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1. [keɪs] *n*

## 1. случай; обстоятельство положение (дел), обстоятельства

the case in point - а) данный случай; случай, относящийся к делу; б) подходящий пример

in any case - во всяком случае; при любых обстоятельствах

we shall speak to him in any case - мы в любом случае поговорим с ним

in that case - в таком случае

in no case - ни в коем случае

in the case of - в отношении, что касается

in the case of children under 14 - в отношении детей до 14 лет

I cannot make an exception in your case - я не могу сделать исключение для вас

if I were in your case - *разг.* на вашем месте я бы

that's the case - да, это так

it /that/ is not the case - это не так; дело не в этом, ничего подобного

is it the case that he has lost his job? - правда ли, что он лишился работы?

this is especially the case (when) - это особенно верно (когда /в том случае, если/)

if that's the case - в таком случае, если дело обстоит так, если это верно /правда/

as was formerly the case - как это бывало /было/ раньше

such being the case - в таком случае, если дело обстоит так; поскольку это так

such is the case with us - вот в каком мы положении, вот как обстоит дело с нами

as the case may /might/ be - в зависимости от обстоятельств (дела); смотря по обстоятельствам

should this be the case - если выйдет /произойдёт, случится/ так

as the case stands - при данном положении дел; в настоящих условиях

to meet the case - а) быть достаточным /удовлетворительным/; подходить, отвечать требованиям; б) разрешить вопрос

as the case may require - как могут потребовать обстоятельства по мере /в случае/ надобности

the case with me is the reverse - у меня наоборот, а у меня не так

this is a case for the dean - этим должен заняться декан

suppose the case were yours - представьте, что дело касалось бы вас

this /it/ is another case - это другое дело

## 2. доводы, доказательства, аргументы, соображения; аргументация

an unanswerable case - неопровержимые доказательства

the case for [against] - аргументы за [против]

the case for disarmament - доводы в пользу разоружения

a case exists for revision of tariffs - есть соображения в пользу пересмотра пошлин

there is the strongest case for self-government - есть самые веские соображения в пользу самоуправления

to have a case - иметь что сказать в своё оправдание /в защиту своей точки зрения/ *и т. п.*

you have a case here - в этом с вами можно согласиться

to have a good case - иметь хорошую аргументацию

you have a good case - это звучит убедительно

to make out a case - доказать (*что-л.*)

to state one's case - изложить свои доводы (*в суде*)

to make out one's case - доказать свою правоту; обосновать свою точку зрения; привести аргументы в пользу своего предложения

to base one's case on smth. - основывать свою аргументацию на чём-л.; в своей аргументации исходить из чего-л.

to put (the) case - привести пример

to put one's case over - добиться своего (*в чём-л.*); провести своё предложение, свой план *и т. п.* (*в отношении чего-л.*)

to press one's case - энергично доказывать свою точку зрения, приводить всё новые доводы; добиваться своего

## 3. 1) судебное дело

criminal cases - уголовные дела

a leading case, a case in precedent - судебный прецедент (*имеющий главное значение при разрешении аналогичных дел*)

a case of circumstantial evidence - дело /обвинение/, в основу которого положены косвенные доказательства /улики/

to try a case - судить, слушать дело; быть судьёй по делу

the case will be tried tomorrow - дело будет слушаться завтра

2) *pl* судебная практика

## 3) доводы, аргументация по (судебному) делу

the case for the prosecution - часть уголовного процесса, охватывающая все относящиеся к обвинению действия

the case for the defendant - факты в пользу ответчика *или* подсудимого

4) казус; судебный прецедент (*тж.* the case of law)

## 5) судебное решение

4. лицо, находящееся под наблюдением, под надзором (*врача, воспитателей, полиции и т. п.*); больной, пациент, исследуемый

cot /lying-down/ case - лежачий больной

walking case - ходячий *или* амбулаторный больной

mental case - психически больной

this child is a difficult case - это трудный ребёнок

he is a hard case - а) он неисправим; б) он закоренелый преступник

## 5. заболевание, случай

case rate - *мед.* заболеваемость

case mortality - *мед.* летальность  
case of emergency - случай /больной/, требующий неотложной помощи

6. клиент (*адвоката и т. п.*)

7. *грам.* падеж

8. *редк.* состояние

out of case - в плохом (физическом) состоянии, нездоровый, не в форме

in case for smth. - готовый к чему-л.

his hat was in a sorry case when he picked it up - его шляпа имела жалкий вид /была в плачевном состоянии/, когда он её поднял

9. *сл.* «тип», чужак

he's a case! - ну и чужак!

10. *сл.* публичный дом (*тж.* case house)

11. *вчт.*

1) регистр клавиатуры

2) оператор выбора (*тж.* case statement)

◇ case of conscience - моральная проблема; дело совести

to get down to cases - перейти к /добраться до/ сути дела

I'm afraid it's a case with him - боюсь, что у него дела плохи /с ним дело обстоит неблагоприятно/

a gone case - безнадёжный случай; пропащее дело

it is a gone case with him - ему теперь крышка

2. [keɪs] *в амер. сл.*

рассматривать; высматривать; присматриваться (*с целью совершения кражи, ограбления*)

he cased the house before robbing it - прежде чем совершить ограбление, он тщательно осмотрел дом

II

1. [keɪs] *n*

1. ящик; коробка; ларец; контейнер

cigarette case - портсигар

case goods - *спец.* грузы в ящичной таре

2. сумка; чемодан; дорожный несессер

attaché case *см.* attaché case

vanity case - дамский несессер (*с пудрой, помадой и т. п.*)

3. 1) футляр; чехол

2) ножны

3) покрывка (*мяча, шины*); оболочка

4. 1) корпус (*часов и т. п.*)

2) *тех.* картер (*двигателя*); камера

3) *тех.* оболочка; кожух

4) кассета

5. *воен.* гильза

6. набор, комплект (*инструментов*)

case of drawing instruments - готовальня

7. 1) витрина; застеклённый стенд

2) горка (*для хрусталя и т. п.*)

3) книжный шкаф (*особ.* двустворчатый)

8. *стр.* коробка (*оконная, дверная*)

9. наволочка

10. *полигр.* наборная касса:

lower [urpeɪ] case - касса строчных [прописных] литер

11. *полигр.* переплётная крышка

2. [keɪs] *v*

1. 1) класть в ящик *и пр.* [*см.* case2 ]

2) упаковывать в ящик, паковать (*тж.* case up)

the vase was cased up for transport - ваза была упакована для перевозки

2. вставлять в оправу

3. (with, in)

1) покрывать

the copper was cased over with silver - на медь был нанесён слой серебра

the doctor cased the limb in plaster - врач наложил гипс на (сломанную) конечность

2) обшивать

cased in armour - одетый в броню

to case a brick wall with stone - облицевать кирпичную стену камнем

4. *горн.* крепить скважину обсадными трубами

5. *сл.* сажать в одиночку

6. *разг.* срывать (*дело*); откладывать (в долгий ящик)

this cases things for a while - теперь всё заглохнет на некоторое время

case

case [keɪs] *noun, verb* BrE [keɪs] <sup>4</sup> NAmE [keɪs] <sup>4</sup>  
*noun*

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## SITUATION

### 1. **countable** a particular situation or a situation of a particular type

- In some cases people have had to wait several weeks for an appointment.
- The company only dismisses its employees in cases of gross misconduct.
- It's a **classic case** (= a very typical case) of bad planning.

**see also** ↑worst-case

### 2. **the case singular** ~ (that...) the true situation

- If that is the case (= if the situation described is true), we need more staff.
- It is simply not the case that prison conditions are improving.

### 3. **countable, usually singular** a situation that relates to a particular person or thing

- In your case, we are prepared to be lenient.
- I cannot make an exception in your case (= for you and not for others).
- Every application will be decided **on a case-by-case basis** (= each one will be considered separately).

## POLICE INVESTIGATION

### 4. **countable** a matter that is being officially investigated, especially by the police

- a murder case
- a case of theft

## IN COURT

### 5. **countable** a question to be decided in court

- The case will be heard next week.
- a court case
- to **win/lose a case**
- When does her case come before the court?

**see also** ↑test case

## ARGUMENTS

### 6. **countable, usually singular** ~ (for/against sth) a set of facts or arguments that support one side in a trial, a discussion, etc

- the **case for the defence/prosecution**
- Our lawyer didn't think we **had a case** (= had enough good arguments to win in a court of law).
- the **case for/against** private education
- The report **makes out a strong case** (= gives good arguments) for spending more money on hospitals.
- You will each be given the chance to **state your case**.

## CONTAINER

### 7. **countable** (often in compounds) a container or covering used to protect or store things; a container with its contents or the amount that it contains

- a pencil case
- a jewellery case
- a packing case (= a large wooden box for packing things in)
- The museum was full of stuffed animals in glass cases.
- a case (= 12 bottles) of champagne

**see also** ↑vanity case

### 8. **countable** = ↑suitcase

- Let me carry your case for you.

## OF DISEASE

### 9. **countable** the fact of sb having a disease or an injury; a person suffering from a disease or an injury

- a severe case of typhoid
- The most serious cases were treated at the scene of the accident.

## PERSON

### 10. **countable** a person who needs, or is thought to need, special treatment or attention

- He's a hopeless case.

## GRAMMAR

### 11. **countable, uncountable** the form of a noun, an adjective or a pronoun in some languages, that shows its relationship to another word

- the **nominative/accusative/genitive case**
- Latin nouns have case, number and gender.

**more at** (a case of) dog eat dog **at** ↑dog <sub>n.</sub>, I rest my case **at** ↑rest <sub>v.</sub>

### Word Origin:

**n. senses 1 to 6** and **n. senses 9 to 11** Middle English Old French **cas** Latin **casus** 'fall' **cadere** 'to fall' Latin Greek **ptōsis** 'fall'

**n. senses 7 to 8** and **v.** late Middle English Old French **casse** **chasse** **caisse** 'trunk, chest' **châsse** 'reliquary, frame' Latin **capsa** **capere** 'to hold'

### Thesaurus:

**case** noun

1. C

• a classic case of bad planning

**example** • • **instance** • • **illustration** •

**in** a particular case/instance

a **typical/classic** case/example/instance/illustration

**cite/take/highlight** a/an case/example/instance

2. sing.

• It's simply not the case that conditions are improving

**so** • • **a fact** • • **the situation** • • **the truth** • • **the position** • • **the state of affairs** •

3. C

• They never solved the Jones murder case.

**investigation** • • **inquiry/enquiry** • |journalism probe •

a **murder** case/investigation/inquiry

a/an **police/official** investigation/inquiry/probe

4. C

• The case will be heard next week.

**suit** • • **lawsuit** • • **action** • • **proceedings** • • **prosecution** • • **litigation** • • **appeal** • • **trial** • • **hearing** • • **court martial** •

(a) **legal** case/action/proceedings/appeal/hearing

**bring** (a/an) case/suit/lawsuit/action/proceedings/prosecution (**against** sb/sth)

**win/lose** a/an case/suit/lawsuit/action/appeal

5. C, usually sing.

• the case for/against private education

**argument** • • **reason** • • **grounds** • • **basis** • • **need** • • **justification** • |BrE **defence** • |AmE **defense** •

(a/an) case/argument/reason/grounds/basis/need/justification/defence **for** sth

a/an case/argument/reason/defence **against** sth

(a) **strong/legal** case/argument/reason/grounds/basis/need/justification/defence

**put forward** (a/an) case/argument/reason/grounds/justification/defence

6. C

• a pencil/packing case

**crate** • • **container** • • **box** •

a case/crate/box **of** sth

**in** a case/crate/container/box

**fill** a case/crate/box

7. C

• The most serious cases were treated first.

**patient** • • **victim** • • **sufferer** • • **invalid** • • **the sick** •

a **chronic** case/patient/sufferer/invalid

a/an **AIDS/cancer** case/patient/victim/sufferer

**treat** a case/patient/victim/sufferer/the sick

Collocations:

**Crime**

*Committing a crime*

**commit** a crime/a murder/a violent assault/a brutal killing/an armed robbery/fraud

**be involved in** terrorism/a suspected arson attack/people smuggling/human trafficking

**engage/participate in** criminal activity/illegal practices/acts of mindless vandalism

**steal** sb's wallet/purse/(BrE) mobile phone/(NAme) cell phone

**rob** a bank/a person/a tourist

**break into/ (BrE) burgle/ (NAme) burglarize** a house/a home/an apartment

**hijack** a plane/ship/bus

**smuggle** drugs/weapons/arms/immigrants

**launder** drug money (through sth)

**forge** documents/certificates/passports

**take/accept/pay sb/offer (sb)** a bribe

**run** a phishing/an email/an Internet scam

*Fighting crime*

**combat/fight** crime/terrorism/corruption/drug trafficking

**prevent/stop** credit-card fraud/child abuse/software piracy

**deter/stop** criminals/burglars/thieves/shoplifters/vandals

**reduce/tackle/crack down on** knife/gun/violent/street crime; (*especially BrE*) antisocial behaviour

**foil** a bank raid/a terrorist plot

**help/support/protect** the victims of crime

*Investigating crime*

**report** a crime/a theft/a rape/an attack/(*especially BrE*) an incident to the police

**witness** the crime/attack/murder/incident

**investigate** a murder/(*especially NAme*) a homicide/a burglary/a robbery/the alleged incident

**conduct/launch/pursue** an investigation (into...); (*especially BrE*) a police/murder inquiry

**investigate/reopen** a criminal/murder case

**examine /investigate/find fingerprints at** the crime scene/the scene of crime

collect/gather forensic evidence

uncover new evidence/a fraud/a scam/a plot/a conspiracy/political corruption/a cache of weapons

describe/identify a suspect/the culprit/the perpetrator/the assailant/the attacker

question/interrogate a suspect/witness

solve/crack the case

more collocations at [↑justice](#)

### Language Bank:

e.g.

#### Giving examples

- The website has a variety of interactive exercises ( **e.g.** ▪ matching games, crosswords and quizzes).
- The website has a variety of interactive exercises, **including** ▪ matching games, crosswords and quizzes.
- Web 2.0 technologies, **such as** ▪ wikis, blogs and social networking sites, have changed the way that people use the Internet.
- Many websites now allow users to contribute information. **A good example of this is** ▪ the 'wiki', a type of website that anyone can edit.
- Wikis vary in how open they are. **For example** ▪, some wikis allow anybody to edit content, while others only allow registered users to do this.
- Wikis vary in how open they are. Some wikis, **for example** ▪ / **for instance** ▪, allow anybody to edit content, while others only allow registered users to do this.
- More and more people read their news on the Internet. **To take one example** , ▪ over 14 million people now read the online version of 'The Oxford Herald'.
- Online newspapers are now more popular than paper ones. 'The Oxford Herald' **is a case in point** ▪. Its print circulation has fallen in recent years, while its website attracts millions of users every month.

note at [↑example](#)

Language Banks at [↑addition](#), [↑argue](#), [↑evidence](#), [↑illustrate](#)

### Synonyms:

#### example

case • instance • specimen • illustration

These are all words for a thing or situation that is typical of a particular group or set, and is sometimes used to support an argument.

**example** • something such as an object, a fact or a situation that shows, explains or supports what you say; a thing that is typical of or represents a particular group or set: ▪ Can you give me an example of what you mean?

**case** • a particular situation or a situation of a particular type; a situation that relates to a particular person or thing: ▪ In some cases people have had to wait several weeks for an appointment.

**instance** • (**rather formal**) a particular situation or a situation of a particular type: ▪ The report highlights a number of instances of injustice.

**specimen** • an example of sth, especially an animal or plant: ▪ The aquarium has some interesting specimens of unusual tropical fish.

**illustration** • (**rather formal**) a story, an event or an example that clearly shows the truth about sth: ▪ The statistics are a clear illustration of the point I am trying to make.

#### example or illustration?

An **illustration** is often used to show that sth is true. An **example** is used to help to explain sth.

a(n) example/case/instance/specimen/illustration **of** sth

**in** a particular case/instance

**for** example/instance

### Synonyms:

#### situation

circumstances • position • conditions • things • the case • state of affairs

These are all words for the conditions and facts that are connected with and affect the way things are.

**situation** • all the things that are happening at a particular time and in a particular place: ▪ the present economic situation

**circumstances** • the facts that are connected with and affect a situation, an event or an action; the conditions of a person's life, especially the money they have: ▪ The ship sank in mysterious circumstances.

**position** • the situation that sb is in, especially when it affects what they can and cannot do: ▪ She felt she was in a position of power.

**conditions** • the circumstances in which people live, work or do things; the physical situation that affects how sth happens: ▪ We were forced to work outside in freezing conditions.

#### circumstances or conditions?

**Circumstances** refers to sb's financial situation; **conditions** are things such as the quality and amount of food or shelter they have. The **circumstances** that affect an event are the facts surrounding it; the **conditions** that affect it are usually physical ones, such as the weather.

**things** • (**rather informal**) the general situation, as it affects sb: ▪ Hi, Jane! ▪ How are things? ◇▪ Think things over before you decide.

**the case** • the true situation: ▪ If that is the case ▪ (= if the situation described is true) ▪, we need more staff.

**state of affairs** • a situation: ▪ How did this unhappy state of affairs come about?

#### situation or state of affairs?

**State of affairs** is mostly used with **this**. It is also used with adjectives describing how good or bad a situation is, such as **happy**, **sorry**, **shocking**, **sad** and **unhappy**, as well as those relating to time, such as **present** and **current**. **Situation** is much more

frequent and is used in a wider variety of contexts.

**in** (a) particular situation/circumstances/position/state of affairs

the/sb's **economic/financial/social** situation/circumstances/position/conditions

(a/an) **happy/unhappy** situation/circumstances/position/state of affairs

to **look at/review** the situation/circumstances/conditions/things

### Example Bank:

- A strong case exists for adopting a similar system in this country.
- About 25% of AIDS cases are linked with the sharing of needles.
- After the exams, the teacher gave all borderline cases a spoken test.
- As a lawyer he was involved in high-profile divorce cases.
- Carter was the senior case officer on the investigation.
- Complaints are dealt with on a case by case basis.
- Except in a few rare cases, bee stings are not dangerous.
- Four officers are investigating the case.
- He brought a case challenging the legality of the war.
- He brought the case to the Supreme Court.
- He had a bad case of appendicitis.
- He highlighted the case of Harry Farr, 25, who was executed for cowardice in 1916.
- He highlighted the case of Harry Farr, who was executed in 1916.
- He put the binoculars back in their carrying case.
- He was looking through some homicide case files.
- He was so clearly innocent, the case should never have gone to court.
- I agree with him, but don't you think he slightly overstates the case?
- I thought she argued her case very well.
- In Polish the verb 'to be' takes the instrumental case.
- In her case, she failed the exam because she wasn't well.
- Is there a case against wearing school uniforms?
- It remains the case that not enough graduates are going into teaching.
- It was a simple case of mistaken identity.
- Let's consider the case of a dealer trying to make a sale.
- Many professions feel they deserve higher pay, and nurses are a case in point.
- Medical students study the case histories of many patients.
- No lawyer would take his case.
- Our lawyer didn't think we had a case.
- She kept all her trophies in a display case.
- The Department of Health reported five human cases of bird flu.
- The case against her collapsed when a key witness was proved to have lied.
- The case against her was very weak.
- The case came before Judge Hales in the Crown Court.
- The case hinged on the evidence of the only witness to the killing.
- The case raises a number of issues.
- The case was settled out of court.
- The case was thrown out for lack of evidence.
- The case will be heard in a higher court.
- The committee has full powers to deal with any cases of malpractice that arise.
- The defendant requested more time to prepare his case.
- The disciplinary committee considered the merits of his case before fining him.
- The judge ruled that the defendant had no case to answer, as the evidence had been discredited.
- The jury are required to be unanimous in death-penalty cases.
- The local MP has taken up the case of the family of six who have been left homeless.
- The prosecution decided to drop the case.
- The room was full of stuffed animals in glass cases.
- The teacher must judge each case according to its merits.
- The union has taken up the case of the suspended worker.
- The victim decided to bring a case of rape against him.
- There have been documented cases of officials accepting bribes.
- There have been no confirmed cases of BSE in the US.
- There is a good prima facie case for believing what she says.
- They never solved the Jones murder case.
- This is a test case which will influence what other judges decide.
- This was the hardest case she had handled since becoming a lawyer.
- Two million new cases of hypertension are diagnosed each year.
- What evidence do you have to support your case?
- With his current superb form, he presents an unanswerable case for selection in the team.
- You can make out a case for changing our teaching methods.
- a case against wearing business attire
- a case of animal cruelty
- a case study of an Amazonian tribe
- a compensation case involving thousands of workers

- a gold watch in a presentation case
- a severe case of food poisoning
- cases alleging violations of international law
- the evidence in the case
- the notorious case of the Botley strangler
- He claims there has never been a case of food poisoning at his restaurant.
- He had contracted a severe case of pneumonia.
- I cannot make an exception in your case.
- I left my cases at the hotel and set off to meet him.
- In this case, we are prepared to be lenient.
- It's a classic case of bad planning.
- Over 500 000 cases of cholera were reported in 1991.
- Police believe it is a simple case of theft.
- She lost the case and was ordered to pay legal fees.
- She wanted to pack her case and leave immediately.
- Take the case of Henry Farr, 25, executed for cowardice in 1916.
- The book is about the notorious case of the Lindbergh kidnapping.
- The new evidence weakened the case for the defence.
- The report makes out a strong case for spending more money on hospitals.
- The winner will receive a case of champagne.
- They put their cases in the boot and drove off.
- a packing case
- the case for the defence/prosecution

**Idioms:** ↑as the case may be ▪ ↑case in point ▪ ↑case the joint ▪ ↑get off my case ▪ ↑in any case ▪ ↑in case ▪ ↑in case of something ▪ ↑in that case ▪ ↑on somebody's case ▪ ↑on the case

## verb

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	case
	BrE /ˈkeɪs/
	NAme /ˈkeɪs/
he / she / it	cases
	BrE /ˈkeɪsɪz/
	NAme /ˈkeɪsɪz/
past simple, past participle	cased
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n. senses 1 to 6 and n. senses 9 to 11 Middle English Old French *cas* Latin *casus* 'fall' *cadere* 'to fall' Latin Greek *ptōsis* 'fall'  
 n. senses 7 to 8 and v. late Middle English Old French *casse* *chasse* *caisse* 'trunk, chest' *châsse* 'reliquary, frame' Latin *capsa* *capere* 'to hold'

## case

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I. **case**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /keɪs/ BrE <sup>2</sup> AmE <sup>2</sup> noun

[Sense 1-5, 7-16: Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: *cas*, from Latin *casus* 'fall, chance', from *cadere* 'to fall']

[Sense 6: Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old North French; Origin: *casse*, from Latin *capsa* 'box, case', from *capere* 'to take']



1. **EXAMPLE** [countable] an example of a particular situation or of something happening

**case of**

" There were 16 cases of damage to cars in the area.

**in the case of something**

" The amount of fruit in fruit juices must be 6% in the case of berries and 10% in the case of other fruits.

**in some/many/most etc cases**

In many cases standards have improved.

Tom's career is a case in point (=a clear example of something that you are discussing or explaining).

a classic case (=typical example) of poor design

## 2. SITUATION [countable usually singular] a situation that exists, especially as it affects a particular person or group

### in sb's case

Like the others, he produced a written explanation, but in Scott's case this was a 30-page printed booklet.

Changing men's and women's traditional roles is not easy, but in our case it has been helpful.

### it is the case (that)

It may be the case that the scheme will need more money.

We tend to think of these people as untrustworthy, but that is not the case.

### in this case

In this case, several solutions could be tried.

### in which case

He won't want to eat it unless he's really hungry, in which case he'll eat almost anything.

## 3. (just) in case

### a) as a way of being safe from something that might happen or might be true:

Take an umbrella, in case it rains.

He had his camera ready, just in case he saw something that would make a good picture.

### b) American English if:

In case I'm late, start without me.

## GRAMMAR

In case is followed by the simple present, the simple past, or 'should':

Write it down in case you forget (NOT in case you will forget).

They locked themselves in their houses in case there was (NOT would be) more trouble.

Here's a contact number, in case there should (NOT will/would) be a problem.

## 4. in any case whatever happens or happened:

I don't see why I couldn't do it. In any case, I'm going to try.

He's too young to come and in any case I want him to spend the time with Mom.

## 5. in that case if that is the situation:

'He didn't want to talk to Sally.' 'In that case why did he agree to meet her?'

## 6. REASON/ARGUMENT [countable usually singular] a set of reasons why something should happen or be done:

Let me research the facts before I put forward a case.

### case for

A group of us met to make our case for more women in the cabinet.

There is a strong case (=very good set of reasons) for getting parents more involved in the school's activities.

## 7. LAW/CRIME [countable]

### a) a question or problem that will be dealt with by a law court:

She is keen to avoid a court case.

The lawyers will only be paid if they win the case.

### case against

Marshall has dropped the case against us.

### b) all the reasons that one side in a legal argument can give against the other side:

The evidence does not support the prosecution's case.

The court ruled that we had a case (=had enough evidence or good arguments).

### c) an event or set of events that need to be dealt with by the police in order to find out if a crime has been committed and who committed it

### case of

a case of armed robbery

### on the case

Around 50 police officers are on the case.

## 8. BOX/CONTAINER [countable]

### a) a large box or container in which things can be stored or moved:

a packing case

a case of wine

### b) a special box used as a container for holding or protecting something:

a jewellery case

Jim put his violin back in its case.

### c) British English a suitcase:

Polly carried her cases upstairs to the bedroom. ⇒ ↑bookcase, ↑briefcase, ↑pillowcase

## 9. it's a case of something spoken used before describing a situation:

Everyone can learn, it's just a case of practising.

It's a case of too many people and not enough jobs.

## 10. DISEASE [countable] an example of a disease or a person who has a disease

### case of

There are thousands of new cases of AIDS in Africa every year.

## 11. in case of something used to describe what you should do in a particular situation, especially on official notices:

In case of fire, break the glass.

## 12. GRAMMAR [uncountable and countable] technical the way in which the form of a word changes, showing its relationship to other words in a sentence:

case endings

13. **be on sb's case** *informal* to be criticizing someone constantly:

"Dad's always on my case about something or other.

14. **be on the case** *spoken* if someone says they are on the case, they know about a problem and are going to try to solve it

15. **get off my case** *spoken* used to tell someone to stop criticizing you or complaining about you:

"OK, OK, just get off my case!

16. **PERSON** [countable] someone who is being dealt with by a doctor, a ↑social worker, the police etc ⇒ **BASKET-CASE**,

↑nutcase, ↑lower case, ⇒ I rest my case at ↑rest<sup>2</sup>(9), ⇒ ↑upper case

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 7A)

#### ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + case

- **a court case** There was a lot of publicity surrounding the court case.
- **a murder case** He had been a witness in a murder case.
- **a libel case** (=against someone who has written a bad statement about someone else) damages awarded by juries in libel cases
- **a criminal case** It was the longest and most expensive criminal case in US history.
- **a civil case** (=not a criminal case) He is involved with civil cases, not criminal ones.
- **a test case** (=one that will establish a principle for the first time) If the dispute goes to court it could be an important test case.
- **a landmark case** (=one that established a principle for the first time) a landmark case about copyright protection for computer software
- **a high-profile case** (=one that gets a lot of attention) a defense lawyer who has handled some high-profile cases

#### ■ verbs

- **bring a case (against somebody)** There was not enough evidence to bring a case against him.
- **hear/try a case** (=listen to the evidence before making a judgment) The case will be heard by a federal judge.
- **win/lose a case** (=be successful or unsuccessful in proving someone guilty or not guilty) Lomax was a brilliant lawyer who had never lost a case.
- **settle a case** (=end it finally) He paid a \$15,000 fine to settle the case.
- **adjourn a case** (=stop it for a short time) The case was adjourned until next month for further reports.
- **dismiss/throw out a case** (=officially stop it from continuing) The case was thrown out by New York state's highest court.
- **drop a case** (=not continue with it) The case was dropped because of a lack of evidence.
- **a case comes/goes to court** When the case finally came to court, they were found not guilty.
- **a case comes/goes to trial** By the time her case went to trial, her story had changed.
- **a case comes before a judge/court** The case came before the federal courts.

### II. **case**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* [transitive]

1. **be cased in something** to be completely surrounded by a material or substance:

"The reactor will be cased in metal. ⇒ ↑casing

2. **case the joint** *informal* to look around a place that you intend to steal from in order to find out information

### case

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456 **32786**<sup>476</sup> *vv0*

223 **40275**<sup>332</sup> *np1*

190 **40279**<sup>332</sup> *nnu*

51 **105433**<sup>53</sup> *jj*

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