

**minus****1. ['maɪnəs] n**1. *мат.*1) знак минус, минус (*тж.* the minus sign)

2) отрицательная величина

2. минус, недостаток, пробел

3. *воен.* недолёт (*снаряда*; *тж.* minus round)**2. ['maɪnəs] a**1) *спец.* отрицательныйminus charge - *эл.* отрицательный зарядminus grade - *дор.* уклонminus quantity - *мат.* отрицательная величина [*ср. тж.* 2)]

the minus sign - знак минус

2) *разг.* несуществующийit is a minus quantity - этого не существует [*ср. тж.* 1)]**3. ['maɪnəs] prep**

1) минус

ten minus eight leaves /is/ two - десять минус восемь равняется двум

2) *разг.* без, лишённый

a book minus its cover - книга без переплёта

a pedestal minus its statue - пьедестал без статуи

he managed to escape, but minus his luggage - ему удалось удрать, но пришлось оставить /бросить/ пожитки

he came back from the war minus a leg - он вернулся с войны без ноги

**minus**

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**minus** [minus minuses] preposition, noun, adjective BrE ['maɪnəs] <sup>m</sup> NAmE['maɪnəs] <sup>m</sup>

preposition

**1.** used when you **↑subtract** (= take away) one number or thing from another one

• Seven minus three is four (7 - 3 = 4).

• the former Soviet Union, minus the Baltic republics and Georgia

**2.** used to express temperature below zero degrees

• It was minus ten.

• The temperature dropped to minus 28 degrees centigrade (-28°C).

**3. (informal) without sth that was there before**

• We're going to be minus a car for a while.

• The group found itself minus a bass player.

**Opp:** **↑plus**, **see** plus or minus **at** **↑plus** *prep.*Word Origin:late 15th cent.: from Latin, neuter of **minor** 'less'.

noun

**1. (also 'minus sign)** The symbol (-), used in mathematics**2. (informal) a negative quality; a disadvantage**

• Let's consider the pluses and minuses of changing the system.

**Opp:** **↑plus**Word Origin:late 15th cent.: from Latin, neuter of **minor** 'less'.

adjective

**1. (mathematics) lower than zero**• a **minus figure/number****2. making sth seem negative and less attractive or good**• What are the car's **minus points** (= the disadvantages) ?• **On the minus side**, rented property is expensive and difficult to find.**3. not before noun** (used in a system of marks/grades) slightly lower than the mark/grade A, B, etc

• I got (a) B minus (B-) in the test.

**Opp:** **↑plus**Word Origin:late 15th cent.: from Latin, neuter of **minor** 'less'.**minus**

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**I. 'minus sign** BrE <sup>m</sup> AmE <sup>m</sup> (also **minus**) noun [countable]a sign (-) showing that a number is less than zero, or that the second of two numbers is to be **↑subtracted** from the first ⇒ **plus sign****II. mi** **ˌ**nʌs <sup>1</sup> /'maɪnəs/ BrE <sup>m</sup> AmE <sup>m</sup> preposition

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: 'less', from minor 'smaller']

1. used to show that one number or quantity is being ↑**subtracted** from another **OPP plus**:

" 17 minus 5 is 12 (17 – 5 = 12).

" The payment will be refunded to you minus a small service charge.

2. **informal** without something that would normally be there, or that used to be there:

" He came back minus a couple of front teeth.

III. **minus**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " **noun** [countable]

1. something that is a disadvantage because it makes a situation unpleasant **SYN drawback** **OPP plus**:

" There are both pluses and minuses to living in a big city.

2. a ↑**minus sign**

IV. **minus**<sup>3</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " **adjective**

1. [**only before noun**] *British English* used to talk about a disadvantage of a thing or situation **OPP plus**:

" 'Any minus points?' 'Well, the engine is rather noisy.'

" On the minus side, there is no free back-up service if things go wrong.

2. less than zero – used especially when talking about temperatures:

" At night temperatures sometimes fall to minus 30°.

" a minus quantity

3. **A minus/B minus etc** a mark used in a system of judging students' work. An 'A minus' is slightly lower than an 'A', but higher than a 'B'. **OPP plus**

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## minus

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