партия, серия (*товаров, изделий*)
 - lot production - серийное производство
 - we have received a new lot of hats - мы получили новую партию шляп
- 2) *бирж.* лот (*партия ценных бумаг*)
- 3) *воен.* партия (*боеприпасов*)
- 4) вещь на аукционе или несколько вещей, проданных на аукционе за общую цену
5. (the lot) всё; все (*мж.* the whole lot, all the lot)
 - that the lot - это всё
 - go away, the whole lot of you /all the lot of you/ - убирайтесь, вы все /вся ваша компания/
 - she wants a car, a fridge, and a colour TV - the lot! - ей нужна машина, холодильник, цветной телевизор - всё сразу!
6. 1) (*с прилагательными*) *разг.* человек
 - a bad lot - негодяй; тёмная личность
- 2) люди
7. *разг.* большое количество, множество
 - a lot of - много, множество
 - lots and lots of - огромное количество (*кого-л., чего-л.*)
 - lots of people came - народу собралось очень много
 - I have seen a lot in my time - я многое повидал на своём веку
 - he plays a lot of football - он много играет в футбол
 - I don't see a lot of him nowadays - мы с ним мало /редко/ видимся нынче
8. налог, пошлина
9. *кино* место киносъёмок
 - lot hopper - *амер. сл.* «девушка при студии»; статистка; участница массовых сцен
10. выигравший лотерейный билет

lot

гораздо, намного

- a lot better - гораздо лучше
- a lot more - намного больше
- to read a lot - много читать
- a lot you care! - *ирон.* очень вы заботитесь, вам и дела нет!
- he is lots older than I - он гораздо старше меня
- the patient became a lot worse - больному стало намного хуже
- we went to the theatre a lot - мы часто ходили в театр

lot

1. 1) дробить, делить на части, разбивать на участки (*мж.* lot out)
- 2) распределять, назначать
2. *редк.* бросать жребий

lot**lot** [lot lots lotted lotting] *pronoun, determiner, adverb, noun* BrE [lɒt] ¹ NAmE

[lɑː]

pronoun a lot (*also informal lots*) ~ (to do)

a large number or amount

- 'How many do you need?' 'A lot.'
- Have some more cake. There's lots left.
- She still has **an awful lot** (= a very large amount) to learn.
- He has invited nearly a hundred people but a lot aren't able to come.

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Idioms: ↑**all over the lot** ▪ ↑**bad lot** ▪ ↑**by lot** ▪ ↑**draw lots** ▪ ↑**fall to somebody's lot** ▪ ↑**throw in your lot with somebody**

determiner a lot of (also informal lots of)

a large number or amount of sb/sth

- What a lot of presents!
- A lot of people are coming to the meeting.
- black coffee with lots of sugar
- I saw a lot of her (= I saw her often) last summer.

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adverb (informal)

1. a lot (also informal lots) used with adjectives and adverbs to mean 'much'

- I'm feeling a lot better today.

- I eat lots less than I used to.
- 2. a lot** used with verbs to mean 'a great amount'
 - I care a lot about you.
 - Thanks a lot for your help.
 - I play tennis quite a lot (= often) in the summer.

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noun

WHOLE AMOUNT/NUMBER

- 1. the lot, the whole lot** singular + singular or plural verb (informal) the whole number or amount of people or things
 - He's bought a new PC, colour printer, scanner—the lot.
 - Get out of my house, **the lot of you** !
 - **That's the lot!** (= that includes everything)
 - **That's your lot!** (= that's all you're getting)

GROUP/SET

- 2. countable + singular or plural verb** (especially BrE) a group or set of people or things
 - The first lot of visitors has/have arrived
 - I have several lots of essays to mark this weekend.
 - (informal) What do **you lot** want?

ITEMS TO BE SOLD

- 3. countable** an item or a number of items to be sold, especially at an ↑auction
 - Lot 46: six chairs

AREA OF LAND

- 4. countable** an area of land used for a particular purpose
 - a parking lot
 - a vacant lot (= one available to be built on or used for sth)
 - (especially NAmE) We're going to build a house on this lot.

LUCK/SITUATION

- 5. singular** a person's luck or situation in life

Syn: ↑destiny

 - She was feeling dissatisfied with her lot.

more at the best of a bad lot **at** ↑best _{n.}

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Synonyms:

land

lot • ground • space • plot

These words all mean an area of land that is used for a particular purpose.

land • an area of ground, especially one that is used for a particular purpose: ▪ agricultural land

lot • (NAmE) a piece of land that is used or intended for a particular purpose: ▪ building lots ◇▪ a parking lot

ground • an area of land that is used for a particular purpose: ▪ The kids were playing on waste ground near the school. ◇▪ the site of an ancient burial ground

land, lot or ground?

Land is used for large areas of open land in the country, especially when it is used for farming. A **lot** is often a smaller piece of land in a town or city, especially one intended for building or parking on. **Ground** is any area of open land; a **ground** is an area of land designed or used for a particular purpose or activity.

space • a large area of land that has no buildings on it: ▪ The city has plenty of open space. ◊▪ the ▪ wide open spaces ▪ of the Canadian prairies

plot • a small piece of land used or intended for a particular purpose: ▪ She bought a small ▪ plot of land ▪ to build a house. ◊▪ a vegetable plot

lot or plot?

Either a **lot** or a **plot** can be used for building on. Only a **plot** can also be used for growing vegetables or burying people. an **open** space

open/empty/vacant/waste/derelict land/ground
a/an **empty/vacant** lot/plot

Example Bank:

- I had an awful lot of work to do.
- I've got an awful lot of work to do before I go on holiday.
- Our house is built on a lot that's somewhat below street level.
- She bought the whole lot.
- There's not a whole lot of difference between them.
- a hell of a lot of money
- abandoned lots converted into baseball fields
- the market for homes on smaller lots
- Building lots will cost between \$100 000 and \$500 000.
- He backed the car into the parking lot.
- He threw in his lot with the pirates.
- It fell to her lot to organize the Christmas party.
- Shall I put this lot with the others?
- She was feeling very dissatisfied with her lot.
- Some kids were playing ball in a vacant lot.
- The first lot of visitors has/have arrived

See also: ↑lots

lot

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I. **lot**¹ **S1 W1** /lɒt \$ laʊt **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ *pronoun, adverb*

1. **a lot** (also **lots informal**) a large amount or number:

- We've spent a lot on the children's education.
- 'How many CDs have you got?' 'Lots.'

a lot of

- They paid a lot of money for that house.
- I eat a lot of vegetables.
- There were lots of people at the party.

an awful lot (also **a whole lot informal**) (=a very large amount or number)

- He spends an awful lot of time on the computer.

a lot to do/learn/say etc

- I still have a lot to learn.
- It's a great city, with lots to see and do.

GRAMMAR

Use a singular verb if you are using **a lot of** or **lots of** before an uncountable noun, and a plural verb if you are using it before a plural noun:

- A lot of money was spent on it.
- A lot of people were killed.
- ▶ Do not say 'lot of' or 'a lots of'.
- ▶ Do not use **a lot of** with 'years' or 'days'. Say **many years/days** or **a long time**.

REGISTER

A lot is fairly informal and **lots** is informal. In written English, use **many** followed by a plural noun, or **a large amount** followed by an uncountable noun:

- *This was unpopular for a lot of reasons.* → This was unpopular for many reasons.
- | *They spent a lot of money.* → They spent a large amount of money.

2. **a lot** (also **lots informal**) if someone or something is a lot better, faster, easier etc, they are much better, faster etc **SYN much**:

- My headache's lots better, thanks.
- She has a lot more contact with clients these days.
- You'll get there a lot quicker if you take the motorway.
- The house is a lot tidier now Chris has left home.

3. **a lot** used to say that something happens to a great degree or often:

- Things have changed a lot since I was a child.
- Paul travels a lot on business.
- I've been worrying a lot about my health.
- She likes you a lot.

4. **have a lot on your plate** *informal* to have a large number of problems to deal with or a large amount of work to do

5. **have a lot on your mind** to have a lot of problems that you are worried about:

" 'You're quiet today.' 'I've got a lot on my mind.'

6. **have a lot on** *British English* to be very busy, with a large number of things to do in a short time:

" I can't help you now – I've got rather a lot on.

⇒ **thanks a lot** at ↑**thanks**¹(1), ⇒ **a fat lot of good/use** at ↑**fat**¹(5), ⇒ **have a lot to answer for** at **ANSWER FOR**(2)

II. **lot**² **S2** *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

[**Language**: Old English; **Origin**: hlot '*object used for making a choice by chance*']

1. **GROUP OF PEOPLE/THINGS** [**countable**] a group of people or things considered together:

" Could you help me carry this lot upstairs?

lot of

" The last lot of people offered £70,000.

" I did three lots of exams last summer.

" Come on, you lot, hurry up!

" His friends are a strange lot.

2. **the lot** *especially British English* the whole of an amount or number of things, people etc:

" We'll do everything – cooking, washing, ironing – the lot.

" I can't believe you ate the whole lot.

" I think that's the lot (=everything is included).

the lot of you/them/us (=all of you, them, or us)

" Shut up, the lot of you!

3. **SB'S SITUATION** [**singular**] your lot is your work, duties, social position etc, especially when they could be better:

" She seems happy enough with her lot.

" The unions have always tried to improve the lot of their members.

4. **LAND** [**countable**] *especially American English* an area of land used for building on or for another purpose:

" the vacant lot (=empty land) behind the Commercial Hotel

" a used-car lot ⇒ ↑**parking lot**

5. **FILM** [**countable**] a building and the land surrounding it where films are made **SYN studio**:

" the Universal Studios lot

6. **THING TO BE SOLD** [**countable**] something, or a group of things, that is sold at an ↑**auction**:

" Lot 54 is a Victorian lamp.

7. CHOOSING

a) **by lot** if someone is chosen by lot, several people each take a piece of paper or an object from a container, and the person who is chosen is the one who gets a particular marked paper or object:

" In Athens at that time, judges were chosen by lot.

b) **draw/cast lots** to choose something or someone by lot:

" We drew lots to decide who should go first.

8. **throw in/cast your lot with somebody/something** to join or support someone or something, and accept that what happens to them will affect what happens to you:

" In 1915 Italy threw in her lot with the Allies.

⇒ **bad lot** at ↑**bad**¹(21), ⇒ **a job lot** at ↑**job**(17)

lot

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RANGE: **1k LOT** 239108

lot 213714

lots 25394

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