

**outline**

**1. ['aʊtlaɪn] n**

1. *часто pl* контур, обвод, абрис, очертание

the outlines of the skyscrapers - силуэты небоскрёбов

to draw smth. in outline - нарисовать /начертить/ контур чего-л.

the outline of Italy suggests a boot - по своим очертаниям Италия напоминает сапог

2. набросок; эскиз

make an outline of the scene before you paint - прежде чем писать картину, сделайте набросок

3. 1) план; конспект

an outline of a composition [of a lecture, of a book] - план сочинения [лекции, книги]

outline of qualifications - сведения об образовании (*для анкеты*)

to give a brief outline of a speech - составить /предложить/ краткий план речи

2) план, схема

she drew the outline of the building from memory - она по памяти начертила план здания

4. очерк, обзор

an outline of European History - очерки по истории Европы (*название книги*)

5. *pl* основы, основные принципы

the outlines of Economics - основы экономической науки

◇ in outline - а) в общих чертах; he presented his idea in outline - он вкратце изложил свою мысль; б) нечётко; неясно

the shore was dimly seen only in outline - были видны лишь неясные очертания берега

**2. ['aʊtlaɪn] v**

1. 1) обвести, нарисовать контур

outline France on this map with a red pencil - обведите на карте Францию красным карандашом

2) оттенять, очерчивать

to be outlined against - выделяться на фоне (*чего-л.*)

2. изложить вкратце, обрисовать, наметить в общих чертах

to outline a scheme - наметить проект в общих чертах

don't bother to outline every chapter - не стоит излагать каждую главу

she outlined her plans for a trip abroad - она в общих чертах рассказала о предстоящей поездке за границу

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**out-line** [outline outlines outlined outlining] verb, noun BrE ['aʊtlaɪn] <sup>1</sup> NAmE

['aʊtlaɪn] <sup>2</sup>

verb

1. ~ sth (to sb) | ~ what, how, etc... to give a description of the main facts or points involved in sth

**Syn:** ↑sketch

• We outlined our proposals to the committee.

2. usually passive ~ sth (against sth) to show or mark the outer edge of sth

• They saw the huge building outlined against the sky.

**Verb forms:** verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	outline
	BrE / 'aʊtlaɪn/
	NAmE / 'aʊtlaɪn/
he / she / it	outlines
	BrE / 'aʊtlaɪnz/
	NAmE / 'aʊtlaɪnz/
past simple, past participle	outlined
	BrE / 'aʊtlaɪnd/
	NAmE / 'aʊtlaɪnd/
-ing form	outlining
	BrE / 'aʊtlaɪnɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'aʊtlaɪnɪŋ/

**Thesaurus:**

**outline** verb T

• He roughly outlined the plot of the opera.

**sketch** • • **set sth out** • | especially AmE **lay sth out** •

outline/sketch/set out/lay out sth for sb

outline/sketch/set out/lay out a **plan/programme**

outline/sketch/set out/lay out the **details**

**Example Bank:**

• He roughly outlined the plot of the opera.

• She outlined to Mona the details of her mother's relationship.

• the plan outlined above

• the policies outlined to Parliament on May 20th

• Let me briefly outline what we are trying to achieve.

noun countable, uncountable

1. a description of the main facts or points involved in sth

- This is a brief outline of the events.
  - You should draw up a plan or outline for the essay.
  - The book describes **in outline** the main findings of the research.
  - an **outline agreement / proposal**
2. the line that goes around the edge of sth, showing its main shape but not the details
- At last we could see the dim outline of an island.
  - an **outline map/sketch**
  - She drew the figures **in outline** .

### Thesaurus:

**outline** noun

#### 1. C

- This is a brief outline of the events.

**summary** • **overview** • **sketch** • **synopsis** • |especially spoken **rundown** • |technical **abstract** •

a/an outline/summary/overview/sketch/synopsis/rundown/abstract of sth

**in** outline/summary

**give sb** a/an outline/summary/overview/sketch/synopsis/rundown

**provide** a/an outline/summary/overview/sketch/synopsis/abstract

**Outline, summary or overview ?** A **summary** is always made after the full version of sth has been written or recorded. An **outline** can be given before the full version has been worked out

- Draw up an outline for the essay before you start.

An **overview** is similar to an **outline**, but the emphasis is more on the fact that sb wants to look for general trends across a wide area, rather than that the details are still to be worked out.

#### 2. C

- We could see the dim outline of an island.

**shape** • **silhouette** • **profile** • **form** • **line** • |written **contour** •

**in** outline/shape/silhouette/profile/form

**make out/see** a/an outline/shape/silhouette/form

**trace** the outline/shape/line/contours

### Example Bank:

- Here's the plan in outline.
- I could just make out the dim outlines of the house in the mist.
- The children made an outline of their hands.
- The sharp outline of the island had become blurred.
- Write an outline for your essay.
- a brief outline of Chinese history
- to cut around the outline
- She drew the figures in outline.
- The article describes in outline the main findings of the research.
- The government proposed the outlines of a new tax.
- The students added the position of the main cities to an outline map of the country.

## outline

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

1. **outline** <sup>1</sup> /'aʊtlaɪn/ BrE <sup>1</sup> AmE <sup>1</sup> noun

1. [uncountable and countable] the main ideas or facts about something, without the details:
- a research proposal outline

**outline of**

- an outline of world history

**broad/rough/general outline**

- a broad outline of the committee's plans

**in outline**

- A debt reduction scheme was agreed in outline (=people agreed on its main points).

2. [uncountable and countable] a line around the edge of something which shows its shape

**outline of**

- The outlines of animals were cut into the rock.

- an outline map of Europe

**in outline**

- figures drawn in outline

3. [countable] a plan for a piece of writing in which each new idea or fact is separately written down:

- Always write an outline for your essays.

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

#### ■ adjectives

- a **broad/general outline** (=the main ideas or parts of something rather than all the details) The report gives only a broad outline of the company's performance.
- a **brief outline** Each chapter begins with a brief outline of the topics covered in the chapter.
- a **basic outline** I remembered the basic outline of the story, but not how it ended.

▪ **a rough outline** (=one that has no details and that might change) Thompson gave me a rough outline of what had happened at the previous meeting.

▪ **the bare outline** (=one with no details at all) The paragraph gives readers only the bare outline of Milton's life.

#### ■ verbs

▪ **give somebody an outline** The leaflet gives you an outline of the Party's main policies.

▪ **provide an outline** The first chapter provides an outline of the theory of evolution.

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

#### ■ adjectives

▪ **a vague/dim outline** (=difficult to see) I could just make out a vague outline of a barn.

▪ **a blurred outline** (=unclear) Through the spaces between the bars he saw the blurred outline of the oil derrick high in the sky.

▪ **a clear/sharp outline** Peeling off the tape after the paint has dried leaves a clear outline to the shapes.

#### ■ verbs

▪ **draw an outline** First, I draw out the outline of the leaf onto paper, and start adding areas of colour.

▪ **trace an outline** (=draw the outline of something, usually with your finger or toe) She traced the outline of his lips with her fingers.

#### ■ outline + NOUN

▪ **an outline map** an outline map of the island

▪ **an outline drawing/sketch** Once I am happy with the outline sketch, I start painting.

## II. **outline** <sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>2</sup> *AmE* <sup>2</sup> *verb* [transitive]

1. to describe something in a general way, giving the main points but not the details:

▪ The new president outlined plans to deal with crime, drugs, and education.

2. [usually passive] to show the edge of something, or draw around its edge, so that its shape is clear:

▪ a map with our property outlined in red

▪ trees outlined against the sky

## outline

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