#### maximum

1. максимум; максимальное значение; высшая степень

he smokes a maximum of 10 cigarettes a day - он выкуривает максимум /самое большое/ десять сигарет в день this lamp will give you the maximum of light - эта лампа - самая яркая

the sound has reached its maximum - звук достиг наибольшей громкости

# 2. астр. момент максимальной яркости звезды или её величина в это время; звёздный максимум

# 2. ['mæksıməm] a

# максимальный

maximum altitude - ав. максимальная высота maximum ceiling - ав. максимальный потолок maximum cruising speed - максимальная крейсерская скорость maximum flying distance [speed] - ав. максимальная дальность [скорость] полёта maximum load - максимальная нагрузка maximum permissible body burden - спец. предельно допустимое содержание радиоизотопов в организме maximum permissible concentration - спец. предельно допустимая концентрация maximum permissible exposure - спец. максимально допустимое облучение maximum tolerance dose - спец. максимально допустимая доза (облучения) maximum range - a) воен. предельная дальность; б) физ. максимальный пробег maximum rate of fire - воен. максимальная скорострельность to make maximum use of smth. - полностью /насколько возможно, максимально/ использовать что-л.

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#### max·imum AW [maximum maxima maximums] adjective, noun BrE ['mæksɪməm] NAmE ['mæksɪməm]

adjective only before noun (abbr. max)

as large, fast, etc. as is possible, or the most that is possible or allowed

- the maximum speed/temperature /volume
- For maximum effect do the exercises every day.
- a maximum security prison
- The offence carries a maximum prison sentence of ten years.

### compare <sup>†</sup>minimum

### Word Origin:

mid 17th cent. (as a noun): from modern Latin, neuter (used as a noun) of the Latin adjective maximus, superlative of magnus 'great'. The adjectival use dates from the early 19th cent.

### Thesaurus:

maximum adj.

· For maximum effect, do the exercises every day.

## utmost · · supreme · · extreme · · intense ·

**Opp:** minimum

maximum/the utmost/supreme/extreme importance maximum/the utmost/extreme care/difficulty maximum/extreme/intense pleasure/enjoyment

Example Bank:

• Turn it right up to the maximum volume.

# noun usually singular (pl. max·ima BrE ['mæksɪmə] ; NAmE ['mæksɪmə]

the greatest amount, size, speed, etc. that is possible, recorded or allowed

- a maximum of 30 children in a class
- The job will require you to use all your skills to the maximum .
- The July maximum (= the highest temperature recorded in July) was 30°C.
- What is the absolute maximum you can afford to pay?

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)(abbr. max)

# Example Bank:

- Do not exceed the recommended maximum of three tablets a day.
- Everyone should contribute the maximum possible.
- · He is using his talents to the maximum.
- In the exam, allow yourself a maximum of 30 minutes per question.
- The amount you have to pay will be limited to a maximum of £500.
- The temperature reached a maximum of 35°C yesterday.
- They fined her the maximum possible for the offence.
- · You can claim the allowance for a maximum of six months.

- · a drive of four hours at the maximum
- the maximum permitted speeds

#### compare <sup>†</sup>minimum

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I. max Imum<sup>1</sup> S3 W3 AC /'mæksəməm, 'mæksıməm/ BrE AmE adjective [only before]

#### noun]

### the maximum amount, quantity, speed etc is the largest that is possible or allowed OPP minimum :

- The car has a maximum speed of 120 mph.
- They made maximum use of the resources available.
- To get the maximum benefit, do the exercises slowly.
- Display the hologram under a strong light for maximum effect.
- The plant is operating at maximum capacity.

#### maximum amount/number etc

- Work out the maximum amount you can afford to spend.
- The award will consist of a lump sum to a maximum value of \$5,000.
- maximum sentence/penalty/fine etc

She faces a maximum penalty of life in prison.

# II. maximum <sup>2</sup> AC BrE <sup>\*</sup> AmE <sup>\*</sup> noun [countable]

### [Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: maximus 'greatest', from magnus 'great]

# the largest number or amount that is possible or is allowed SYN minimum

### maximum of

- He faces a maximum of seven years in prison.
- The company will reimburse you <u>up to a maximum of</u> \$1,000.
- We might have a third child, but that's the absolute maximum.

### **COLLOCATIONS**

### adjectives

. . .

- an absolute maximum Entries are limited to an absolute maximum of 100 words.
- the statutory/legal maximum (=one set by law) The legal maximum for election contributions was \$1,000.
- the agreed/stipulated/recommended maximum (=one that is agreed between people) A pregnant woman should drink no more than the recommended maximum of 4 units per week.

#### verbs

- have a maximum Each submarine will have a maximum of 128 warheads.
- reach a maximum These sheep reach a maximum of 70 kg at adulthood.
- exceed a maximum The fine must not exceed the statutory maximum.
- limit/restrict to a maximum The amount you will have to pay is limited to 10% of the total.
- allow a maximum To lose weight, allow yourself only 1,500 calories per day.

### THESAURUS

• limit the highest number, speed, temperature etc that is allowed by a law or rule: He borrowed money up to the limit that the bank allowed. | The speed limit is 65 m.p.h. | There's no limit on the amount of money that may be brought into the US. | Pollution levels are over the official limit. | Some families set limits on how much they spend on each other's Christmas present.

restrictions rules or laws that strictly control what you are allowed to do: Travelrestrictions might reduce the spread of the disease. | Unions are pressing for restrictions on steel imports from Japan. | Because of restrictions on reporting, newspapers were not allowed to cover the story. | New restrictions have been imposed on immigration.

• **limitations** limits on what a person or thing is able to do – used especially when you would like to be able to do more: The president was unwilling to accept limitations on his power. I the limitations of the computer system | Hikers should know their physical limitations and not take unnecessary risks.

• constraints facts or conditions that limit what you can do, for example not having enough time, money etc: Financial constraints are forcing many people in their twenties to live with their parents. | The last part of the show had to be cut because of time constraints. | The constraints of prison life are sometimes too much for people to bear.

**maximum** the largest number or amount that is possible, normal, or allowed: Classes have a maximum of twenty students. | What's the maximum you can earn before you have to pay tax?

• minimum the smallest number or amount that is possible or allowed: He was sentenced to a minimum of 25 years in prison. | Our aim is to reduce the number of accidents to an <u>absolute</u> <u>minimum</u>.

• ceiling the largest number or amount of something that is officially allowed: There is a ceiling on the amount of foreign investment. | Import quotas may rise from the present ceiling of 18.5 million to 20 million. | Congress was once again considering raising the federal debt ceiling.

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