

lottery['lɒt(ə)rɪ] *n*1) потеря
lottery ticket - лотерейный билет2) дело случая, потеря
a great lottery - дело, имеющее очень мало шансов на успех**lottery**

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lot·tery [lottery lotteries] *BrE* ['lɒtəri] ^m *NAmE* ['lɑːtəri] ^m **noun** (pl. **lot·teries**)1. **countable** a way of raising money for a government, charity, etc. by selling tickets that have different numbers on them that people have chosen. Numbers are then chosen by chance and the people who have those numbers on their tickets win prizes

- the **national/state lottery**
- a lottery ticket

compare ↑draw, ↑raffle2. **singular (often disapproving)** a situation whose success or result is based on luck rather than on effort or careful organization**Syn:** ↑gamble

- Some people think that marriage is a lottery.

see also ↑postcode lotteryWord Origin:mid 16th cent.: probably from Dutch **loterij**, from **lot** 'lot'.Culture:**lotteries**

Britain did not have a national lottery until 1994 when the government finally approved the project despite strong opposition. The **National Lottery** is run by a private company, ↑**Camelot**, which was given the **franchise** (= licence) to run it by the **National Lottery Commission**.

The lottery was an immediate success with the public and its 'crossed fingers' logo, a **gesture** supposed to bring luck, is familiar throughout Britain. Lottery **tickets** are sold at many shops and **supermarkets**. For £1 people choose a row of six numbers between 1 and 49, or take a **lucky dip** of **random** numbers. The **draw** ceremony is broadcast every Saturday and Wednesday night. One of three machines containing 49 numbered balls is switched on and, after the balls have been turned, seven are tipped out. The first six are the winning numbers, the seventh is the **bonus ball**. Anyone who has chosen the six winning numbers wins or shares the **jackpot** (= the main prize), worth several million pounds. People with three, four or five matching numbers, or five plus the bonus ball, can also win prizes. If nobody wins the jackpot there is a **rollover** to the next draw. About 65% of adults play every week. Some also buy **instants**, cards which show, when the surface is scratched off, if the buyer has won a prize.

Most of the money raised by the lottery is shared out among a variety of **good causes** such as the **Heritage Lottery Fund**, the ↑**Arts Council** and **UK Sport**. The lottery is not popular with everyone, and many charities complain that they have received less money from the public since the lottery began.

The US does not have a national lottery but there are lotteries in most states. US lotteries date back to 1776 when the ↑**Continental Congress** gave its approval for lottery tickets to be sold to raise money for the ↑**American Revolution**. America's strong religious groups have always been against long-running lotteries, and lottery games did not become official until the 1970s.

Example Bank:

- A couple scooped £10 million on the national lottery.
- I won my car in a lottery.
- The lottery has raised millions of pounds.
- The second ball rolled from the lottery machine.
- These programs use state lotteries to fund the student awards.
- We're having a lottery to raise money for homeless families.
- a \$3 million lottery jackpot
- the company that ran the state lottery
- Politicians have acknowledged that it is a bit of a lottery who gets funding.

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lot·tery /'lɒtəri \$ 'lɑː-/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **noun** (plural **lotteries**)

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: loterie, from Middle Dutch, from lot 'lot']

1. **[countable]** a game used to make money for a state or a ↑**charity** in which people buy tickets with a series of numbers on them. If their number is picked by chance, they win money or a prize ⇒ **raffle**, **draw**:

- a lottery ticket
- Do you really think winning the lottery would make you happy?

national/state lottery2. **[uncountable and countable]** *American English* a system of deciding who will get something by choosing people's names by chance**by lottery**

- The State Department issues 55,000 visas each year by lottery.

3. **a lottery** a situation in which what happens depends on chance and is not certain to be successful:

- That's the trouble with capitalism. It's a lottery.

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