

**most**

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**1. [mɒst] n**

наибольшее количество; большая часть

most of them [us] - большинство из них [из нас]

most of the time [of the work] - большая часть времени [работы]

to get the most out of life - получать от жизни всё, что можно

the most we could do - самое большее, что мы могли сделать

to make the most of your opportunities - как можно лучше воспользоваться имеющимися возможностями

who scored the most? - кто получил наибольшее количество очков?

◇ at the most - самое большее, максимум

I can pay £10 at the most - я могу заплатить самое большее /максимум, не больше чем, от силы/ десять фунтов [ср. тж. III 2]

most and least - *поэт.* все без исключения**2. [mɒst] a**1. *superl* от much I u many

2. наибольший

in most cases - в большинстве случаев

most people - большинство людей

the most favoured nation - *эк.* страна, пользующаяся режимом наибольшего благоприятствования

the most favoured nation treatment - режим наибольшего благоприятствования

to have the most power - пользоваться наибольшей властью

to have the most reason to do smth. - иметь все основания что-л. делать

to make the most mistakes - сделать наибольшее количество ошибок

◇ for the most part - главным образом; большей частью

**3. [mɒst] adv**1. *superl* от much II

2. больше всего

most of all - больше всего

what I desire most of all - что я больше всего хочу

at most - самое большее; максимально

he is ten at most - ему самое большее десять (лет), ему не больше десяти (лет) [ср. тж. I ◇ ]

3. *служит для образования превосходств. ст. многосложных прилагательных и наречий*

the most beautiful [intelligent, dangerous] - самый красивый [умный, опасный]

most accurately - самым точным /точнейшим/ образом

4. *усил.* очень, весьма; в высшей степени; чрезвычайно

most likely - весьма вероятно

most certainly - наверняка

most strict [reliable] - в высшей степени /чрезвычайно/ строгий [надёжный]

a most interesting book - очень /весьма/ интересная книга

that's most strange - это очень /в высшей степени/ странно

II

[mɒst] a (*сокр. от almost*) *амер. разг., диал.*

почти

most everybody - почти все

most all we have done - почти всё, что мы сделали

**most**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**most** *determiner, pronoun, adverb* BrE [mɒst] <sup>u</sup> NAmE [moʊst] <sup>u</sup>**determiner, pronoun** (used as the superlative of 'much', 'a lot of', 'many')**1. the largest in number or amount**

- Who do you think will get (the) most votes?
- She had the most money of all of them.
- I spent most time on the first question.
- Who ate the most?
- The director has **the most to lose**. **The** can be left out in informal BrE.

**2. more than half of sb/sth; almost all of sb/sth**

- I like most vegetables.
- Most classical music sends me to sleep.
- As most of you know, I've decided to resign.
- Most of the people I had invited turned up.
- There are thousands of verbs in English and most (of them) are regular. **The** is not used with **most** in this meaning.

Word Origin:Old English māst, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **meest** and German **meist**.Idiom: ↑at most**adverb****1. used to form the superlative of adjectives and adverbs of two or more syllables**

- the most boring/beautiful part
  - It was the people with the least money who gave most generously. When **most** is followed only by an adverb, **the** is not used
  - This reason is mentioned most frequently, but
  - This is **the most** frequently mentioned reason.
2. to the greatest degree
    - What did you enjoy (the) most?
    - It was what she wanted **most of all**. **The** is often left out in informal English.
  3. (formal) very, extremely; completely
    - It was most kind of you to meet me.
    - We shall most probably never meet again.
    - This technique looks easy, but it most certainly is not.
  4. (NAme, informal) almost
    - I go to the store most every day.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

### I. **most**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /məʊst \$ moʊst/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *adverb*

1. [used before an adjective or adverb to form the superlative] having the greatest amount of a particular quality **OPP** least:

- She's one of the most experienced teachers in the district.
- The most important thing is to stay calm.
- A recent study showed that gardening is easily the most popular activity among the over 50s.
- We shall find out which system works most effectively.
- It is the kind of tea most often served in Chinese restaurants.

#### GRAMMAR

Use **the most** when you are comparing one person or thing with all others:

- It was the most terrifying experience of my life.

In spoken English, you can also use **the most** when you are talking about just two people or things:

- Which is the most enjoyable – tennis or squash? However, some users of English think that this use is incorrect and use **the more** instead:

- Which is the more enjoyable – tennis or squash?

▶ Do not use **most** before the -est form of an adjective or adverb:

- one of the hardest things to do (NOT one of the most hardest things to do)

2. to a greater degree or more times than anything else:

- What annoyed him most was the way she wouldn't even listen.
- I guess the food I eat most is pasta.
- Most of all, I just felt sad that it was over.

3. [+adjective/adverb] *formal* very:

- Thank you for a most interesting evening.
- I was most surprised to hear of your engagement.

4. *American English informal* almost:

- He plays poker most every evening.

### II. **most**<sup>2</sup> **S1 W1** *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *determiner, pronoun* [the superlative of 'many' and 'much']

1. nearly all of the people or things in a group, or nearly all of something **SYN** the majority:

- Like most people, I try to take a vacation every year.
- Most research in this field has been carried out by the Russians.

#### most of

- It was Sunday and most of the shops were shut.
- Most of what Hannah told me wasn't true.
- Some were barefoot, most were in rags.

#### most of the time/most days etc (=usually)

- Most of the time it's very quiet here.
- Most evenings we just stay in and watch TV.

2. a larger amount or number than anyone or anything else

#### the most

- The team that scores the most points wins.
- Which class has the most children in it?
- It's unfair that you should have to pay the most when you earn so little.
- The animal that caused most trouble was a little black puppy.

3. the largest number or amount possible:

- The aim is to help patients to obtain most benefit from their treatment.

#### the most

- The most you can hope to achieve is just to get him to listen to your ideas.

4. **at (the) most** used to say that you think an amount cannot be larger than the amount you are mentioning:

- It'll take 20 minutes at the most.
- There were at most 50 people in the audience.
- The boy looked nine at the very most (=he was probably younger).

5. **for the most part** used to say that something is generally true but not completely true:

For the most part, people seemed pretty friendly.

6. **make the most of something/get the most out of something** to gain the greatest possible advantage from something:

Charming and friendly, she will help you make the most of your visit.

advice on how to get the most out of your computer

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## GRAMMAR

When you mean 'nearly all' use **most**, not **the most**

Most of the songs (NOT The most of the songs) they played were new.

► If you are talking about a type of person or thing in general rather than a specific group, do not use 'of':

Most people (NOT Most of people) think the law should be changed.

## most

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12500 **161**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **82**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **1k** **MOST** 491697

most 462169

mostly 29528

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

94170 **155**<sup>232153</sup> *rgt*

89946 **173**<sup>205008</sup> *dat*

15254 **2357**<sup>18111</sup> *rrt*

4576 **6972**<sup>5102</sup> *rr43*

1577 **15187**<sup>1665</sup> *rr22*

71 **89347**<sup>73</sup> *nn1*

45 **112092**<sup>47</sup> *jj*

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