

firstly
 [ˈfɜːstli] *adv*
 во первых; прежде всего

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first-ly [ˈfɜːstli] *BrE* [ˈfɜːstli] *NAmE* [ˈfɜːrstli] *adverb*

used to introduce the first of a list of points you want to make in a speech or piece of writing

- There are two reasons for this decision: firstly...

Language Bank:

first

Ordering your points

▪ This study has **the following** ▪ aims: **first** ▪, to investigate how international students in the UK use humour; **second** ▪, to examine how jokes can help to establish social relationships; and, **third** ▪, to explore the role that humour plays in helping overseas students adjust to life in the UK.

Let us begin by ▪ identifying some of the popular joke genres in the UK.

Next, let us turn to ▪ / **Next, let us consider** ▪ the question of gender differences in the use of humour.

Finally ▪ / **Lastly** ▪, let us briefly examine the role of humour in defining a nation's culture.

notes at ↑**firstly**, ↑**lastly**

Language Banks at ↑**conclusion**, ↑**process**

Which Word?:

firstly / first of all / at first

Firstly and first (of all) are used to introduce a series of facts, reasons, opinions, etc: ▪ The brochure is divided into two sections, dealing firstly with basic courses and secondly with advanced ones. Firstly is more common in *BrE* than in *NAmE*.

At first is used to talk about the situation at the beginning of a period of time, especially when you are comparing it with a different situation at a later period: ▪ Maggie had seen him nearly every day at first. Now she saw him much less.

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firstly **S3** /ˈfɜːstli/ -3 *BrE* *AmE* *adverb* [sentence adverb]

used to say that the fact or reason that you are going to mention is the first one and will be followed by others ⇒ **finally**, **lastly** **OPP**

lastly:
 ▪ Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this success.
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THESAURUS

▪ **first/firstly** used when mentioning the first in a list of reasons, arguments, or questions to consider: I want you to consider these three points in your essay: first, what is the writer's attitude to the war in this poem ... | There are several reasons for this conclusion. Firstly ...

▪ **first of all** used especially to emphasize that the first of several things you are going to say is the most important thing: The content of the article must, first of all, be accurate. | First of all, a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last two years.

▪ **in the first place** *spoken* (also **for a start** *British English*) *spoken* used when giving the first and most important reason or example, especially when you are arguing or discussing something with someone: Our main priority should be better public transport – in the first place to reduce the amount of traffic on our roads. | He's not the right person for the job. For a start he's too young.

▪ **to begin with/to start with** *spoken* used when telling someone the first and most important thing that you want to say: There are numerous activities on offer. To start with there are over 60 miles of walks with splendid views. | Let me tell you something about him. To begin with, he is the most difficult man that I know.

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