# imperial Apresyan (En-Ru) 1. [ɪm'pɪ(ə)rɪəl] n

- 1. эспаньолка (бородка)
- 2. ucm
- 1) империал, второй этаж с сиденьями для пассажиров (в дилижансах, омнибусах и т. п.)
- 2) верх кареты для поклажи
- 3. предмет высшего качества или большого размера (в торговле)
- 4. ист. империал, старинная русская золотая монета
- 5. форматбумаги (23 Ҳ31 д.)
- **2.** [im'pi(ə)riəl] *a* 
  - 1. 1) имперский, относящийся к империи

imperial flag [coat of arms] - имперский флаг[герб]

imperial city - столица империи (особ. о Риме)

2) (*часто* Imperial) *ист.* относящийся к Британской империи, имперский

imperial preferences - эк. имперские преференции

2. императорский

imperial crown [sceptre, throne] - императорская корона [-ий скипетр, трон]

imperial robes - императорские одежды

His Imperial Majesty - его императорское величество

- 3. суверенный; верховный
- 4. величественный царственный великолепный

imperial banquets - пышные банкеты

imperial palaces - роскошные дворцы

5. высшего качества или большого размера

imperial tea - чай высшего качества

imperial drink - разг. великолепный напиток, нектар

6. установленный, стандартный (об английских мерах)

imperial weights and measures - единицы веса и измерения, принятые в Великобритании

imperial gallon - английский галлон

imperial pint - английская пинта

#### imperial

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im·per·ial [imperial imperials] BrE [ɪmˈpɪəriəl] \* NAmE [ɪmˈpɪriəl] \* adjective

only before noun

- 1. connected with an empire
  - the imperial family/palace/army
  - imperial power/expansion
- 2. connected with the system for measuring length, weight and volume using pounds, inches, etc.

## compare †metric

# Word Origin:

late Middle English: via Old French from Latin imperialis, from imperium 'command', authority, empire'; related to imperare 'to command'. Compare with †emperor, †empire, also with †imperious.

## Culture:

## the imperial system

the traditional system of weights and measures in Britain which is gradually being replaced by the †metric system. **Customary measure** used in the US is similar to the imperial system with a few slight differences. Although most imperial measures have now gone out of use in Britain, many older British people still think of things in terms of the old system. The only imperial measure still widely used officially in the UK is the **mile**, which is used on road signs. In the US, **customary units**, also called **standard units**, are still used and the metric system is only used in scientific research.

Length is measured in yards, feet and inches, and many people know their height in feet and inches. Weight is measured in pounds and ounces, although many British people say their own weight in stones (a stone is 14 pounds) and pounds. Larger quantities are weighed in hundredweight and tons, the exact sizes of which are slightly different in the UK and US. Volume is measured in pints and gallons, with a US gallon being slightly smaller than a UK gallon. In Britain, pints are still used to measure beer in pubs. The imperial unit of area is the acre, an Old English word meaning field, which equals 4 840 square yards and it is still often preferred to the metric hectare. Weather forecasters in Britain now describe temperature in degrees Celsius or Centigrade, but they often convert it to the Fahrenheit scale, in which freezing point is 32° and boiling point 212°, for older viewers. Fahrenheit is still used in the US.

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im pe ri al /Im'pɪəriəl \$ -'pɪr-/ BrE \* AmE \* adjective [only before noun]

[Date: 1300-1400, Language: French; Origin: Late Latin imperialis, from Latin imperium 'command, empire]

- 1. relating to an ^empire or to the person who rules it:
  - Britain's imperial expansion in the 19th century
- 2. relating to the system of weights and measurements based on pounds, finches, miles etc

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