

**busy****1. ['bɪzi] a****1. *обыкн. predic*****1) занятой, несвободный**

busy signal - сигнал занят (по телефону)

to be too busy to talk [to read, to play] - не иметь времени, чтобы поговорить [почитать, поиграть]

the doctor is busy just now - доктор сейчас занят

the telephone /the line/ is busy - *амер.* номер (телефон) занят

I am very busy today - сегодня у меня очень много работы, я сегодня целый день занят

**2) занятой, занимающийся или поглощённый (чем-л.); работающий (над чем-л.)**

to be busy with /about, over/ one's task - выполнять порученную работу, работать над заданием

to be busy at work - быть занятым какой-л. работой

to be busy about the house - хлопотать по дому

to be busy with one's camera - возиться со своим фотоаппаратом

in the morning I am busy with my lessons [needlework] - утро я посвящаю урокам [шитью]

he is busy with the picture for the exhibition - он работает над картиной для выставки

I found him busy packing his things - я застал его за укладкой чемоданов

to keep smb. busy - заставлять кого-л. напряжённо трудиться

my garden keeps me always busy - работа в саду отнимает у меня всё время

to get busy - начать заниматься (чем-л.); начать действовать

then the police got busy - тогда полиция начала действовать

**2. деятельный, трудолюбивый**

busy man - деловой /занятой/ человек

busy brain - энергичный /деятельный/ ум

the busy bee - а) трудолюбивая пчёлка; б) *образн.* хлопотунья, хлопотливая хозяйка

as busy as a bee - а) трудолюбива как пчела; б) всегда в хлопотах /в трудах/

**3. напряжённый, интенсивный**

busy day - трудный /загруженный/ день

the busy hours - часы пик

busy street - оживлённая /людная/ улица

busy town [market-place] - шумный город [рынок]

busy (railway) line - перегруженная (железнодорожная) линия

the shops are very busy before the New Year - в магазинах идёт бойкая новогодняя торговля, перед Новым годом в магазинах большой наплыв покупателей

**4. находящийся в постоянном движении; активный**

boyishly busy - по-мальчишески непоседливый

cheerfully [noisily] busy - весёлый [шумный] и подвижный

**5. *узм.* суетливый, хлопотливый, беспокойный**

the busy world of men - суетный мир людской

busy idleness - показная суета

to be busy about trifles - суетиться по пустякам

**6. перегруженный орнаментом, украшениями *и т. п.***

busy wallpaper - вычурные обои

**2. ['bɪzi] v****1) заниматься (чем-л.; *обыкн.* busy oneself)**

to busy oneself with /in, about/ arranging a concert [preparing a wedding] - заниматься организацией концерта [подготовкой к свадьбе]

to busy oneself about /in/ the house - хлопотать по дому

to busy oneself industriously [casually, perfunctorily] - заниматься (чем-л.) усердно [небрежно, поверхностно]

she busied herself with the tea-things - она занялась приготовлением чая

**2) дать работу, занять (чем-л.)**

to busy one's hands [eyes] - дать работу рукам [глазам]

to busy one's brain - неотступно думать о чём-л.; ломать себе голову

to busy the gardener [the cook, the nurse] - занять (чем-л.) садовника [повара, няньку]

**3) *узм.* заниматься, трудиться****busy**

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**busy** [bʌzi bʌzɪs bʌzɪd bʌzɪŋ bʌziə bʌziəst] *adjective, verb BrE* ['bɪzi]*NAME* ['bɪzi]*adjective* (busier, busi-est)**DOING STH****1. having a lot to do; perhaps not free to do sth else because you are working on sth**

- Are you busy tonight?
- I'm afraid the doctor is busy at the moment. Can he call you back?
- I'll be too busy to come to the meeting.
- The principal is a very busy woman.
- She was always too busy to listen.
- a very busy life

- ~ **with sth/sb** Kate's busy with her homework.
- 2. ~ **(doing sth)** spending a lot of time on sth
  - James is busy practising for the school concert.
  - Let's get busy with the clearing up.
  - They were busy enjoying themselves at the party.

## PLACE

3. full of people, activity, vehicles, etc
- a busy main road
  - Victoria is one of London's busiest stations.

## PERIOD OF TIME

4. full of work and activity
- Have you had a busy day?
  - This is one of the busiest times of the year for the department.
  - We had a busy weekend lined up.

## TELEPHONE

5. (especially NAmE) being used

**Syn:** †engaged

- The line is busy— I'll try again later.
- the busy signal

## PATTERN/DESIGN

6. too full of small details
- This wallpaper is too busy for the bedroom.

### Word Origin:

Old English bisgian (verb), bisig (noun); related to Dutch **bezig**, of unknown origin.

### Thesaurus:

**busy** *adj.*

- 1.
- The principal is a very busy man.
- active** • • **hard-pressed** • • **occupied** • • **at work** • • **involved** • |**formal engaged** •
- busy/occupied/involved **with** sth  
 active/occupied/involved **engaged in** sth  
**keep sb** busy/active/occupied/involved

- 2.
- a busy airport
- crowded** • • **full** • • **packed** • • **crammed** • |**approving lively** • |**approving written bustling** • • **vibrant** • |**disapproving overcrowded** • • **congested** •
- busy/crowded/packed/crammed/bustling **with** people  
 a/an busy/crowded/lively/bustling/overcrowded **place/town/market/bar**  
 the **place/town/market/bar** is full/packed

- 3.
- a busy time of year
- hectic** • • **full** • • **eventful** •
- Opp:** quiet  
 a/an busy/hectic/full/eventful **day/weekend/week/life**  
 a/an busy/hectic/full **programme/schedule/timetable**
- Busy, hectic or full?** **Busy** is the most general of these words. **Full** often describes a period of time, especially sb's life, that is busy in a good way. **Hectic** usually describes a period of time or an activity that is too busy.

### Collocations:

#### **Phones**

*Making and receiving phone calls*

the phone/telephone **rings**

**answer/pick up/hang up** the phone/telephone

**lift/pick up/hold/replace** the receiver

**dial** a (phone/extension/wrong) number/an area code

**call sb/talk (to sb)/speak (to sb)** on the phone/telephone; from home/work/the office

**make/get/receive** a phone call

**take** the phone **off the hook** (= remove the receiver so that the phone does not ring)

the line is (*BrE*) **engaged** / (*especially NAmE*) **busy**

the phones have been (*NAmE*) **ringing off the hook** (= ringing frequently)

**put sb through/get through** to the person you want to speak to

**put sb on hold** (= so that they must wait for the person they want to speak to)

**call from/use** a landline

### Mobile/cell phones

be/talk on a (both BrE) mobile phone/mobile/(especially NAmE) cell phone/(informal, especially NAmE) cell use/answer/call (sb on)/get a message on your mobile phone/mobile/cell phone/cell switch/turn on/off your mobile phone/mobile/cell phone/cell charge/recharge your mobile phone/mobile/cell phone/cell a mobile/cell phone is on/is off/rings/goes off (BrE) top up your mobile (phone) send/receive a text (message)/an SMS (message)/a fax insert/remove/change a SIM card

### Example Bank:

- I've got enough work to keep you busy.
- She needed to keep busy.
- She was busy with her make-up.
- Have you had a busy day?
- I'm afraid the doctor is busy at the moment. Can he call you back?
- Let's get busy with the clearing up.
- Victoria is one of London's busiest stations.
- We have to cross a busy main road to get to school.

Idioms: ↑as busy as a bee ▪ ↑keep yourself busy

Derived Word ↑busily

### verb (busies, busy-ing, busied, busied)

to fill your time doing an activity or a task

- ~ yourself (with sth) She busied herself with the preparations for the party.
- ~ yourself (in/with) doing sth While we talked, Bill busied himself fixing lunch.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	busy
	BrE / 'bɪzi/
	NAmE / 'bɪzi/
he / she / it	busies
	BrE / 'bɪzi/
	NAmE / 'bɪzi/
past simple, past participle	busied
	BrE / 'bɪzi/
	NAmE / 'bɪzi/
-ing form	busy-ing
	BrE / 'bɪzi/
	NAmE / 'bɪzi/

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## busy

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1. busy<sup>1</sup> S1 W2 /'bɪzi/ BrE " AmE " adjective (comparative busier, superlative busiest)

[Language: Old English; Origin: bisig]

1. **PERSON** if you are busy, you are working hard and have a lot of things to do:

- She's busy now – can you phone later?
- a busy mother of four

### busy with

- Mr Haynes is busy with a customer at the moment.

### busy doing something

- Rachel's busy studying for her exams.
- There were lots of activities to keep the kids busy.

2. **TIME** a busy period of time is full of work or other activities:

- December is the busiest time of year for shops.
- a busy day
- He took time out of his busy schedule to visit us.

3. **PLACE** a busy place is very full of people or vehicles and movement:

- We live on a very busy road.

4. **TELEPHONE especially American English** if a telephone you are calling is busy, it makes a repeated sound to tell you that the person you are calling is talking on their telephone **SYN engaged British English:**

- I called Sonya, but her line was busy.
- I keep getting a busy signal.

5. **PATTERN** a pattern or design that is busy is too full of small details – used to show disapproval

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### THESAURUS

#### person

- busy if you are busy, you have a lot of things you need to do: Sorry I haven't called you, but I've been really busy. | a busy

housewife | Angela was becoming more and more unhappy, but her husband was too busy to notice. | Not now Stephen, I'm busy. | Alex is busy studying for his exams.

- **rushed/run off your feet** [not before noun] *especially British English spoken* very busy and in a hurry, because you have too many things to do: We've been absolutely rushed off our feet getting ready for our son's birthday party.
- **snowed under** [not before noun] *especially British English* so busy that you can hardly deal with all the work you have to do: I can't stop for lunch today – I'm completely snowed under. | We've been snowed under with applications for the job.
- **up to your ears/neck in something** [not before noun] *informal* extremely busy because you have a lot of work to deal with: Teachers say they are up to their ears in paperwork and don't have enough time for teaching.
- **tied up** [not before noun] busy in your job, so that you cannot do anything else: I'm sorry, but he's tied up at the moment. Could you call back later? | I can't see you tomorrow: I'm tied up all day.
- **have a lot to do** *especially spoken* to have to do a lot of things, so that you need to hurry or work hard: Let's get started – we have a lot to do.
- **have a lot on** *British English*, **have a lot going on** *American English especially spoken* to be busy, especially because you have arranged to do a lot of things during a particular period: I've got a lot on this weekend. | He says he'll try and see you as soon as possible, but he has a lot going on this afternoon.

■ **time**

- **busy** use this about times when you have a lot of things you need to do: We have a busy day ahead of us tomorrow. | July and August are our busiest times.
- **hectic** a hectic time or situation is extremely busy, so that you are always in a hurry and often feel excited or worried: It was really hectic at work today. | The band had a hectic recording schedule.
- **the rush hour** the time in the morning and evening when a lot of people are travelling to or from work: The buses are so crowded during the rush hour you never get a seat. | In most British cities the rush hour does not start until about 8 o'clock.

II. **busy**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* (past tense and past participle **busied**, present participle **busying**, third person singular **busies**) [transitive]

**busy yourself with something** to use your time dealing with something:  
 He busied himself with answering letters.

**busy**

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 15000 **1800**<sup>COCA</sup>  
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 busily 657  
 busiest 1105  
 busier 377  
 busied 291  
 busies 50  
 busying 42  
 COCA 500k Unlemmatized  
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 804 **23382**<sup>847</sup> *vv0*  
 85 **81038**<sup>88</sup> *vvi*