

complex**1. [ˈkɒmpleks] n**

1. комплекс; совокупность
2. комплекс, группа (*зданий и т. п.*)
sports complex - спортивный комплекс
3. 1) *психол.* комплекс
inferiority complex - комплекс неполноценности
- 2) (about) *разг.* закомплексованность, пунктик
he has a complex about his weight - он помешался на своём весе
she has a complex about snakes - она безумно боится змей

2. [ˈkɒmpleks] a

1. сложный, составной, комплексный
complex machinery - сложные машины
complex apparatus - сложный аппарат
complex number - *мат.* комплексное число
complex ore - *горн.* сложная руда, полиметаллическая руда; труднообогатимая руда
2. сложный, трудный, запутанный
complex idea [system] - сложная идея [система]
complex situation - сложное /запутанное/ положение
complex instructions - маловразумительные указания
3. *грам.* сложный
complex object [attribute, adverbial modifier] - сложное дополнение [определение, обстоятельство]
complex sentence - сложноподчинённое предложение

3. [kəmˈpleks] v редк.

1. собирать в одно целое
2. осложнять

complex

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com·plex AW [complex complexes] adjective, noun**adjective** *BrE* [ˈkɒmpleks] ^m ; *NAmE* [kəmˈpleks] ^m ; [ˈkɑːmpleks] ^m

1. made of many different things or parts that are connected; difficult to understand

Syn: ↑complicated

- complex machinery
- the complex structure of the human brain
- a complex road system
- a complex argument/problem/subject

2. (*grammar*) (*of a word or sentence*) containing one main part (= the ↑root of a word or ↑main clause of a sentence) and one or more other parts (called affixes or ↑subordinate clauses)

• In the complex sentence, 'I'd like to go the beach, if it's warm enough', 'I'd like to go to the beach' is the main clause, and 'if it's warm enough' is the subordinate clause.

compare ↑compound ^{adj.}Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- technically complex surgery
- She managed to put over a fairly complex argument in a brilliantly simple way.
- The mechanism involves a complex arrangement of rods and cogs.

noun *BrE* [ˈkɒmpleks] ^m ; *NAmE* [ˈkɑːmpleks] ^m

1. a group of buildings of a similar type together in one place
 - a sports complex
 - an industrial complex (= a site with many factories)
2. a group of things that are connected
 - This is just one of a whole complex of issues.
3. (especially in compounds) a mental state that is not normal
 - to suffer from a guilt complex**see also** ↑inferiority complex, ↑Oedipus complex, ↑persecution complex
4. if sb has a complex about sth, they are worried about it in way that is not normal
 - Don't mention her weight— she has a complex about it.

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Synonyms:

building

property • premises • complex • structure • block

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building • a structure such as a house, office block or factory that has a roof and four walls

property • a building or buildings and the surrounding land; land and buildings: ▪ We have a buyer who would like to view the property. ◇▪ The price of property has risen enormously.

This word is often used when talking about buying/selling houses or other buildings and land.

premises • [pl.] the building or buildings and surrounding land that a business owns or uses: ▪ The company is looking for larger premises.

complex • a group of buildings of a similar type together in one place: ▪ a leisure complex

structure • a thing that is made of several parts, especially a building: ▪ The pier is a wooden structure.

block • (BrE) a tall building that contains flats or offices; a building that forms part of a school, hospital, etc. and is used for a particular purpose: ▪ a block of flats ◇▪ the school's science block

a(n) **commercial/industrial/residential** building/property/premises/complex/block

an **apartment** building/complex/block

a/the **school** building/premises

to **build** a(n) property/complex/structure/block

to **put up** a building/property/structure/block

to **demolish/pull down** a(n) building/property/complex/structure/block

Example Bank:

- Don't keep on at him about his handwriting or he'll get a complex.
- She has a complex about her big ears.
- Don't mention her weight— she has a complex about it.
- He suffers from a guilt complex.
- He will be just one detective working amongst a much bigger complex of colleagues.
- There is a huge complex of different traditions and religions in the area.
- a leisure/sports/shopping complex

complex

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I. **com**plex¹ S3 W2 AC /'kɒmpleks \$,kɑmpleks BrE⁺ AmE⁺ adjective

[Word Family: noun: ↑complexity; adjective: ↑complex]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: complexus, past participle of compecti 'to include (many different things)', from com- (⇒ COM-) + plectere (, ↑plexus)]

1. consisting of many different parts and often difficult to understand **SYN complicated** **OPP simple**:

- a complex system of highways
- Photosynthesis is a highly complex process.
- Peter seemed to have an instant understanding of the most complex issues.
- It was a very complex relationship between two complex people.

2. **technical** a complex word or sentence contains a main part and one or more other parts ⇒ **compound**

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- **complicated** consisting of a lot of different parts or details and therefore difficult to understand: The rules of the game seemed very complicated. | I didn't realize programming the VCR would be so complicated. | The brain is like a very powerful, very complicated computer. | a complicated issue
- **complex** a complex process, relationship etc is difficult to understand because it has a lot of parts that are all connected in different ways: The chemical processes involved are extremely complex. | the complex relationship between government and the media
- **elaborate** having a lot of parts or details and very carefully planned, but often more complicated than is necessary: Mike had worked out an elaborate system for categorizing his collection of DVDs. | The plan to kidnap her had become even more elaborate. | Sociologists have been coming up with increasingly elaborate theories to explain unsafe sexual practices.
- **involved** very long and complicated – use this especially about something that you think should be made simpler: The system for choosing candidates is very involved, and I won't go into it here. | Adopting a child can be a long involved process.
- **convoluted** too complicated and difficult to understand – used especially about someone's language or arguments, or about a system: convoluted sentences | Procedures for government funding have become more convoluted. | James's books are full of long paragraphs and convoluted sentences, which many people do not find appealing.
- **intricate** having a lot of small parts or details – used especially about something that is cleverly designed or made: Lasers are used to cut intricate designs in the metal. | The farmers use an intricate system of drainage canals. | the intricate workings of a watch | intricate patterns of coloured marble

II. **com**plex² AC /'kɒmpleks \$ 'kɑmpleks BrE⁺ AmE⁺ noun [countable]

1. a group of buildings, or a large building with many parts, used for a particular purpose:

- The town has one of the best leisure complexes in the country.
- a three-story apartment complex

2. **a complex of something formal** a large number of things which are closely related:

- China was a complex of different societies.

3. an emotional problem in which someone is unnecessarily anxious about something or thinks too much about something:

- I used to have a complex about my looks.

⇒ ↑inferiority complex, ↑Oedipus complex, ↑persecution complex

COLLOCATIONS

■ types of complex

- **a leisure complex** (=where you can play sports or relax) The new leisure complex includes a swimming pool, a sauna and a gym.
- **a shopping complex** Some old buildings were pulled down to make space for a new shopping complex.
- **a sports complex** The sports complex also has six tennis courts.
- **an entertainment complex** (=with cinemas, restaurants and other places to go) There are plans for an entertainment complex with cinemas and a bowling alley.
- **a holiday complex** (=one where people go for holidays) The lively holiday complex has plenty of nightclubs, bars, and restaurants.
- **a housing/residential complex** (=for people to live in) Architects designed the residential complexes near the beach.
- **a retail/commercial complex** (=for shops, businesses, or industries) a ten-screen movie theater and retail complex
- **an office/museum/hospital etc complex** a 120-acre office complex near Las Vegas
- **an apartment complex** *American English* a luxury apartment complex on Fulton Street

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- **building** a structure such as a house, church, or factory, that has a roof and walls: The college needs money to pay for new buildings.
- **property** *formal* a building or piece of land, or both together - used especially when talking about buying and selling buildings or land: The next property they looked at was too small. | The company received permission to build six residential properties on the land.
- **premises** *formal* the buildings and land that a shop, restaurant, company etc uses: You are not allowed to drink alcohol on the premises. | The bread is baked on the premises.
- **complex** a group of buildings, or a large building with many parts, used for a particular purpose: The town has one of the best leisure complexes in the country. | a luxury apartment complex
- **development** a group of new buildings that have all been planned and built together on the same piece of land: a new housing development | a huge industrial development
- **block** *especially British English* a large tall building that contains apartments or offices, or is part of a school, university, or hospital: an office block | a block of flats | a tower block (=a very tall building - often used disapprovingly) | My next lecture is in the science block.
- **facility** *especially American English* a place or building used for a particular activity or industry: a research facility on campus
- **edifice** *formal* a large building, especially one that is tall and impressive - a very formal use: Their head office was an imposing edifice.
- **structure** *formal* something that has been made to stand upright - used especially when talking about buildings: The stone arch is one of the town's oldest existing structures. | an immense barn-like structure | Mogul calls this building, designed by Donald and John Parkinson in 1928, 'the most important structure in Los Angeles of the 20th century.'

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