#### **year** [jıə,jɜ:] *n*

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1. год this [last, next] year - в этом [в прошлом, в будущем] году academic /school/ year - учебный год business year - хозяйственный год fiscal /financial/ year - бюджетный /финансовый год calendar /legal, civil, artificial/ year - календарный год basal /base, reference/ year - эк. базисный год current year - текущий год astronomical /natural, solar, tropical, equinoctial/ year - (астрономический) тропический год leap year - високосный год lunar year - лунный год siderial year - сидерический /звёздный/ год Sabbatic(al) year - а) каждый седьмой год, когда пашня и виноградники остаются под паром (в древнем и современном Израиле); б) (творческий) отпуск на год или полгода (предоставляется раз в семь лет преподавателю колледжа или университета для учёбы, путешествия или отдыха) year under review- отчётный год twenty years ago - двадцать лет назад once a year - раз в год next year - в следующем году this day next year - ровно через год in the year 1866 - в 1866 году in the year of grace - ирон. в наши дни, в наш век in a year's time - через год we shall return one year from today - мы вернёмся (ровно) через год the year round - круглый год year in (and) out - из года в год from year to year, year by year, year after year - каждый год; с каждым годом; год от году (a) year and (a) day - юр. (полный) год a three year period - трёхлетний период /срок/ first [second] year student - первокурсник [второкурсник] Happy New Year! - с Новым годом! to see the old year out, the new year in - проводить старый и встретить Новый год 2. pl 1) возраст, годы he is old [young] for his years - он выглядит старо [молодо] (для своих лет) a man in /of/ years - пожилой человек, человек в годах to grow /to be getting on, to advance/ in years - стареть to die full of years - умереть в расцвете лет he is twenty years old - ему двадцать лет she is in her twentieth year - ей (идёт) двадцатый год I hope to live to your years - надеюсь дожить до ваших лет 2) длительный период времени years ago - очень давно in years to come - в будущем

I haven't seen him for /in/ years - я не видел его целую вечность

 $\diamond$  in /from, since/ the year dot /one/ - *шутл*. в незапамятные времена;  $\cong$  при царе Горохе

I'vehad this coat since the year dot - я уже столько лет таскаю это пальто

# year

**year** [year years] BrE [jɪə(r)] <sup>#</sup> BrE [jɜ ] <sup>()</sup>] <sup>#</sup> NAmE [jɪr] <sup>#</sup> noun (abbr. yr)

1. (also calendar 'year) countable the period from 1 January to 31 December, that is 365 or 366 days, divided into 12 months • in the year 1865

- I lost my job earlier this year.
- Elections take place every year.

• The museum is open all (the) year round (= during the whole year) .

#### see also <sup>†</sup>leap year, <sup>†</sup>new year

#### 2. countable a period of 12 months, measured from any particular time

- It's exactly a year since I started working here.
- She gave up teaching three years ago.
- in the first year of their marriage
- the pre-war/war/post-war years (= the period before/during/after the war)
- I have happy memories of my years in Poland (= the time I spent there) .

# see also †gap year, †light year, †off year

- 3. countable a period of 12 months connected with a particular activity
- the academic /school year
- the tax year

# see also financial year

4. countable (especially BrE) (at a school, etc.) a level that you stay in for one year; a student at a particular level

- We started German in year seven.
- a year-seven pupil
- The first years do French.
- She was in my year at school.
- 5. countable, usually plural age; time of life
  - He was 14 years old when it happened.
  - She looks young for her years.
  - They were both only 20 years of age .
  - a twenty-year-old man
  - · He died in his sixtieth year.
  - She's getting on in years (= is no longer young).

# 6. years plural (informal) a long time

- It's years since we last met.
- They haven't seen each other for years .
- That's the best movie l'veseen in years .
- We've had a lot of fun over the years .

**more at** of advanced years **at 1advanced**, sb's declining years **at 1decline** <sub>v.</sub>, donkey's years **at 1donkey**, the seven year itch **at 1seven**, the turn of the century/year **at 1turn** <sub>n</sub>

<u>Idioms:</u> man/woman/car of the year = <sup>1</sup>not in a hundred years = <sup>1</sup>put years on somebody = <sup>1</sup>take years off somebody = <sup>1</sup>year after year = <sup>1</sup>year by year = <sup>1</sup>year dot = <sup>1</sup>year in, year out = <sup>1</sup>year of grace = <sup>1</sup>year of our Lord = <sup>1</sup>year on year <u>See also:</u> <sup>1</sup>calendar year = <sup>1</sup>year one

#### Word Origin:

Old English gē(a)r, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch jaar and German Jahr, from an Indo-European root shared by Greek hora 'season'.

#### Culture:

#### the calendar

Britain and the US follow the Gregorian calendar, which replaced the Roman Julian calendar in 1752. The year is divided into 12 months, with 30 or 31 days in each month, except February, which has 28 days. An extra day is added to February every fourth year, called a **leap year**, to keep the calendar in time with the moon. A well-known verse helps people remember how many days there are in each month: Thirty days hath September, April, June and November. All the rest have thirty-one, Excepting February alone, Which hath twenty-eight days clear, and twenty-nine in each leap year.

The **calendar year** starts on 1 January, <sup>1</sup>New Year's Day. The number of each year (2003, 2004, et c.) represents the number of years that have passed since the birth of Jesus Christ. The year 2000 marked the end of the second **millennium** (= a period of 1 000 years) since Christ was born. The years before Christ are described as **BC** (= before Christ), e.g. 55 BC, or **BCE** (= before the Common Era). The abbreviations **AD** (Latin **Anno Domini**, meaning 'in the year of the Lord') or **CE** (= Common Era) are put before or after the date for the years after Christ's birth, e.g. AD 44 or 44 AD, but they are not used with years after about 200 AD. Some cultural and religious groups use different calendars: the year 2000 in the Gregorian calendar began during the year 5760 in the Jewish calendar, 1420 in the Islamic calendar and 1921 in the Hindu calendar.

The **academic year** used by schools and colleges in Britain runs from September to July, with short holidays at <sup>†</sup>Christmas and in the spring and a long summer vacation. In the US the academic year runs from August or September to May or June. Many business companies have a **financial year** (= a period of accounting) that runs from April to the following March. The **tax year** in the US is the same as the calendar year but the tax year in Britain begins on 5 April. The reason is that in <sup>†</sup>medieval times the calendar year began on 25 March, not 1 January. When the Gregorian Calendar was introduced, an **adjustment** was needed and 11 days were removed from September 1752. To avoid being accused of collecting a full year's taxes in a short year, the government **extended** the end of the tax year 1752–3 to 4 April.

Many festivals are celebrated during the year. Christmas and Easter are the main Christian festivals. Jews remember Passover and Yom Kippur. Ramadan, a month of fasting, and Eid ul-Fitr are celebrated by Muslims. Diwali, the Hindu festival of light, takes place in October or November, and the Chinese celebrate their new year in January or February. Special occasions such as <sup>1</sup>Bonfire Night in Britain and Thanksgiving in the US are enjoyed by almost everyone.

#### Example Bank:

- Britain was invaded in the year 1066.
- Careful make-up and styling can take years off you.
- He soon realized that a lot had changed in the intervening years.
- He spent his sabbatical year doing research in Moscow.
- He spent last year trying to get a new job.
- He was on a gap year before going to university.
- His early years were spent in San Francisco.
- His wife's death has put years on him.
- I hope to retire in a year/in a year's time.
- I paint the house every single year.
- I visited Morocco 20-odd years ago.
- I'vebeen waiting for this moment all year long.
- In his later years, he drifted away from politics.
- In the past few years, she has become one of our top-selling authors.

- · It happened during the Clinton years.
- It took him ten years to qualify as a vet.
- It's the first time we've met in years.
- It's usually much colder at this time of year.
- Next month, they celebrate fifty years of marriage.
- Over 10 000 people per year are injured in this type of accident.
- Over the past few years, we've made significant changes.
- She died the following year.
- She was born in Spain but spent her formative years in Italy.
- She won the race for the third successive year.
- · She's only ten years old.
- That was in the year of the great flood.
- That year saw the explosion of the Internet.
- The academic year runs from October to June.
- The book represents three years of hard work.
- The chart shows our performance over the past year.
- The children spent the war years abroad.
- The city tour runs all the year round.
- The death rate in any given year.
- The event has not proved popular in past years.
- The global economy means that all types of fruit and vegetables are available throughout the year.
- The last year went by in flash.
- The new range puts us light years ahead of the competition.
- The reforms will be fully implemented by the year 2007.
- The team has suffered a loss of form since the turn of the year.
- They had met once the previous year.
- They're still friends after all these years.
- This year marks the 10th anniversary of her death.
- We aim to do even better in future years.
- We have high hopes for the coming year.
- We lived there for ten years.
- We worked for five long years on this project.
- We're going skiing early in the new year.
- We've been friends for overtwenty years.
- a peak year for exports
- children of tender years
- during the next academic year
- final-year university students
- in the next tax year
- profit for the current year to 31 December
- the boom years from 1993 to 2000
- the early years of the 21st century
- the golden years of motoring
- First and second years usually live in college.
- The language students go abroad in their third year.
- The project is the work of a group of year-seven pupils.
- We didn't start Latin until year nine.
- · Year seven is the first year of secondary school.

#### year

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# year S1 W1 /jɪə, j3 \$ jɪr/ BrE AmE noun [countable]

# [Word Family: noun: <sup>1</sup>year; adverb <sup>1</sup>yearly; adjective: <sup>1</sup>yearly]

#### [Language: Old English; Origin: gear]

1. 12 MONTHS a period of about 365 days or 12 months, measured from any particular time:

- I arrived here two years ago.
- We've known each other for over a year.
- " It's almost a year since Sue died.
- Jodi is 15 years old.
- a three-year business plan
- a four-year-old child

#### be 12/21 etc years of age (=be 12/21 etc years old) ⇒ †financial year, †fiscal year, †light year, †tax year

# **2**. **JANUARY TO DECEMBER**(*also* **calendar year**) a period of 365 or 366 days divided into 12 months beginning on January 1st and ending on December 31st:

- the year that Kennedy died
- in the year 1785

# this/last/next year

- They moved here at the beginning of this year.
- last year's cup final
- She goes there every year.

- The museum attracts 100,000 visitors a year.
- in the early years of last century  $\Rightarrow$  **†leap year**, **†New Year**

#### 3. years

#### a) informal a very long period of time SYN ages:

It's years since I rode a bike.

#### in/for years

- I haven't been there for years.
  - It was the first time in years I'd seen her.

#### b) age, especially old age

# a man/woman/person etc of his/her etc years

- Gordon is very active for a man of his years.
- getting on in years (=no longer young)

# 4. all (the) year round during the whole year:

- It's warm enough to swim all year round. ⇒ <sup>↑</sup>year-round
- 5. year by year as each year passes:
  - Business has steadily increased year by year.
- 6. year after year/year in, year out every year for many years:
  - Many birds return to the same spot year after year.
- 7. PERIOD OF LIFE/HISTORY years [plural] a particular period of time in someone's life or in history:
  - the difficult years following the war
    - Sheila enjoyed her years as a student in Oxford.
- 8. the school/academic year the time within a period of 12 months when students are studying at a school or university
- 9. SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY LEVEL *especially British English* a particular level that a student stays at for one year:
  - a group of year seven students in a year
    - He was in my year at school.
- **10. first/second etc year** *British English* someone who is in their first etc year at school or university: The department offers a study skills programme for all first years.
- 11. musician/player/car etc of the year the musician etc who was voted the best in a particular year
- vote/name something ... of the year
- The new Renault was voted car of the year. 12. year on year compared with the previous year:
  - Sales rose by 39 per cent year on year.
- 13. never/not in a million years spoken used to say that something is extremely unlikely:
- \* Neverin a million years did I think we'd lose.
- **14. the year dot** *British English informal* a very long time ago: Scientists have been involved in war <u>since the year dot</u>.
- 15. put years on somebody/take years off somebody to make someone look or feel older or younger:
- Tina's divorce has put years on her.

#### ⇒ donkey's years at <sup>↑</sup>donkey(2)

# **COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)**

#### adjectives

. . .

- this year She will be eight this year.
- next year I might go to law school next year.
- last year Last year we spent a lot on the house.
- every year They go back to the same resort every year.
- the current year The budget for the current year was £13 million.
- the coming year (=the year that is about to start) Here are some events to look out for in the coming year.
- the past year Over the past year everyone has worked extremely hard.
- the previous year They had married the previous year.
- the following year The following year he was made captain of the team.

the new year (=used to talk about the beginning of the next year) The report is due at the beginning of the new year.
 phrases

- the beginning /start of the year They moved here at the beginning of last year.
- the end of the year Work should finish around the end of the year.

# **COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 7)**

# ADJECTIVES/NOUN + years

- early years Little is known about his early years. | He remembers the early years of television.
- the last/latter/closing years of something He changed his opinion during the last years of his life.
- somebody's childhood/teenage years the home in which she spent her childhood years
- the war years She worked for the BBC during the war years.
- the boom years (=when an economy or industry is very successful) In the boom years, things weren't too bad.
- somebody's retirement years He enjoyed his retirement years in Wales.
- the Bush/Blair etc years (=when Bush, Blair etc was leader) The rich did very nicely during the Thatcher years.
  phrases
- in recent years The number of cases has risen dramatically in recent years.
- in later years In later years he regretted their argument.

• in years gone by (=in the past) The old fort defended the island in years gone by.

**COMMON ERRORS** 

▶ Do not say 'in ancient years' or 'in the ancient years'. Say in ancient times or long ago.

year

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