

mainstay[ˈmeɪnstet] *n*1) *мор.* грота-штаг

2) главная поддержка, опора, оплот

he was the mainstay of the organization - он был оплотом (нашей) организации, на нём держалась вся организация

cotton is the mainstay of the surrounding country - хлопок даёт средства к жизни населению всей территории

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

main-stay [mainstay mainstays] *BrE* [ˈmeɪnstet] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˈmeɪnstet] ^ˈ *noun***usually singular ~ (of sth)**

a person or thing that is the most important part of sth and enables it to exist or be successful

- He is the mainstay of our theatre group.
- Cocoa is the country's economic mainstay.
- Love songs form the mainstay of his act.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

main-stay /ˈmeɪnstet/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun***the mainstay of something****a)** an important part of something that makes it possible for it to work properly or continue to exist:

Agriculture is still the mainstay of the country's economy.

b) someone who does most of the important work for a group or organization:

She was the mainstay of the team.

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