

focus 1. [ˈfəʊkəs] *n* (*pl* *foci*, *focuses* [ˈfəʊkəsɪz])

1. **физ.** фокус
 in [out of] focus - в [не в] фокусе
 to check the focus - фокусировать
 the glasses are not at the right focus for me - бинокль **и т. п.** настроен не по моим глазам
 to bring into focus - а) поместить в фокусе; фокусировать; б) дать ясную картину (*положения и т. п.*); подчеркнуть (*важность в чего-л.*)
 focus puller - **кино проф.** ассистент кинооператора производящий наводку на резкость
 focus range - диапазон фокусировки
2. **мат.** фокус (*эллипса и т. п.*)
3. ярко освещённое пятно (*на сцене*)
4. 1) средоточие; центр
 to be a focus of attention - привлекать к себе всеобщее внимание
 the focus of a disease - очаг болезни
 a focus of trouble between nations - узел международных противоречий

2) **геол.** фокус, очаг землетрясения

focus 2. [ˈfəʊkəs] *v*

1. собирать в фокус; фокусировать
 to focus opera-glasses to suit one's sight - настроить бинокль (по глазам)
2. помещать в фокусе
 to focus the sunrays on smth. with a burning-glass - сфокусировать зажигательным стеклом солнечные лучи на чём-л.
3. сосредоточивать (*внимание и т. п.*)
 all eyes were focused on him - все взгляды были обращены на него
 to focus one's attention [thoughts, efforts] on a matter - сосредоточить (*на чём-л.*) внимание [мысли, усилия]

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focus **AW** [focus focuses focusses focused focussed focusing focussing] **verb**

noun *BrE* [ˈfəʊkəs] ¹ *NAmE* [ˈfəʊkəs] ²

verb (-s- or -ss-)

1. **intransitive, transitive** to give attention, effort, etc. to one particular subject, situation or person rather than another
 - ~ **(on/upon sb/sth)** The discussion focused on three main problems.
 - Each exercise focuses on a different grammar point.
 - ~ **sth (on/upon sb/sth)** The visit helped to focus world attention on the plight of the refugees.
2. **intransitive, transitive** (*of your eyes, a camera, etc.*) to adapt or be adjusted so that things can be seen clearly; to adjust sth so that you can see things clearly
 - It took a few moments for her eyes to focus in the dark.
 - ~ **on sb/sth** Let your eyes focus on objects that are further away from you.
 - In this scene, the camera focuses on the actor's face.
 - ~ **sth (on sb/sth)** He focused his blue eyes on her.
 - I quickly focused the camera on the children.

3. **transitive ~ sth (on sth)** (**technical**) to aim light onto a particular point using a [↑]**lens**

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	focus
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈfəʊkəs/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈfɒkəs/
he / she / it	focuses also focusses
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈfəʊkəsɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈfɒkəsɪz/
past simple, past participle	focused also focussed
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈfəʊkəst/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈfɒkəst/
-ing form	focusing also focussing
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈfəʊkəsɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈfɒkəsɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 17th cent. (as a term in geometry and physics): from Latin, literally domestic hearth.

Thesaurus:

focus **verb**

1. **I, T**
 - The discussion focused on two main issues.
 - target** •• **direct** •• **turn** •• **be aimed at sb** •• **orient** • |**formal address** •
 focus/target/turn sth **on** sth
efforts/resources/campaigns are focused on/targeted at/directed at sb/sth
attention is focused on/directed at/turned to sb/sth
2. **I, T**
 - Focus the camera on the children.
 - point** •• **aim** •• **direct** •• **turn** •

focus/turn sth **on** sb/sth
point/aim/direct sth **at** sb/sth
focus/point/aim a **camera**
focus/aim/direct (a) **light**

Example Bank:

- Degree courses have traditionally focused on the established great writers of the past.
- He inevitably focused on his own concerns, with only a passing query about Jeff.
- She blinked and tried to focus.
- The attention of the news media was firmly focused on the elections.
- The department undertakes highly focused research.
- The eye will automatically focus on the small group in the foreground.
- The study focuses exclusively on schools.
- The study was criticized for being too narrowly focused.
- Think of some questions that will help focus the discussion.
- We need to focus upon the main issues.
- At the moment, aid agencies are focusing their efforts on women and children.
- I was finding it hard to focus my mind properly.
- In this scene, the camera focuses on the actor's face.
- Much recent concern has been focused upon sea level rises.
- Our activity is mainly focused on responding to emergencies.
- Schools should not focus exclusively on exam results.
- She used her glasses to focus the sun's rays on the twigs and spark a fire.
- The discussion focused on three main issues.
- This provides an opportunity to focus research on the health needs of the population.
- Where do you really wish to focus your time and energy?
- You need to focus closely on the matter at hand.

noun (pl. **fo-cuses** or **foci** *BrE* ['fəʊsai] ^m ; *NAmE* ['fousai] ^m)

1. uncountable, countable, usually singular the thing or person that people are most interested in; the act of paying special attention to sth and making people interested in it

- It was the main **focus of attention** at the meeting.
- ~ **for sth** His comments provided a focus for debate.
- ~ **on sth** We shall maintain our focus on the needs of the customer.
- In today's lecture the focus will be on tax structures within the European Union.
- The incident **brought** the problem of violence in schools **into** sharp **focus** .
- What we need now is a **change of focus** (= to look at things in a different way) .

2. uncountable a point or distance at which the outline of an object is clearly seen by the eye or through a [↑]**lens**

- The children's faces are badly **out of focus** (= not clearly shown) in the photograph.
- The binoculars were not **in focus** (= were not showing things clearly) .

3. (also 'focal point) countable (physics) a point at which waves of light, sound, etc. meet after [↑]**reflection** or [↑]**refraction**; the point from which waves of light, sound, etc. seem to come

4. countable (geology) the point at which an [↑]**earthquake** starts to happen

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focus noun **U, C, usually sing.**

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focal point • • **hub** • • **heart** • |**BrE** **centre** • |**AmE** **center** •

an **important** focus/focal point/hub

act/serve as a focus/focal point/centre

give sth/provide a focus/focal point

Example Bank:

- Cities have always acted as the principal focus of political life.
- He found he was now their main focus of attention.
- I found the focus of the debate too narrow.
- I've directed my focus towards/toward developing my skills .
- Our primary focus this term will be on group work.
- She became a focus for all his anger.
- The binoculars were not in focus.
- The children's faces are badly out of focus in the photograph.
- The company's restructuring is designed to give a sharper focus on key growth markets.
- The focus has now shifted towards the problem of long-term unemployment.
- The legal team tried to shift the focus onto the victim.
- The media focus has now shifted onto something else.
- The problem with your plan is that it doesn't have a clear focus.

- The question of compensation comes into focus.
- The restructuring is designed to give a sharper focus on key markets.
- This case has brought the problem of drug abuse in schools into sharp focus.
- When I got glasses suddenly the whole world came into focus.
- an increased focus on younger people
- soft focus shots of cuddly animals
- the focus of my research
- In today's lecture the focus will be on tax structures within the European Union.
- What we need now is a change of focus.

See also: [↑focal point](#)

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I. **fo**cus¹ **S3 W2 AC** /'fəʊkəs \$ 'fou-/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **verb** (past tense and past participle **focused** or **focussed**, present participle **focusing** or **focussing**)

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: 'hearth (= place for a fire in a house)]

1. **GIVE ATTENTION TO SOMETHING** [**intransitive and transitive**] to give special attention to one particular person or thing, or to make people do this **SYN concentrate**

focus on

" He needs to focus more on his career.

focus your attention/mind/efforts on something

" She tried to focus her mind on her work.

focus (sb's) mind/attention (on something) (=make people give their attention to something)

" We need to focus public attention on this issue.

2. **CAMERA/TELESCOPE** [**intransitive and transitive**] to point a camera or **↑telescope** at something, and change the controls slightly so that you can see that thing clearly

focus on

" She turned the camera and focussed on Martin's face.

focus something on something

" He focused his binoculars on the building opposite.

3. **EYES** [**intransitive and transitive**] if your eyes focus, or if you focus your eyes, you look at something and can see it clearly

focus on

" All eyes focussed on her.

" His eyes were focussed straight ahead.

4. **LIGHT** [**transitive**] if you focus beams of light, you aim them onto a particular place

II. **fo**cus² **S3 W2 AC** **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun**

1. [**singular**] the thing, person, situation etc that people pay special attention to ⇒ **focal**:

" The focus of recent research has been on environmental issues.

focus of

" The war in Afghanistan had become the focus of media attention.

" The focus of interest in the series is what goes on in everyday life.

" Another focus of feminist debate has been the film industry.

" I shall now turn to the main focus of this essay.

" Eggs became the focus for the food poisoning scare.

" The focus of the conference shifted from population growth to the education of women.

2. [**uncountable**] if your focus is on something, that is the thing you are giving most attention to

focus on

" Our main focus is on helping people get back into work.

" a shift of focus

3. **come into focus/bring something into focus** if something comes into focus, or you bring it into focus, people start to talk about it and pay attention to it:

" These issues have recently come into sharp focus (=people have started to talk about them a lot).

4. **in focus/out of focus** if a photograph or an instrument such as a camera is in focus, you can see the picture clearly. If it is out of focus, you cannot see the picture clearly.

5. [**uncountable**] the clearness of the picture seen through an instrument such as a camera:

" He raised his binoculars and adjusted the focus.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

■ adjectives

- **the main focus** The main focus of our attention will be on providing an efficient service.
- **the central focus** (=most important) The film's central focus is the relationship between the two women.
- **the primary focus** (=main or most important) The economic situation is likely to be the primary focus of the discussion.

■ verbs

- **become the focus** When you give a talk you become the focus of attention.
- **provide a focus** The church provided a focus for the community.
- **change the focus** He changed the focus from general to specific issues.
- **shift the focus** (=move it to something else) Opposition MPs accused the Prime Minister of trying to shift the focus onto other issues.
- **the focus changes/shifts** The focus of the negotiations shifted to working conditions.

phrases

- **the focus is on something** The focus is now on improving students' communication skills.
- **the focus of attention** In this section of the talk the focus of attention will be on statistics.
- **a focus of interest** Animal behaviour has long been a focus of interest for scientists.
- **the focus of debate** (=the thing which people are discussing) The strike became the focus of debate in the media.
- **the focus of concern** (=the thing which people are worried about) The spread of the disease has become the main focus of concern.
- **a change/shift in focus** Over the years, there has been a change of focus from treatment to prevention.

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