

**major**

I

['meɪdʒə] *n*

майор

II

1. ['meɪdʒə] *n*1. *юр.* совершеннолетний2. *лог.* большая посылка (*силлогизма*)3. *муз.* мажор4. *амер.* главный, основной предмет специализации (*в колледже*)

history is his major - его основной предмет - история, он специализируется по истории

5. *амер. спорт.* команда высшей лиги6. *обыкн. р/л* большая нефтяная компания2. ['meɪdʒə] *a*

1. больший, более важный, значительный

major question - главный вопрос

major drawback - основной недостаток

our major artist - наш наиболее значительный / крупный / художник

of major importance - имеющий весьма существенное значение

of major interest - представляющий исключительный интерес

major industries - основные отрасли промышленности

major war criminals - главные военные преступники

they're is a major undertaking - они предприняли крупную операцию

2. главный; крупный

major part /portion/ - большая часть

major road - главная дорога

major success - крупный успех

major advances in science - крупные, значительные успехи в науке

he made a major contribution to science - он внёс крупный вклад в науку

major action - а) *воен.* крупная операция; б) *мед.* серьёзная операцияmajor calibre - *мор.* главный калибр; тяжёлые орудияmajor casualties - *воен.* большие /тяжёлые/ потериmajor forces - *воен.* главные силы

3. относящийся к большинству

major opinion - мнение большинства

4. старший (*ставится после фамилии старшего брата или старшего однофамильца, если они учатся в одной школе - в Великобритании*)5. *юр.* совершеннолетний6. *муз.*

1) мажорный

major key - мажорная тональность

2) большой (*об интервале*)3. ['meɪdʒə] *v амер.*специализироваться (*о студенте*)

he majors /is majoring/ in English - он специализируется по английскому языку, его основной предмет - английский язык

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**major** *AW* [major majors majored majoring] *adjective, noun, verb BrE*['meɪdʒə(r)] *NAmE* ['meɪdʒə]*adjective*1. *usually before noun* very large or important

- a major road
- major international companies
- to play a major role in sth
- We have encountered major problems.
- There were calls for major changes to the welfare system.

**Opp:** ↑ *minor***see also** ↑ *minor-league*2. *not before noun (NAmE)* serious

- Nevermind— it's not major.

3. (*music*) based on a ↑ *scale* (= a series of eight notes) in which the third note is two whole ↑ *tones* higher than the first note

- the key of D major

**compare** ↑ *minor*4. (*NAmE*) related to sb's main subject of study in collegeWord Origin:Middle English: from Latin, comparative of *magnus* 'great'; perhaps influenced by French *majeur*.Thesaurus:

**major** *adj.* usually before noun

• He played a major role in the handover

**main** • • **key** • • **chief** • • **leading** • • **central** • • **principal** • • **prime** • • **primary** • • **predominant** • |informal number one •

**Opp:** minor

a/the major/main/key/chief/central/principal/prime/primary/predominant/number one **concern**

a/the major/main/key/leading/central/principal **role**

a/the major/main/key/chief/central/principal/prime/primary **aim/focus/function/objective/task/reason**

major/main/principal **road/town/city**

Synonyms:

**main**

major • key • central • principal • chief • prime

These words all describe sb/sth that is the largest or most important of its kind.

**main** • [only before noun] largest or most important: ▫ Be careful crossing the main road. ◇ ▫ The main thing is to remain calm.

**major** • [usually before noun] very large or important: ▫ He played a major role in setting up the system.

**Major** is most often used after **a** with a singular noun, or no article with a plural noun. When it is used with **the** or **my/your/his/her/our/their** it means 'the largest or most important': ▫ Our major concern here is combatting poverty. In this meaning it is only used to talk about ideas or worries that people have, not physical things, and it is also more formal than **main**: Be careful crossing the major road. ◇ The major thing is to remain calm.

**key** • [usually before noun] most important; essential: ▫ He was a key figure in the campaign.

**Key** is used most frequently in business and political contexts. It can be used to talk about ideas, or the part that sb plays in a situation, but not physical things. It is slightly more informal than **major**, especially when used after a noun and linking verb: ▫ Speed is key at this point.

**central** • (*rather formal*) most important: ▫ The central issue is that of widespread racism.

**Central** is used in a similar way to **key**, but is more formal. It is most frequently used in the phrase **sth is central to sth else**.

**principal** • [only before noun] (*rather formal*) most important: ▫ The principal reason for this omission is lack of time.

**Principal** is mostly used for statements of fact about which there can be no argument. To state an opinion, or to try to persuade sb of the facts as you see them, it is more usual to use **key** or **central**: ▫ The key/central issue here is...

**chief** • [only before noun] (*rather formal*) most important: ▫ Unemployment was the chief cause of poverty.

**prime** • [only before noun] (*rather formal*) most important; to be considered first: ▫ My prime concern is to protect my property.

a/the main/major/key/central/principal/chief/prime **aim/concern**

a/the main/major/principal **road/town/city**

the main/key **thing** is to...

to be **of** major/key/central/prime **importance**

Example Bank:

- He played a major role in setting up the system.
- Our major concern here is combatting poverty.
- Some major international companies refused to do business with them.

Derived ↑major in something ▫ ↑major on something

noun

1. **countable** (abbr. **Maj.**) an officer of fairly high rank in the army or the US ↑air force

• Major Smith

• He's a major in the US army.

**see also** ↑drum major, ↑sergeant major

2. **countable** (NAme) the main subject or course of a student at college or university

• Her major is French.

**compare** ↑minor

3. **countable** (NAme) a student studying a particular subject as the main part of their course

• She's a French major.

4. **the majors plural** (sport) (NAme) the ↑major leagues

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Latin, comparative of **magnus** 'great'; perhaps influenced by French **majeur**.

verb

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	major
	BrE / 'meɪdʒə(r)/
	NAme / 'meɪdʒər/
he / she / it	majors
	BrE / 'meɪdʒəz/
	NAme / 'meɪdʒərz/
past simple, past participle	majored
	BrE / 'meɪdʒəd/
	NAme / 'meɪdʒəd/
-ing form	majoring
	BrE / 'meɪdʒərɪŋ/
	NAme / 'meɪdʒərɪŋ/

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I. **maɪˈdʒər**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1 AC** /'meɪdʒə \$ -ər/ **BrE** " **AmE** " **adjective**

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Latin; Origin: 'larger, greater', from magnus 'large, great']

1. [usually before noun] having very serious or worrying results **OPP minor**:

- " There is a major problem with parking in London.
- " The loss of their goalkeeper through injury was a major setback for the team.
- " He underwent major heart surgery recently.
- " It could have sparked a major confrontation.

2. [usually before noun] very large or important, when compared to other things or people of a similar kind **OPP minor**

**major role/part/factor etc**

- " Britain played a major role in the negotiations.
- " There are two major political parties in the US.
- " The government's major concern is with preventing road accidents.
- " Smoking is one of the major causes of cancer.
- " the major developments in computer technology
- " a major road

3. [not before noun] **American English spoken** very important:

- " This is major? You got me out of bed for this?

4. a major **↑key** is based on a musical **↑scale** in which there are **↑semitones** between the third and fourth and the seventh and eighth notes ⇒ **minor**:

- " a symphony in D major

II. **maɪˈdʒər**<sup>2</sup> **BrE** " **AmE** " **noun** [countable]

1. an officer of middle rank in the British or US army or **↑Marines**, or in the US air force ⇒ **↑drum major**

2. **especially American English** the main subject that a student studies at college or university:

- " Her major is history.

3. **American English** someone studying a particular subject as their main subject at college or university:

- " She's a history major.

4. **the majors** [plural] the **↑Major Leagues**

III. **maɪˈdʒər**<sup>3</sup> **BrE** " **AmE** " **verb**

**major in something** **phrasal verb**

**especially American English** to study something as your main subject at college or university:

- " He's majoring in Political Science.

**major on something** **phrasal verb**

**especially British English** to pay particular attention to one subject or thing:

- " The company is planning to major on offering the machines we need.

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maj 59

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