

point**1. [pɔɪnt] n**

I

1. 1) точка(full) point - точка (*знак препинания*)interrogation [exclamation] point - **амер.** вопросительный [восклицательный] знакdecimal point - точка, отделяющая десятичную дробь от целого числа (*соответствует запятой в русском языке*)

five point six (5.6) - пять целых и шесть десятых (5,6)

2) мат. точка

point of tangency - точка касания

point of contact - точка соприкосновения

the point of intersection of two lines - точка пересечения двух линий

point target - **воен.** точечная цельpoint load - **тех.** сосредоточенная нагрузкаpoint source - **физ.** точечный источник (излучения)**3) физ. стадия, критическая точка; температура**

point of solidification - температура затвердевания

neutral point - нейтральная/нулевая/ точка

freezing [boiling] point - точка /температура/ замерзания [кипения]

4) спец. точка, отметка, точка деления (шкалы)point of reference - **геод.** репер, отметка условного уровня

the temperature has gone up two points - температура поднялась на два деления

5) мор. румб

cardinal point - страна света; главный румб

point of the compass - компасный румб

6) точка (в рельефно-точечном шрифте для слепых Брайля)**7) след, отметина**

her sharp heels left points in the carpet - от её острых каблуков на ковре остались вмятины

2. 1) место, пункт, точка

point of destination - место назначения

point of departure - а) пункт отправления б) исходная точка

his point of departure is not clear - его отправная точка /исходная позиция/ неясна

point of delivery - **ком.** а) место сдачи; б) место доставкиpoint of draw - **авт.** заправочный пункт

assembly /rallying/ point - место сбора; сборный пункт

point fire - **воен.** сосредоточенный огоньto make one's point - **охот.** бежать прямо к намеченному месту (*о собаках и т. п.*)point of tenderness - **мед.** болезненная точкаat all points - повсюду [*см. тж. II 1, 1*)]**2) полицейский пост****3. разг. станция; граница тарифного участка (на трамвайной, автобусной и т. п. линиях)****4. 1) момент (времени)**turning point - а) поворотный пункт; б) кризис (*болезни*)

at any point - в любой момент

at this point he paused a few seconds - тут он остановился на несколько секунд

when it came to the point, he refused his help - когда настало время (действовать), он отказался помочь

2) порог; край; грань

at /on/ the point of death - при смерти

to be on /at, upon/ the point of doing smth. - собираться что-л. сделать

to be on the point of departure - собраться /быть готовым/ уехать

5. 1) спорт. очкоpoints for style - оценка за технику прыжка (*лыжный спорт*)

point winner - победитель по очкам

point decision /verdict/ - присуждение победы по очкам (*бокс, борьба*)to give points to - а) давать несколько очков вперёд; he can give points to any opponent - любому противнику он может дать несколько очков вперёд; б) превзойти, \cong за пояс заткнуть [*см. тж. \diamond*]to win [to loose] on points - победить [проиграть] по очкам (*бокс, борьба*)what points shall we play? - до какого счёта будем играть? [*см. тж. 7*)]

he scored 20 points - он выиграл /набрал/ 20 очков

he got 85 points out of a possible 100 - он набрал 85 очков из 100 возможных

2) амер. единица, очко (при учёте количества прослушанных лекций, проделанных лабораторных работ и т. п.)**3) талон, купон; единица продовольственной или промтоварной карточки (в Англии во время второй мировой войны и в послевоенные годы)**

cereal products are on points - крупы (продаются) только по карточкам

4) бирж. пункт

ten points off [on] - скидка [надбавка] в десять пунктов

5) полигр. пункт**6) нужный результат, требуемое число (при игре в кости)****7) карт. очко**

what points shall we play? - по сколько будем играть? [см. тж. I 5, 1]]

8) одно из 12-ти делений на доске для игры в триктрак

6. 1) место принимающего игрока (*крикет*)

2) принимающий игрок (*крикет*)

7. 1) уровень, стандарт

moral has reached a low point - мораль совсем упала

the highest point of splendour - высшая степень /предел/ роскоши

2) степень, ступень

frankness to the point of insult - откровенность, граничащая с оскорблением

8. *эл.* точка присоединения потребляющего прибора; штепсельная розетка

9. 1) пойнт (*единица веса в ювелирном деле; = 0,01 карата*)

2) толщина бумаги (= 0,01 дюйма)

10. *редк.* конец; заключение

II

1. 1) пункт; момент

points in a speech - пункты речи /выступления/

point by point - пункт за пунктом; по пунктам; подробно, детально

point of order - вопрос по порядку ведения (*собрания и т. п.*), процедурный вопрос

to rise to a point of order - просить слово по порядку ведения собрания

to raise a point of order - выступить по порядку ведения заседания

from point to point - *уст.* со всеми подробностями, во всех деталях

at all points - а) по всем пунктам; б) во всех отношениях; [см. тж. I 2, 1]]

points of defence - *юр.* возражения ответчика по иску

we differ /disagree/ on these points - мы расходимся по этим пунктам

2) вопрос, дело

point at issue - спорный вопрос

sore point - больной вопрос

fine point - деталь, подробность; тонкость

the main point is ... - главное дело /-ый вопрос/ в том ...

point of conscience - дело совести

a point of honour - вопрос чести (*особ.* при вызове на дуэль)

a case in point - дело, относящееся к данному вопросу или обсуждаемой теме

2. 1) главное, суть, смысл, «соль»

off /away from, beside/ the point - не по существу, не на тему, некстати

in point - подходящий, уместный

the point of a joke - смысл /«соль»/ шутки

I don't see the point - я не понимаю «соли»

to come to the point - дойти до главного /до сути дела/

to keep to the point - говорить по существу

keep /speak/ to the point! - ближе к делу!

your answer is not to the point - ваш ответ не по существу

you've missed the whole point - вы упустили самое главное

that's the point - вот в чём дело /суть/

that's not the point - суть /дело/ не в этом

2) мысль; позиция, точка зрения

point of view - точка зрения

what's your point? - что вы думаете по этому поводу?

I see /take/ your point - я понимаю вас; я вижу, что вы хотите сказать /куда вы клоните/

he has a point there! - он здесь прав!

3. цель, намерение

to gain /to carry/ one's point - достичь цели, добиться своего

what's your point in coming? - какова цель вашего прихода?

there is no point in doing that - нет никакого смысла делать это

I can't see the point of your writing to him - не понимаю, зачем вы ему пишете

4. 1) отличительная характерная черта

weak point - слабое место, недостаток

point of interest - интересная /любопытная/ особенность

the best point in his character - самое лучшее в его характере

the good and bad points of a man - положительные и отрицательные черты характера

singing is not his strong point - он не силен в пении

he has got points - он не лишён достоинств

2) статья, статья (*животного*)

3) *р/* экстерьер (*животного*)

5. 1) сила, мощь

he writes with point - он сильно /здорово/ пишет

2) колкость, язвительность

6. 1) указывание

he added with a smile and a point at his wife - добавил он, засмеявшись, и указал (пальцем) на жену

2) намёк; совет, предложение

points on getting a job - советы, как найти работу

7. **арх.** сигнал
point of war - боевой сигнал

III

1. 1) кончик; **остриё**, острый конец; **наконечник**

the point of a sword [of a spear, of a bayonet] - **остриё** шпаги [копья, штыка]

the point of a knife [of a needle, of a pin] - кончик /**остриё**/ ножа [иголки, булавки]

the point of the tongue [of the nose] - кончик языка [носа]

on the points of one's toes - на цыпочках

to give a point to a pencil [tool] - очинить карандаш [заточить инструмент]

2) кончик подбородка (**бокс**)

2. **амер.** (металлическое) перо

3. **мор.** редька (*на конце троса*)

4. 1) штычок ледоруба (**альпинизм**)

2) зуб кошки (**альпинизм**)

5. 1) укол (**фехтование**)

point touché - туше (*получение укола или удара*)

2) **воен.** удар штыком

6. мыс, выступающая морская коса; стрелка

7. вершина (**горы**)

8. гравировальная игла, резец (**гравёра**)

9. **ж.-д.**

1) перо или остряк (**стрелочного перевода**)

2) **обыкн. pl** стрелочный перевод

10. отросток оленьего рога

11. **охот.**

1) стойка

to come /to make/ a point - делать стойку

2) прямой полёт вверх (**сокола**)

12. **ист.** шнуток с металлическими наконечниками (*заменявший пуговицы*)

13. **воен.** головной или тыльный дозор

14. положение (пастуха) впереди стада

15. 1) (игольное) кружево; кружево, вязанное на спицах

Brussels point - брюссельское кружево

2) стежок (*на канве, холсте и т. п.*)

16. **спорт.** кросс

17. положение на пуантах (**балет**)

point shoes - балетные туфли

18. **эл.** контактный прерыватель (*в двигателе автомашины*)

19. **геральд.** часть щита (*определяющая фигуру*)

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the Point - Уэст-Пойнт (*военное училище в США*)

in point of - в отношении, что касается; по вопросу о

in point of fact - в действительности фактически

to make a point of smth. - а) обратить особое внимание на что-л.; особо подчеркнуть важность чего-л., придавать чему-л.

большое значение; б) тщательно рассмотреть что-л.; удостовериться, проследить; в) взять себе за правило

point of no return - а) **ав.** критическая точка (*откуда самолёт не может вернуться на базу при наличном запасе*

топлива); б) критический, решающий момент, решение, отрезающее путь назад; бесповоротный шаг

to pass the point of no return - ≅ перейти роковую черту

armed at all points - во всеоружии

at the swords' points - а) готовый к враждебным действиям; б) на ножах

at the point of the sword - силой оружия; под давлением, под нажимом

to come to points - обнажить шпаги, начать борьбу

to put too fine a point upon - излишне деликатничать

not to put a fine point upon - говорить правду напрямик

to strain /to stretch/ a point - не так строго соблюдать правила; делать большие уступки

to score a point off /against/ smb. - а) переспорить кого-л.; б) посрамить кого-л.

to give point to smth. - обострить что-л., придать остроту чему-л. [**ср. тж.** I 5, 1)]

figures that give point to his argument - цифры подтверждающие его правоту

potatoes [bread] and point - ≅ картошка [хлеб] да вода - вот и вся еда

2. [pɔɪnt] v

1. 1) (**обыкн.** at, to) указывать, показывать (*пальцем, рукой и т. п.*; **тж.** point out)

to point one's finger at an object - указывать пальцем на какой-л. предмет

to point the finger of scorn at smb. - **образн.** показывать пальцем на кого-л., насмехаться над кем-л., презрительно о ком-л. отзываться

to point to /out/ a door - указать на дверь

it is rude to point - пальцем показывать невежливо

the hands of the clock pointed to half past one - стрелки часов показывали половину второго

2) (at) указывать (*на кого-л.*), выделять

he was pointed at by all the mothers as an example of what a son should be - все матери ставили его в пример как образцового

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3) указывать (на что-л.), выделять (какой-л. предмет из группы других; часто point out)

to point out mistakes - указывать ошибки

he pointed out the finest pictures to me - он показал мне самые лучшие картины

point me out the thing you want - покажите, что вы хотите

4) указывать, обращать (чьё-л.) внимание; отмечать, подчёркивать (часто point out)

he pointed out that there were certain formalities to be observed - он подчеркнул, что необходимо соблюсти некоторые формальности

2. наводить, направлять (оружие); прицеливаться, целиться

to point a gun at smb. - прицелиться в кого-л.; навести /направить/ на кого-л. пистолет

3. быть обращённым, направленным (в какую-л. сторону); смотреть

the vane points to the north - флюгер повернут /смотрит/ на север

the house points to the east - дом обращён (фасадом) на восток

the sign points east - указатель показывает на восток

4. (to) указывать, свидетельствовать, говорить (о чём-л.)

all the evidence points to his guilt - все показания свидетельствуют о его виновности

everything points to your being wrong - всё говорит о том, что вы неправы

5. иметь целью, стремиться

his actions pointed towards that result - его действия были направлены на достижение этой цели

6. 1) (за)точить, заострить

to point a dart - заострить стрелу

to point a pencil - очинить карандаш

2) оживлять; заострять, придавать остроту (словам, выражениям; часто point up)

to point up the necessity for caution - (ещё раз) подчеркнуть необходимость соблюдения осторожности

he pointed everything he said with good examples - он иллюстрировал свою речь яркими примерами

3) мор. обделывать конец «редькой»

7. мед. созреть (о нарыве)

8. охот. делать стойку (о собаке)

9. стр. расшивать швы кирпичной или каменной кладки

10. 1) ставить знаки препинания

2) ставить точки (в стенографических знаках, в словах семитских языков)

3) намечать что-л. точками

4) муз. делать разметку (на хоровой партитуре)

5) делать паузы (в речи, при чтении)

11. отделять десятичную дробь точкой (мж. point off)

12. мор. идти крутой бейдевинд

13. 1) (по)ставить ногу на пуанты

2) танцевать на пуантах

14. натаскивать, готовить кого-л. (к соревнованиям)

15. иск. переносить размеры с макета на камень (просверливая отверстия требуемой глубины)

16. рационировать, выдавать что-л. по карточкам

17. с.-х. закапывать (навоз) в землю (мж. point in)

18. метал. заострять, острить конец (прутка, катанки и т. п.)

19. редк. вставлять белые волоски (в мех)

point

point [point points pointed pointing] noun, verb BrE [pɔɪnt] ^ɪ NAmE [pɔɪnt] ^ɪ

noun

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OPINION/FACT

1. **countable** a thing that sb says or writes giving their opinion or stating a fact

- She **made** several interesting **points** in the article.
- I **take your point** (= understand and accept what you are saying) .
- He's just saying that to **prove a point** (= to show his idea is right) .
- OK, you've **made your point** !

see also †talking point

MAIN IDEA

2. **countable** (usually **the point**) the main or most important idea in sth that is said or done

- **The point is** you shouldn't have to wait so long to see a doctor.
- I wish he would **get to the point** (= say it quickly) .
- I'll **come straight to the point** : we need more money.
- Do you **see my point** (= understand) ?
- I think I **missed the point** (= did not understand) .
- You **have a point** (= your idea is right) — it would be better to wait till this evening
- 'There won't be anywhere to park.' 'Oh, **that's a (good) point** .' (= I had not thought of that)
- It just isn't true. That's **the whole point** (= the only important fact) .
- 'He's been married before.' ' **That's beside the point** ' (= not important) .
- I know it won't cost very much but **that's not the point** (= not the important thing) .

PURPOSE

3. **uncountable, singular** the purpose or aim of sth

- What's the point of all this violence?
- There's **no point** in getting angry.
- I **don't see the point of** doing it all again.
- The point of the lesson is to compare the two countries.

DETAIL

4. **countable** a particular detail or fact

- Here are the **main points** of the news.
- Can you explain that point again?

QUALITY

5. **countable** a particular quality or feature that sb/sth has

- Tact is not one of her **strong points**.
- Read the manual to learn the program's **finer points** (= small details).
- Living in Scotland **has its good points** but the weather is not one of them.
- One of the hotel's **plus points** (= good features) is that it is very central.

see also ↑selling point

TIME

6. **countable** a particular time or stage of development

- The climber was **at/on the point of** death when they found him.
- We were **on the point of** giving up.
- Many people suffer from mental illness **at some point** in their lives.
- We had **reached the point** when there was no money left.
- **At this point in time** we just have to wait.
- **At this point** I don't care what you decide to do.

see also ↑high point, ↑low point, ↑saturation point, ↑starting point, ↑sticking point, ↑turning point

PLACE

7. **countable** a particular place or area

- I'll wait for you at the meeting point in the arrivals hall.
- the point at which the river divides
- Draw a line from point A to point B.
- No parking beyond this point.

see also ↑focal point, ↑jumping-off point, ↑three-point turn, ↑vanishing point, ↑vantage point

DIRECTION

8. **countable** one of the marks of direction around a ↑compass

- the points of the compass (= N, S, E, W, etc.)

IN COMPETITION

9. **countable** (abbr. **pt**) an individual unit that adds to a score in a game or sports competition

- to **win/lose a point**
- Australia finished 20 points ahead.
- They won **on points** (= by scoring more points rather than by completely defeating their opponents).

see also ↑brownie point, ↑match point

MEASUREMENT

10. **countable** a mark or unit on a scale of measurement

- The party's share of the vote fell by ten percentage points.

see also ↑boiling point, ↑freezing point, ↑melting point

SHARP END

11. **countable** the sharp thin end of sth

- the point of a pencil/knife/pin

see also ↑ballpoint, ↑gunpoint, ↑knifepoint

LAND

12. **countable** (also **Point**) a narrow piece of land that stretches into the sea

- The ship sailed around the point.
- Pagoda Point

PUNCTUATION

13. **countable** a small dot used in writing, especially the dot that separates a whole number from the part that comes after it

- two point six (2.6)
- a decimal point
- We broadcast on ninety-five point nine (95.9) FM.

see also ↑bullet point, ↑full stop

OF LIGHT/COLOUR

14. **countable** a very small dot of light or colour

- The stars were points of light in the sky.

FOR ELECTRICITY

15. **countable** (BrE) a place in a wall, etc. where a piece of equipment can be connected to electricity

- a **power/shaver/telephone point**

IN BALLET

16. **points plural = ↑pointe**

ON RAILWAY TRACK

17. **points plural** (BrE) (NAme **switch countable**) a piece of track at a place where a railway/railroad line divides that can be moved to allow a train to change tracks

SIZE OF LETTERS

18. **uncountable** a unit of measurement for the size of letters in printing or on a computer screen, etc

- Change the text to 10 point.

more at belabour the point **at** ↑belabour, a case in 'point **at** ↑case _{n.}, not to put too fine a point on it **at** ↑fine _{adj.}, labour the point **at**

↑labour _{v.}, a moot point/question **at** ↑moot _{adj.}, score a point/points **at** ↑score _{v.}, a sore point **at** ↑sore _{adj.}, stretch a point **at**

↑stretch _{v.}

Word Origin:

Middle English: the noun partly from Old French **point**, from Latin **punctum** 'something that is pricked', giving rise to the senses 'unit, mark, point in space or time'; partly from Old French **pointe**, from Latin **puncta** 'pricking', giving rise to the senses 'sharp tip, promontory'. The verb is from Old French **pointer**, and in some senses from the English noun.

Thesaurus:

point **noun**

1. **C**

- I take your point but I still disagree with you.

point of view • **view** • **opinion** • **idea** • **feeling** • **belief** •

sb's point/view/opinion/idea/feeling/belief **about** sb/sth

the point/point of view/view/opinion/idea/feeling/belief **that...**

2. **C**

- I think there are two important points we need to consider.

factor • **consideration** • **fact** • **detail** • |formal **particular** •

(a) point/considerations/fact/detail/particulars **about/relating to** sb/sth

the point/consideration/fact **that...**

an **important** point/factor/consideration/fact/detail/particular

points/factors/considerations/facts/details to **be taken into account**

3. **sing.**

- I'll come straight to the point: we need more money.

crux • **heart** • **core** •

the **main** point/core of sth

get to the point/crux/heart/core (of sth)

4. **U, sing.** (usually disapproving)

- What's the point of all this violence?

idea • **purpose** • **aim** • **objective** • **object** • **intention** •

the **whole** point/idea/object

have a/an point/purpose/aim/objective/object/intention

Point or idea? **Point** is a more negative word than **idea** :

- There's no point in going.

✗ **There's no idea in going.** You might **miss the point of sth** (= fail to understand) but **get the idea** (= understand).

5. **C**

- Many people suffer from mental illness at some point in their lives.

time • **occasion** • **date** • **moment** • **hour** • **instant** •

the point/a time/a moment/sb's hour **of** sth

at that point/the time/the moment/that instant

from/until that point/time/date/moment

6. **C**

- It's the point where the river divides.

place • **spot** • **position** • **location** • **site** • **area** •

at a point/place/spot/position/location/site

the point/place/spot/position/location/site **where...**

the/sb/sth's **exact/precise** point/place/spot/position/location/site

7. C

- The point of the pencil made a hole in the paper.

tip • • **spike** •

a **sharp** point/tip/spike

Synonyms:

place

site • area • position • point • location • scene • spot • venue

These are all words for a particular area or part of an area, especially one used for a particular purpose or where sb/sth is situated or happens.

place • a particular point, area, city, town, building, etc, especially one used for a particular purpose or where a particular thing happens: ▫ This would be a good place for a picnic.

site • the place where sth, especially a building, is or will be situated; a place where sth happened or that is used for a particular purpose: ▫ They've chosen a site for the new school.

area • a part of a room, building or particular space that is used for a special purpose; a particular place on an object: ▫ the hotel reception area ◊ ▫ Move the cursor to a blank area on the screen.

position • the place where a person or thing is situated; the place where sb/sth is meant to be: ▫ From his position at the top of the hill, he could see the harbour.

The **position** of sb/sth is often temporary: the place where sb/sth is at a particular time.

point • a particular place within an area, where sth happens or is supposed to happen: ▫ the point at which the river divides

location • a place where sth happens or exists, especially a place that is not named or not known: ▫ The company is moving to a new location.

scene • a place where sth happens, especially sth unpleasant: ▫ the scene of the accident

spot • a particular point or area, especially one that has a particular character or where sth particular happens: ▫ The lake is one of the local ▫ beauty spots ▫.

venue • the place where people meet for an organized event such as a performance or sports event

at a place/site/position/point/location/scene/spot/venue

in a(n) place/area/position/location/venue

the place/site/point/location/spot/venue **where...**

the **right** place/site/position/location/spot/venue

a **central** site/position/location/venue

the/sb's/sth's **exact/precise** place/site/position/point/location/spot

Synonyms:

purpose

aim • intention • plan • point • idea

These are all words for talking about what sb/sth intends to do or achieve.

purpose • what sth is supposed to achieve; what sb is trying to achieve: ▫ Our campaign's main purpose is to raise money.

aim • what sb is trying to achieve; what sth is supposed to achieve: ▫ She went to London with the aim of finding a job. ◊ ▫ Our main aim is to increase sales in Europe.

purpose or aim?

Your **purpose** for doing something is your reason for doing it; your **aim** is what you want to achieve. **Aim** can suggest that you are only trying to achieve sth; **purpose** gives a stronger sense of achievement being certain. **Aim** can be **sb's aim** or **the aim of sth**. **Purpose** is more usually **the purpose of sth**: you can talk about **sb's purpose** but that is more formal.

intention • what you intend to do: ▫ I have no intention of going to the wedding. ◊ ▫ She's full of ▫ good intentions ▫ but they rarely work out.

plan • what you intend to do or achieve: ▫ There are no plans to build new offices.

intention or plan?

Your **intentions** are what you want to do, especially in the near future; your **plans** are what you have decided or arranged to do, often, but not always, in the longer term.

point • (rather informal) the purpose or aim of sth: ▫ What's the point ▫ of all this violence? ◊ ▫ The point of the lesson is to compare the two countries.

idea • (rather informal) the purpose of sth; sb's aim: ▫ The whole idea of going was so that we could meet her new boyfriend. ◊ ▫ What's the idea ▫ behind this?

point or idea?

Point is a more negative word than **idea**. If you say **What's the point...?** you are suggesting that there is no point; if you say **What's the idea...?** you are genuinely asking a question. **Point**, but not **idea**, is used to talk about things you feel annoyed or unhappy about: There's no idea in... ◊ I don't see the idea of....

with the purpose/aim/intention/idea of doing sth

sb's intention/plan **to do sth**

to **have** a(n) purpose/aim/intention/plan/point

to **achieve /fulfil** a(n) purpose/aim

Example Bank:

- After players accumulate enough points, they may exchange them for a wide variety of merchandise.
- At one point he looked like winning.
- At this point we can't give you a final answer.
- Baja California is the crossing point for most illegal immigrants to the US.
- Break up your text with bullet points.

- He covers the key points in his introduction.
- He had reached the high point of his career.
- He had trouble getting his point across.
- His popularity rose by 18 points in public opinion polls.
- His remarks were brief and to the point.
- Hurry up and get to the point!
- I didn't get the point of the story.
- I do agree with her final point.
- I don't see the point in arguing.
- I see your point.
- I understand what you're saying— there's no need to labour the point.
- I'm deducting a point from the total score.
- I've got to the point where his father is dying.
- I've reached the point= in a book, etc. where his father is dying.
- Interest rates fell by one percentage point.
- It doesn't have any point to it.
- It took me a few minutes to get the point.
- It's set point to Henman.
- More to the point, did they get away?
- Name the film and, for a bonus point, name the actress.
- Point taken.
- Points are awarded to the winner of each round.
- Senate Democrats issued these talking points.
- She banged on the table to emphasize her point.
- She has a point.
- She made some interesting points.
- She's averaged 19 points per game in her last seven games.
- She's got a point.
- That proves my point.
- That's beside the point.
- The CAC-40 index is down 67 points at 4413.
- The Nikkei index rose 710 points to 14894.
- The basic point is that...
- The book provides a focal point for such discussions.
- The committee recommended a number of action points to avoid such problems in the future.
- The index was down only 4.6 points at the close.
- The possibility of an interest rate cut is a major talking point in the City.
- The product sold at about a \$100 price point.
- The target is for an average rise of two points a year from 2010 to 2020.
- The technology has reached a tipping point.
- The ten-year Treasury yield declined 9 basis points to 4.0%.
- Their anger finally reached the flash point.
- There comes a point in most people's lives when they want to settle down.
- There is only one point of difference between the two models.
- There's absolutely no point in complaining now.
- They argued the point for hours.
- This is definitely a critical point in my life right now.
- This proved to be the turning point of the game.
- This was a sore point for Hemingway.
- This website is an excellent beginning point for any pianist.
- We discussed the finer points of growing roses.
- We worked all night to the point of collapse.
- What's the point of worrying?
- a convenient midway point between Memphis and St. Louis
- a personal tally of 28 points
- a sticking point in the potential deal
- an excellent access point into Glacier National Park
- by the time the movie has reached its halfway point
- from one improbable plot point to another
- jumping-off points for further research
- on the point of departure
- one stopping point on their tour of the shrines
- pressures points on the foot
- the focal point of his life
- the major selling point of the line
- the starting and ending point for most safaris
- to achieve an improvement of over 4.6 points in operating ratio
- to fill a bag to bursting point
- well below its financial break-even point
- 'He's been married before.' 'That's beside the point.'

- 'There won't be anywhere to park.' 'Oh, that's a (good) point.'
- An important point has been missed out.
- At this point I don't care what you decide to do.
- At this point in time we just have to wait.
- Could you explain that point again?
- Do you see my point?
- He summarized all the salient points of the case.
- He's just saying that to prove a point.
- How long it will last is a moot point.
- I don't see the point of doing it all again.
- I know it won't cost very much but that's not the point.
- I should like to highlight the key points.
- I think I missed the point.
- I wish he would get to the point.
- I'll come straight to the point: we need more money.
- I'll wait for you at the meeting point in the arrivals hall.
- It just isn't true. That's the whole point.
- OK, you've made your point!
- One of the hotel's plus points is that it is very central.
- Read the manual to learn the program's finer points.
- She pressed so hard that the point of the pencil made a hole in the paper.
- Tact is not one of her strong points.
- The climber was at the point of death when they found him.
- The point is you shouldn't have to wait so long to see a doctor.
- There are one or two points that aren't yet clear.
- They are so small that several of them could easily fit on the point of a pin.
- They won on points.
- This could be the sticking point in the negotiations.
- Use the point of a knife to remove the seeds.
- We have passed the point of no return.
- What's the point of all this violence?
- You have a point — it would be better to wait till this evening
- You're missing the point: we don't doubt his enthusiasm, only his ability.
- to reach boiling/freezing/melting/saturation point
- to win/lose a point

Idioms: ↑if it comes to the point ▪ ↑in point of fact ▪ ↑make a point of doing something ▪ ↑more to the point ▪ ↑on point ▪ ↑point a finger ▪ ↑point of contact ▪ ↑point of departure ▪ ↑point of honour ▪ ↑point of no return ▪ ↑point taken ▪ ↑the point ▪ ↑the point of something ▪ ↑up to a point

Derived ↑point out ▪ ↑point somebody out ▪ ↑point something out ▪ ↑point something up ▪ ↑point to something

verb

SHOW WITH FINGER

1. intransitive, transitive, no passive to stretch out your finger or sth held in your hand towards sb/sth in order to show sb where a person or thing is

- ~ **(at/to/towards sb/sth)** 'What's your name?' he asked, pointing at the child with his pen.
- 'That's my mother,' she said, pointing at a photo on the wall.
- He pointed to the spot where the house used to stand.
- She pointed in my direction.
- It's rude to point!
- ~ **sth** She pointed her finger in my direction.

AIM

2. transitive ~ sth (at sb/sth) to aim sth at sb/sth

- He pointed the gun at her head.
- A hundred camera lenses were being pointed at her.

FACE DIRECTION

3. intransitive + adv./prep. to face in or be directed towards a particular direction

- The telescope was pointing in the wrong direction.
- The signpost pointed straight ahead.
- A compass needle points north.

LEAD TO

4. intransitive, transitive to lead to or suggest a particular development or logical argument

- + **adv./prep.** The evidence seems to point in that direction.
- ~ **the way + adv./prep.** The fans are looking to the new players to point the way to victory.

SHOW THE WAY

5. **transitive** to show sb which way to go
- ~ **sb + adv./prep.** I wonder if you could point me in the right direction for the bus station.
 - ~ **the way + adv./prep.** A series of yellow arrows pointed the way to reception.

WALL

6. transitive ~ sth to put ↑mortar between the bricks of a wall

- The house needs pointing before winter.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	point
	BrE /ˈpɔɪnt/
	NAme /ˈpɔɪnt/
he / she / it	points
	BrE /ˈpɔɪnts/
	NAme /ˈpɔɪnts/
past simple, past participle	pointed
	BrE /ˈpɔɪntɪd/
	NAme /ˈpɔɪntɪd/
-ing form	pointing
	BrE /ˈpɔɪntɪŋ/
	NAme /ˈpɔɪntɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: the noun partly from Old French **point**, from Latin **punctum** 'something that is pricked', giving rise to the senses 'unit, mark, point in space or time'; partly from Old French **pointe**, from Latin **puncta** 'pricking', giving rise to the senses 'sharp tip, promontory'. The verb is from Old French **pointer**, and in some senses from the English noun.

Thesaurus:

point verb

1. I, T

- She pointed to the spot where the house used to stand.

show • |formal **indicate** •

2. T

- He pointed the gun at the target.

aim • • **direct** • • **focus** • • **turn** •

point/aim/direct (sth) **at** sb/sth

point/aim/focus a **camera**

point/aim/turn a **gun** **at/on** sb/sth

Language Bank:

argue

Verbs for reporting an opinion

- Some critics **argue** ▪ that Picasso remained a great master all his life.
- Others **maintain** ▪ that there is a significant deterioration in quality in his post-war work.
- Picasso himself **claimed** ▪ that good art is created, but great art is stolen.
- As** ▪ Smith **has noted** ▪, Picasso borrowed imagery from African art.
- As** ▪ the author **points out** ▪, Picasso borrowed imagery from African art.
- The writer **challenges the notion that** ▪ Picasso's sculpture was secondary to his painting.
- It has been suggested that** ▪ Picasso's painting was influenced by jazz music.

Language Banks at ↑**about**, ↑**according to**

Example Bank:

- 'You must cross that field,' she said, pointing the way.
- As you so rightly pointed out, our funds are not unlimited.
- Fragments of woven cloth at the site clearly point to the production of textiles.
- He pointed in the direction of the beach.
- His wife pointed out tartly that none of them were exactly starving.
- Lee pointed accusingly at Tyler.
- Let me to hasten to point out that this is not a marketing book.
- She pointed with her finger at the map.
- She tried in vain to point out to him the unfairness of the situation.
- She was at pains to point out that she was no newcomer to the area.
- The evidence all seems to point to one conclusion.
- The gun was pointing straight at me.
- The symptoms point directly to appendicitis.
- The toddler pointed to the toy he wanted.
- They would not hesitate to point out anything they found objectionable.
- You were right to point out that this is only one of the difficulties we face.
- as repeatedly pointed out by President Bush
- 'What's your name?' he asked, pointing at the child with his pen.
- A series of yellow arrows pointed the way to the reception desk.

- Could you point me in the right direction for the bus station?

See also: [↑switch](#)

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point

I. **point**¹ **S1 W1** /pɔɪnt/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑point, ↑pointer, ↑pointlessness; **adjective:** ↑pointed, ↑pointy, ↑pointless; **adverb:** ↑pointlessly, ↑pointedly; **verb:** ↑point]

[**Date:** 1200-1300; **Origin:** Partly from Old French point '*small hole or spot, point in time or space*', from Latin punctum, from pungere (⇒ ↑pungent); partly from Old French pointe '*sharp end*', from Vulgar Latin puncta, from Latin pungere]

1. IDEA [countable] a single fact, idea, or opinion that is part of an argument or discussion:

- That's a very interesting point.
- She made some extremely good points.
- There are three important points we must bear in mind.
- This brings me to my next point.

point about

- I agree with John's point about keeping the costs down.

2. MAIN MEANING/IDEA the point the most important fact or idea:

- The point is, at least we're all safely back home.
- Nobody knows exactly how it works. That's the whole point.
- He may not have stolen the money himself, but that's not the point.
- I wish you'd get to the point (=talk about the most important thing).
- I'll come straight to the point (=talk about the most important thing first).
- I need to find out who killed Alf, and more to the point (=what is more important) I need to do it before anyone else gets killed.
- We all like him, but that's beside the point (=not the most important thing).
- I think you've missed the point (=you have not understood the most important thing).

3. PURPOSE [uncountable] the purpose or aim of something:

- I suppose we could save one or two of the trees, but what's the point?

point of

- What's the point of this meeting anyway?
- The whole point of this legislation is to protect children.
- There's no point in worrying.
- We're going to lose anyway, so I can't see the point of playing.
- I didn't see the point in moving to London.

4. PLACE [countable] a particular place or position:

- The accident happened at the point where the A15 joins the M1.
- No cars are allowed beyond this point.
- a border crossing point
- Cairo is a convenient departure point for tours.
- Dover is a point of entry into Britain.

5. IN TIME/DEVELOPMENT [countable] an exact moment, time, or stage in the development of something:

- I had reached a point in my career where I needed to decide which way to go.
- She had got to the point where she felt that she could not take any more.
- Their win over old rivals Manchester United was the high point (=best part) in their season.
- Sales reached a low point in 1996.
- We will take last week's riots as a starting point for our discussion.
- At one point, I thought he was going to burst into tears.
- Maybe at this point we should move onto some of the practical experiments.
- At that point, I was still living at home and had no job.
- You will probably sell the car at some point in the future.
- It is impossible to give a definite answer at this point in time.
- Some children are bullied to the point of suicide (=until they reach this stage).

6. QUALITY/FEATURE [countable usually plural] a particular quality or feature that something or someone has

sb's/sth's good/bad points

- Sometimes she had to remind herself of his good points.

point of

- They would spend hours discussing the finer points (=small details about qualities and features) of various cars.
- The low price is one of its main selling points (=features that will help to sell it).
- Driving was not one of Baxter's strong points.
- One of the club's plus points is that it is central.
- There were some weak points in his argument.

7. GAMES/SPORT [countable] one of the marks or numbers that shows your score in a game or sport:

- He is three points behind the leader.
- Leeds United are now six points clear at the top of the table.
- She had to win this point.
- You get three points for a win and one point for a draw.
- You lose a point if you do not complete the puzzle on time.
- The fight went the full fifteen rounds, and in the end the American won on points.

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SHARP END [countable] a sharp end of something:

- the sharp point of a spear
 - 9. **boiling point/freezing point/melting point etc** the temperature at which something boils, freezes, melts etc:
 - Heat the water until it reaches boiling point.
 - 10. **the point of no return** a stage in a process or activity when it becomes impossible to stop it or do something different
 - reach/pass the point of no return
 - I was aware that we had passed the point of no return.
 - 11. **point of departure** an idea which you use to start a discussion:
 - He takes the idea of personal freedom as his point of departure.
 - 12. **be on the point of (doing) something** to be going to do something very soon:
 - I was on the point of giving up the search when something caught my eye in the bushes.
 - The country's economy is on the point of collapse.
 - 13. **up to a point** partly, but not completely:
 - I agree with you up to a point.
 - That is true, but only up to a point.
 - 14. **to the point** dealing only with the important subject or idea, and not including any unnecessary discussions:
 - Her comments were brief and to the point.
 - 15. **make a point of doing something** to do something deliberately, even when it involves making a special effort:
 - He made a point of spending Saturdays with his children.
 - I always make a point of being early.
 - 16. **when/if it comes to the point** *British English* used to talk about what happens when someone is in a difficult situation and has to make a difficult decision:
 - I'm sure that if it came to the point, he would do what is expected of him.
 - 17. **in point of fact** *formal* used when saying that something is true, although it may seem unlikely:
 - We were assured that the prisoners were being well treated, when in point of fact they were living in terrible conditions.
 - 18. **not to put too fine a point on it** *especially British English* used when you are saying something in a very direct way:
 - She's lying, not to put too fine a point on it.
 - 19. **NUMBERS** [countable] a sign (.) used to separate a whole number from any ↑decimals that follow it
 - 20. **MEASURE ON A SCALE** [countable] a mark or measure on a scale:
 - The stock market has fallen by over 200 points in the last week.
 - 21. **SMALL SPOT** [countable] a very small spot of light or colour:
 - The stars shone like points of light in the sky.
 - 22. **DIRECTION** [countable] one of the marks on a ↑compass that shows direction:
 - Soldiers were advancing on us from all points of the compass.
 - 23. **PIECE OF LAND** [countable] a long thin piece of land that stretches out into the sea:
 - We sailed round the point into a small, sheltered bay.
 - 24. **ELECTRICITY** [countable] *British English* a piece of plastic with holes in it which is attached to a wall and to which electrical equipment can be connected:
 - a telephone point
 - an electrical point
 - 25. **RAILWAYS points** [plural] *British English* a piece of railway track that can be moved to allow a train to cross over from one track to another:
 - The train rattled over the points.
- ⇒ ↑pointe
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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ **adjectives**

- **a good point** I think that's a very good point.
- **an interesting point** He has made an interesting point.
- **an important point** That's an important point to bear in mind.
- **a serious point** He's making a joke but there is a serious point there as well.
- **a valid point** She raised a number of valid points.
- **a general point** I'd like to make one further general point.
- **a similar point** Kevin Phillips made a similar point in his 1993 book, 'Boiling Point'.
- **the main point** Finally, I will summarise the main points of this chapter.
- **one final/last point** There is one final point I would like to make.

■ verbs

- **make a point** He makes the point that predicting behaviour is not easy.
- **put/get your point across** (=make people understand it) I think we got our point across.
- **raise a point** (=mention it) I was going to raise that point.
- **illustrate/demonstrate a point** A simple example will illustrate the point.
- **prove your/a point** (=prove that what you say is right) He was determined to prove his point.
- **understand a point** I'm sorry, I don't understand your point.
- **see/take/get sb's point** (=understand or agree with it) OK, I take your point. But it's not that easy.
- **have a point** (=have made a good point) Maybe she has a point.
- **labour the point** *British English*, **belabor the point** *American English* (=keep saying something) I don't wish to labour the point, but why didn't you just tell me?
- **clarify a point** (=make it clearer) Could you clarify a couple of points for me?

■ phrases

- **point taken** (=used to say to someone that you accept what they say) All right, point taken – I should have asked you first.
- **the finer points of something** (=the small details) I'm afraid I don't understand the finer points of the game.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ phrases

- **the point is (that) ...** The point is that going by bus would be a lot cheaper.
- **that's the (whole) point** That's the point. She didn't tell us what was going on.
- **that's not the point** We'd earn a lot of money, but that's not the point.
- **be beside the point** (=be not the most important thing to consider) He's the best person for the job so his age is beside the point.
- **more to the point** (=what is more important) When did she leave, and, more to the point, why?

■ verbs

- **get/come (straight) to the point** (=talk about the most important thing immediately) I haven't got much time so let's get straight to the point.
- **get the point** (=understand it) He didn't get the point at first.
- **miss the point** (=not understand it) I don't know why but Mel always seems to miss the point.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 5)

■ verbs

- **reach a point** Some couples reach a point where divorce is the only solution.
- **get to a point** You get to the point where ordinary things like climbing stairs are difficult.
- **mark a high/low/turning etc point** (=be or happen at a particular time in the development of something) The day of the accident marked a turning point in Kenny's life.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + point

- **a high point** Winning the World Championship was the high point of my career.
- **a low point** She helped me when I was at a low point in my life.
- **a starting point** The following recipes are a good starting point for making your own bread.
- **a turning point** (=the time when an important change starts, especially an improvement) A turning point in the history of the republic came in 1358.
- **crisis point** (=the point at which a situation becomes extremely serious) The tensions within the country have reached crisis point.
- **breaking point** (=a time when someone or something can no longer deal with something) Our resources are stretched to breaking point.
- **bursting point** (=a time when something is completely full) The hospital was full to bursting point.
- **saturation point** (=a time when no more can be added to something) Is the market for computer games reaching saturation point?

■ phrases

- **at one point** (=at a time in the past) At one point I was thinking of studying physics.
- **at some point** Over half the population suffers from back pain at some point in their lives.
- **at this/that point** I'm not prepared at this point to make any decision.
- **at this/that point in time** *formal* (=used especially in official speeches, announcements etc) It would be wrong to comment at this point in time.
- **to the point of something** (=until a stage is reached or is near) British industry was driven to the point of collapse.
- **there comes a point when ...** There comes a point where you have to accept defeat.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 6)

■ adjectives

- **good points** Every system has its good points and its drawbacks.
- **bad points** What would you say are Natalie's bad points?
- **sb's strong point** (=something that they are good at) Mathematics was never my strong point.
- **sb's weak point** (=something that they are not good at) Be honest about assessing your weak points.
- **a plus point** *British English* (=an advantage or good feature) The airline's outstanding safety record is a major plus point.
- **a positive point** Underfloor heating has a lot of positive points.
- **a negative point** A few negative points should be mentioned.
- **a selling point** (=a quality or feature that makes people want to buy something) The house's main selling point is its beautiful garden.

- the finer points of something (=small details about the qualities or features of something) I'm afraid I'm not interested in the finer points of cars.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 7)

■ verbs

- **score a point** (=especially in games such as football, baseball, cricket etc) The Kiwis scored 206 points in their three matches.
- **win a point** (=especially in games such as tennis, where the ball goes back and forth between competitors) I didn't win a single point in my first few games.
- **get a point** *informal* (=score a point) Our aim is to get as many points as possible.
- **lose a point** If he's got the answer wrong, he loses 250 points.
- **give/award somebody a point** I was awarded 17 points out of 20.

■ phrases

- **win/lose by 5/10 etc points** We only lost by two points.
- **win/lose on points** (=win or lose a fight because of the judges' decision) He was knocked down twice, before losing on points.
- **be level on points** *BrE*: The teams finished level on points.

II. point² S2 W2 BrE " AmE " verb

[Word Family: noun: ↑point, ↑pointer, ↑pointlessness; adjective: ↑pointed, ↑pointy, ↑pointless; adverb: ↑pointlessly, ↑pointedly; verb: ↑point]

1. **SHOW SOMETHING WITH YOUR FINGER** [*intransitive and transitive*] to show something to someone by holding up one of your fingers or a thin object towards it:

'Look!' she said and pointed.

point at

I could see him pointing at me and telling the other guests what I had said.

point to/towards

She was pointing to a small boat that was approaching the shore.

point with

The driver pointed with his whip.

She pointed in the direction of the car park.

He stood up and pointed his finger at me.

2. **AIM SOMETHING** [*transitive always + adverb/preposition*] to hold something so that it is aimed towards a person or thing

point something at somebody/something

He stood up and pointed his gun at the prisoner.

She produced a camera and pointed it at me.

3. **FACE IN ONE DIRECTION** [*intransitive always + adverb/preposition*] to face or be aimed in a particular direction:

The arrow always points north.

There were flashlights all around us, pointing in all directions.

point at

There were TV cameras pointing at us.

point to/towards

The hands of the clock pointed to a quarter past one.

We found footprints pointing towards the back door.

4. **SHOW SOMEBODY WHERE TO GO** [*transitive always + adverb/preposition*] to show someone which direction they should go in:

She pointed me towards an armchair.

Could you point me in the direction of the bathroom, please?

5. **SUGGEST WHAT SOMEBODY SHOULD DO** [*transitive always + adverb/preposition*] to suggest what someone should do:

My teachers were all pointing me towards university.

A financial adviser should be able to point you in the right direction.

6. **SUGGEST THAT SOMETHING IS TRUE** [*intransitive always + adverb/preposition*] to suggest that something is true:

Everything seemed to point in one direction.

point to/towards

All the evidence pointed towards Blake as the murderer.

Everything points to her having died from a drugs overdose.

7. **WALLS/BUILDINGS** [*transitive*] *British English* to put new **↑cement** between the bricks of a wall

8. **point your toes** to stretch the ends of your feet downwards

9. **point the/a finger at somebody** to blame someone or say that they have done something wrong:

I knew that they would point the finger at me.

I don't want to point a finger of blame at anyone.

10. **point the way**

a) to show the direction that something is in

point the way to/towards

An old-fashioned signpost pointed the way to the restaurant.

b) to show how something could change or develop successfully

point the way forward/forwards

This report points the way forward for the water industry.

point the way to/towards

a government paper which points the way towards reform

point something ↔ **out phrasal verb**

1. to tell someone something that they did not already know or had not thought about:

- " He was always very keen to point out my mistakes.
- " The murder was obviously well planned, as the inspector had pointed out.

point out that

" Some economists have pointed out that low inflation is not necessarily a good thing.

point something out to somebody

" Thank you for pointing this out to me.

2. to show something to someone by pointing at it:

" Luke pointed out two large birds by the water's edge.

point somebody/something out to somebody

" I'll point him out to you if we see him.

point to something phrasal verb

to mention something because you think it is important:

" Many politicians have pointed to the need for a written constitution.

point something ↔ up phrasal verb formal

to make something seem more important or more noticeable:

" These cases point up the complete incompetence of some government departments.

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- **lead** to take a person or animal somewhere by going in front of them while they follow, or by pulling them gently: Rachel led Jo into the kitchen. | She was leading a horse, which seemed to have a bad leg.
- **take** to take someone somewhere with you when you have the transport, know the way, are paying etc: I took her to see a film. | Matt's taking me in his car.
- **guide** to take someone through or to a place you know, showing them the way: Ali guided us through the streets to his house on the edge of the town.
- **show** to take someone to a place such as a table in a restaurant or a hotel room and leave them there: A waitress showed us to our table. | We were shown to our seats near the front of the theatre.
- **point** to show someone which direction to go using your hand or a sign: The sign back there pointed this way.
- **escort** to take someone somewhere, protecting them, guarding them, or showing them the way: He was escorted from the court by police. | The President's car will be escorted by a military convoy.
- **usher** to show someone the way to a room or building nearby, usually as part of your job: His housekeeper ushered us into the living room.
- **shepherd** to carefully take someone somewhere – used especially about a group of people: The police shepherded thousands of people to safety in the cathedral.
- **direct formal** to tell someone where to go or how to get somewhere: He directed us to a cafe a few blocks away. | Can you direct me to the station?

point

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