

**oral**

1. [ˈɔːrəl] *n*
  1. устный экзамен  
orals - *амер.* устные экзамены на учёную степень
  2. *бот.* створка
  3. *зоол.* ротовая пластинка

**2. [ˈɔːrəl] *a***

1. устный; словесный  
oral examination - устный экзамен  
oral tradition - устное предание  
oral evidence - устные свидетельские показания; устные доказательства  
oral translation - устный перевод
2. «губной» (для обучения глухонемых)  
oral instruction [method] - устное обучение [-ый метод]  
oral school - школа для глухонемых
3. 1) *анат.* ротовой; оральный  
oral cavity - ротовая полость  
oral hygiene - гигиена ротовой полости
- 2) оральный, для внутреннего употребления  
oral contraceptive - противозачаточная таблетка
4. *фон.* шумный

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**oral** [oral orals] *adjective, noun* *BrE* [ˈɔːrəl] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [ˈɔːrəl] <sup>m</sup>**adjective**

1. **usually before noun** spoken rather than written
  - a test of both oral and written French
  - oral evidence
  - He was interested in **oral history** (= history that is collected from interviews with people who have personal knowledge of past events) .
  - stories passed on by oral tradition

**compare** ↑verbal

2. **only before noun** connected with the mouth

- oral hygiene
- oral sex (= using the mouth to ↑stimulate sb's sex organs)
- an oral contraceptive (= that is swallowed like medicine)

3. (*phonetics*) (of a speech sound) produced without the air in the nose **vibrating**

**compare** ↑nasalWord Origin:early 17th cent.: from late Latin *oralis*, from Latin *os*, or- 'mouth'.Synonyms:**spoken**

oral • vocal

These words all describe producing language using the voice, rather than writing.

**spoken** • (of language) produced using the voice; said rather than written: ▫ an exam in spoken English**oral** • [usually before noun] spoken rather than written: ▫ There will be a test of both oral and written French.**spoken or oral?**Both of these words can be used to refer to language skills and the communication of information: ▫ spoken/oral French ◇ ▫ a spoken/oral presentation . In these cases **oral** is slightly more technical than **spoken**. **Oral** but not **spoken** can also be used with words such as *tradition*, *culture* and *legends* to talk about the way in which people pass stories down from one generation to the next, and in legal contexts followed by words such as *evidence* and *hearing*.**vocal** • [usually before noun] connected with the voice: ▫ vocal music ◇ ▫ the vocal organs ▫ (= the tongue, lips, etc.)**Vocal** is used to talk about the ability to produce sounds using the voice, and is often used in musical contexts when referring to singing.spoken/oral **French/English/Japanese**, etc.spoken/oral **language skills**Derived Word ↑orally**noun**

1. (*especially BrE*) a spoken exam, especially in a foreign language
  - a French oral
  - He failed the oral.
2. (*NAmE*) a spoken exam in a university

Word Origin:early 17th cent.: from late Latin *oralis*, from Latin *os*, or- 'mouth'.

### Example Bank:

- He passed the written exam, but failed the oral.
- I've got my French oral on Tuesday.

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### I. **oral**<sup>1</sup> /'ɔːrəl/ *BrE* <sup>AmE</sup> *adjective*

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Late Latin; Origin: oralis, from Latin os 'mouth']

#### 1. spoken, not written:

- " oral history
- " an oral agreement

#### 2. relating to or involving the mouth:

- " oral hygiene

#### —orally *adverb*:

- " The drug should be taken orally.
- " The statement may be given orally or in writing.

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### THESAURUS

- **spoken** used about the language that people speak rather than write: Spoken English is often less formal than written English. | I can understand classical Arabic but not spoken Arabic.
- **oral** an oral test is one in which you have to speak rather than write. **Oral** is also used about culture, traditions, and history that are based on spoken English rather than being written down: We had a 15-minute oral exam in German. | Anglo-Saxon stories and poems were part of a largely oral culture.
- **verbal** a verbal agreement, warning, form of communication etc is spoken rather than written down: We had a verbal agreement but no written contract. | The company have received verbal approval to begin the project.
- **by/through word of mouth** by someone telling you about something rather than by reading about it somewhere - used to say how you got some information: He found out about the job by word of mouth. | A lot of our customers hear about us through word of mouth.

### II. **oral**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>AmE</sup> (also 'oral ex,am) *noun* [countable]

#### 1. especially *British English* a spoken test, especially in a foreign language:

- " I've got my French oral tomorrow.

#### 2. *American English* a spoken test for a university degree

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