

1. [mɪdl] *n*

## 1. середина

(right) in the (very) middle of the room [of the day, of the summer] - (прямо) в (самой) середине комнаты [дня, лета]  
 in the middle of the speech [of (the) reading, of dinner] - во время речи [чтения, обеда]  
 the middle of life - зрелый возраст  
 in the middle of life - в середине жизни  
 there is a pain in the middle of my back - у меня боль в пояснице

## 2. 1) талия

to catch /to seize/ smb. round the middle - обнять кого-л. за талию  
 he was up to his middle in water - он был по пояс в воде

2) *разг.* живот

he became fatter round the middle - у него вырос животик  
 I've got a pain in my middle - у меня болит живот

3. *грам.* средний *или* медиальный залог (*тж.* middle voice)

## 4. = middle ground

5. подача мяча на середину поля (*футбол*)6. небольшой газетный очерк на литературную, социальную *или* этическую тему (*тж.* middle article)

◇ to knock smb. into the middle of next week *см.* knock1 II ◇  
 in the middle of nowhere - бог знает где; ≅ у чёрта на рогах /на куличках/, в Тмутаракани  
 a village in the middle of nowhere - деревенька в самой глубинке

2. [mɪdl] *a*

## 1. средний

middle position - среднее положение; положение посередине  
 middle finger - средний палец  
 middle height - средний рост  
 a man of middle size - а) человек среднего роста; б) человек средней комплекции  
 middle school - средняя школа  
 middle years /age/ - зрелые годы, зрелый возраст  
 during his middle age - когда он уже был немолодым

## 2.:

middle name *см.* name I 1  
 middle ear - *анат.* среднее ухо  
 middle deck - *мор.* средняя палуба  
 middle latitude - *геогр.* средняя широта  
 middle distance - *жив.* средний план  
 middle dough stage - *с.-х.* восковая спелость (зерна)  
 these grapes are of middle quality - этот виноград не очень высокого качества, средний виноград; *грам.* средний, медиальный (*о залоге*)

3. *фон.* медиальный, среднего подъёма (*о гласном*)4. *лог.* средняя посылка

◇ the middle way - средний путь, умеренная позиция, позиция золотой середины  
 to take a middle course - держаться середины  
 the middle watch - *мор.* ночная вахта (с 12 ч. ночи до 4 ч. утра)

3. [mɪdl] *v*1. *спец.* поместить в середину2. *мор.* складывать пополам

to middle a rope - сложить трос пополам

3. подать мяч на середину поля (*футбол*)

## middle

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**mid·dle** [middle middles middled middling] *noun, adjective* BrE ['mɪdl] <sup>m</sup>NAme ['mɪdl] <sup>m</sup>*noun*

**1. the middle** *singular* the part of sth that is at an equal distance from all its edges or sides; a point or a period of time between the beginning and the end of sth

- a lake with an island **in the middle**
- He was standing in the middle of the room.
- The phone rang in the middle of the night.
- This chicken isn't cooked in the middle.
- His picture was **right/bang** (= exactly) **in the middle** of the front page.
- I have a pain in the middle of my back.
- Take a sheet of paper and draw a line **down the middle** .
- I should have finished **by the middle of** the week.
- You can't leave in the middle of the meeting!
- I like a story with a beginning, a middle and an end.
- When they quarrel, I am often caught in the middle.

**see also** ↑monkey in the middle, ↑piggy in the middle

**2. countable, usually singular** (*informal*) a person's waist

- He grabbed her around the middle.
- I've put on weight around the middle.

#### Word Origin:

Old English *middel*, of West Germanic origin; related to Dutch *middel* and German *Mittel*.

#### Thesaurus:

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**middle** noun sing.

- a lake with an island in the middle

**centre** •

**Opp:** edge, **Opp:** end, **Opp:** side

the middle/centre **of** sth

**in** the middle/centre

**The middle or the centre?** The **centre** of an area may be a more precise area than **the middle**: **the centre of a circle** is the point in the exact middle. **Middle** but not **centre** can be used to describe a situation or a period of time:

- When they quarrel, I am often caught in the middle.

✗ When they quarrel, I am often caught in the centre.

#### Example Bank:

- Divide the cake down the middle.
- It hit him bang in the middle of his forehead.
- Let's wait until the middle of April.
- They stood in the middle of the field.
- We moved to the middle of London.

Idioms: ↑in the middle of doing something ▪ middle course ▪ ↑middle of nowhere ▪ middle way ▪ ↑split something down the middle

#### adjective only before noun

in a position in the middle of an object, group of objects, people, etc; between the beginning and the end of sth

- Pens are kept in the middle drawer.
- She's the middle child of three.
- He was very successful in his middle forties.
- a middle-sized room
- the middle-income groups in society

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1. **mid** **dle** <sup>1</sup> **S1** **W2** /'mɪdl/ *BrE* <sup>2</sup> *AmE* <sup>3</sup> *noun*

**1. CENTRE PART** **the middle** the part that is nearest the centre of something, and furthest from the sides, edges, top, bottom etc

**the middle of**

" We rowed out towards the middle of the lake.

**in the middle (of something)**

" Jo was standing in the middle of the room.

" Those are my two brothers, and that's me in the middle.

" The meat was burnt on the outside and raw in the middle.

" a huge hole right in the middle of the lawn

**through the middle (of something)**

" The new road will go right through the middle of the wood.

**down the middle (of something)**

" Draw a line down the middle of the page.

**2. TIME/EVENT** **the middle** the part of an event or period of time that is between the beginning and the end

**the middle of**

" events which took place around the middle of the last century

**in the middle (of something)**

" I'm going to stay with some friends in the middle of May.

" He gets killed in the middle of the film.

**the middle of the night/day**

" I got a phone call from her in the middle of the night!

**the middle of the week/month/year etc**

" Everything should be sorted out by the middle of next year.

**3. SCALE/RANGE** **the middle** the level or position that is between two extreme positions, for example between the best and the worst:

" There are plenty of small houses for sale, and quite a lot of very large ones, but very little in the middle.

the middle of

In tests, I always seem to finish around the middle of the class.

4. **BODY** [countable usually singular] the part of your body around your waist and stomach  
sb's middle

He was holding a towel around his middle.

5. **be in the middle of (doing) something** to be busy doing something:

Can I call you back – I'm in the middle of a meeting.

I was in the middle of sorting some papers when the phone rang.

6. **in the middle of something** if you are in the middle of something, it is happening to you or around you:

At that time Britain was in the middle of a recession.

The company is in the middle of a takeover battle.

7. **in the middle of nowhere** a long way from the nearest big town:

They live miles away, in the middle of nowhere.

8. **divide/split something down the middle** to divide something into equal halves or groups:

We put all the money together and then split it down the middle.

The voters are split down the middle on this issue.

⇒ piggy in the middle at ↑piggy<sup>1</sup>(2)

II. **middle** <sup>2</sup> **S1 W2 BrE** <sup>AmE</sup> **adjective** [only before noun]

[Language: Old English; Origin: middel]

1. **CENTRE** nearest the centre and furthest from the edge, top, end etc:

driving in the middle lane of the motorway

the middle drawer of the filing cabinet

2. **TIME/EVENT** half of the way through an event or period of time:

They spent the middle part of their vacation in Florida.

the middle part of the day

3. **SCALE/RANGE** between two extreme levels or positions, for example between the best and worst, the biggest and smallest etc:

a car in the middle price range

the middle ranks of the army

a middle-income family

4. **in your middle twenties/thirties etc** about 25, 35 etc years old

5. **middle brother/child/daughter etc** the brother etc who is between the oldest and the youngest

6. **middle course/way etc** a way of dealing with something that is between two opposite and often extreme ways

middle course/way etc between

The party is seeking to find a middle way between extreme right-wing and left-wing policies.

I try to steer a middle course between keeping control of the project and giving responsibility to others.

7. **Middle English/French etc** an old form of English, French etc, used in the Middle Ages (=between 1100 and 1500 AD)

middle

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12500 **1490**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **635**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **1k MIDDLE** <sup>74561</sup>

middle <sup>74091</sup>

middles <sup>71</sup>

middling <sup>399</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

20552 **958**<sup>42222</sup> *jj*

21887 **1323**<sup>31748</sup> *nn1*

87 **71574**<sup>112</sup> *np1*

9 **274770**<sup>9</sup> *nnu*