

constant1. ['kɒnstənt] *n мат., физ.*

постоянная (величина), константа

2. ['kɒnstənt] *a*

1. 1) постоянный, непрерывный

constant complaints [anxiety] - постоянные жалобы [-ое беспокойство]

constant chatter - непрерывная болтовня

constant rain - непрерывный дождь

constant care and attention - постоянная забота и внимание

2) постоянный, устойчивый, константный

constant current - *эл.* постоянный токconstant load - *спец.* длительная нагрузкаconstant spectrum - *спец.* сплошной спектр

2. постоянный, неизменный, верный

constant reader [visitor] - постоянный читатель [посетитель]

constant friend - верный друг

he has been constant in his devotion to science - он никогда не изменял своей преданности науке

◇ constant dropping wears away a stone - капля по капле и камень долбит

constant

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

con·stant **AW** [**constant constants**] **adjective, noun** **BrE** ['kɒnstənt] ^ˈ **NAmE**['kɑːnstənt] ^ˈ**adjective****1. usually before noun** happening all the time or repeatedly

- constant interruptions
- a constant stream of visitors all day
- Babies need constant attention.
- This entrance is in constant use.

2. that does not change**Syn:** †fixed

- travelling at a constant speed of 50 m.p.h.
- Ross was his most constant and loyal friend.

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'staying resolute or faithful'): from Old French, from Latin **constant-** 'standing firm', from the verb **constare**, from **con-** 'with' + **stare** 'stand'. The noun senses date from the mid 19th cent.

Thesaurus:**constant** **adj.****1. usually before noun**

- Her constant chatter was starting to annoy him.

continuous • **continual** • **persistent** • **perpetual** • **frequent** • **habitual** •constant/continuous/continual/persistent/frequent/habitual **use**a constant/continuous/continual/persistent/frequent/perpetual **problem**constant/continuous/continual/persistent/frequent **attacks**a constant/continuous/continual/perpetual/frequent **source** of sth**2.**

- Store the samples at a constant temperature.

steady • **even** • **consistent** • **regular** • |usually approving **stable** • |written **unchanging** • |sometimes disapproving **especially business static** •**Opp:** variablea constant/steady/even/stable **temperature**a constant/steady/consistent **trend/rate**a constant/steady **speed/stream/trickle****remain** constant/steady/even/consistent/stable/unchanging/staticExample Bank:

- All variables except one must be held constant.
- Prices have remained constant over this period.
- The level of unemployment remains fairly constant at around 10%.
- The temperature must be kept constant.
- These electrical properties are virtually constant across a wide range of temperatures.
- These figures were virtually constant across the 1991 and 2001 censuses.
- He is very ill and needs constant attention.
- Her constant chatter was beginning to annoy him.
- Her daughter is a constant source of worry to her.
- I have been in constant pain since the accident.
- It was a constant battle to avoid bankruptcy.
- She still has constant nightmares.

- The business world is one of constant change.
- The car was travelling at a constant speed of 50 mph.
- The old buildings are in constant need of repair.
- The samples need to be stored at a constant temperature.
- The vehicles were in constant use.
- There were constant interruptions.

noun (technical)

a number or quantity that does not vary

Opp: ↑variable

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'staying resolute or faithful'): from Old French, from Latin **constant-** 'standing firm', from the verb **constare**, from **con-** 'with' + **stare** 'stand'. The noun senses date from the mid 19th cent.

constant

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **constant**¹ **S3 W3 AC** /'kɒnstənt \$ 'kɑːn- BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ adjective

[Word Family: noun: ↑constant, ↑constancy; adverb: ↑constantly; adjective: ↑constant]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin, present participle of *constare* 'to stand firm, be constant, cost', from *com-* (⇒ COM-) + *stare* 'to stand']

1. happening regularly or all the time **SYN continual**:

- There was a constant stream of visitors to the house.
- Amy lived in constant fear of being attacked.
- He kept in constant contact with his family while he was in Australia.

2. staying the same **OPP inconstant**:

- travelling at a constant speed

3. *literary* loyal and faithful **SYN devoted**:

- a constant friend

• • •

THESAURUS

- **continual** continuing for a long time without stopping, or happening many times in a way that is annoying or causes problems: There has been a continual improvement in standards. | There were continual interruptions all day. | The couple were having continual arguments and they decided that the best thing to do was to split up.
- **continuous** continuing without stopping: a continuous process of change | I've had six continuous hours of meetings. | The machines have remained in continuous service over the last six years without any problem.
- **constant** used when saying that something does not stop or always stays the same, or that something keeps happening. **Constant** is often used about things that are worrying, frightening, or difficult: There is a constant stream of water coming out of the ground. | The plane was traveling at a constant speed of 650 kilometres an hour. | The refugees live in constant fear of attack. | There is always the constant threat of war. | His illness makes life a constant struggle for him and his parents. | The photographs are a constant reminder (=something that makes you keep remembering something) of what happened in Bosnia.
- **uninterrupted** [only before noun] continuing for a long time without anything stopping it - used especially when it is important for something to continue: Women with small babies seldom get more than two or three hours of uninterrupted sleep. | The nation has enjoyed nine years of uninterrupted economic growth. | The system helps to maintain an uninterrupted flow of traffic. | an uninterrupted view of the mountains
- **non-stop** adjective, adverb continuing for a long time without stopping - used especially about rain, journeys, work, or entertainment: two days of nonstop rain | a nonstop flight to Tokyo | The concert will be seven hours of non-stop entertainment. | They worked non-stop.
- **on-going** if work or a situation is on-going, it will continue into the future, though there will be pauses in it: The police said the investigation is on-going. | ongoing negotiations
- **solid** [only before noun] used when emphasizing that you do something all through a period of time, with no breaks at all: After eight solid hours of driving, I was exhausted. | It took two solid weeks of work to fix the tunnel.

II. **constant**² **AC BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun** [countable]

[Word Family: noun: ↑constant, ↑constancy; adverb: ↑constantly; adjective: ↑constant]

1. *technical* a number or quantity that never changes

2. *formal* something that stays the same even though other things change

⇒ ↑variable²

constant

Freakuency Pack

12500 **1952**^{MCW}

15000 **1411**^{COCA}

RANGE: **2k** **CONSTANT** 29937

constant 15565

constantly 13620

constants 398

inconstantly 0

constancy 305

inconstancy 49

constancies 0

inconstancies 0

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

11221 **2889**¹⁴⁶⁸² *jj*

464 **22930**⁸⁷⁵ *nn1*

8 **293831**⁸ *nnu*
