

**activity**[æk'tɪvɪti] *n*

1. деятельность  
man of activity - активный /деятельный/ человек  
physical activity - физическая работа; двигательная активность (*подвижные игры, спорт и т. п.*)
2. 1) активность; энергия  
time of full activity - период наибольшей активности  
the film is full of activity - фильм полон событий, в картине всё время что-то происходит
- 2) активно действующая сила
3. *часто pl*
- 1) деятельность, действия (*в определённой области*)  
social activity - общественная деятельность  
classroom activities - классные занятия  
literary activities - литературная деятельность  
he has many activities to take up his time when he's not working - у него есть чем заняться в свободное от работы время
- 2) *воен.* боевые действия локального характера
4. *эк.* экономическая активность; хозяйственная деятельность  
activity in the market - оживление на рынке  
competitive activity - конкурентная борьба
5. *амер.* инстанция, орган, учреждение
6. *pl* показатели (*в экономических исследованиях*)
7. *эк.* самодеятельность (*населения*)
8. *физ.* радиоактивность

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**ac-tiv-ity** [activity activities] *BrE* [æk'tɪvəti] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [æk'tɪvəti] <sup>ˈ</sup> noun (pl.

ac-tiv-ities)

1. **uncountable** a situation in which sth is happening or a lot of things are being done
  - economic activity
  - The streets were noisy and full of activity.
  - Muscles contract and relax during physical activity.

**compare** †inactivity

2. **countable, usually plural** a thing that you do for interest or pleasure, or in order to achieve a particular aim
  - **leisure/outdoor/classroom activities**
  - The club provides a wide variety of activities including tennis, swimming and squash.
  - **illegal/criminal activities**

Word Origin:late Middle English: from French *activité* or late Latin *activitas*, from Latin *act-* 'done', from the verb *agere*.Thesaurus:**activity** noun

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**action** • • **bustle** • • **rush** •**Opp:** inactivity(a) **great** activity/action/bustle/rush(a) **frantic** activity/action/rush**be involved in/stop** the activity/action

2. C

- ideas for classroom activities

**occupation** • • **pursuit** • • **exercise** • • **project** • • **venture** •a **worthwhile** activity/occupation/pursuit/exercise/project/venture**set up/run/support** a(n) activity/project/venture**carry out/supervise** a(n) activity/exercise/project

**Activity, pursuit or occupation?** **Activity** can relate to business, government, the military, education or sport and leisure. An **occupation** can be a gentle activity to pass the time, such as **knitting, walking in the countryside** or **watching people**. **Pursuit** is used for sporting, cultural or intellectual activities.

Example Bank:

- Here's an activity you can do with mixed ability classes.
- His income was derived from criminal activity.
- It will only be possible to stimulate business activity with an injection of public funds.
- Newspapers report a higher level of activity in the foreign exchange markets.
- Police watched the house all day, but there was no sign of activity.
- Shopping is now a leisure activity.
- Teachers here are not allowed to engage in any political activity.
- The classroom was a hive of activity as the children prepared for the concert.
- The islands were formed by volcanic activity.

- The party's activities have been suspended.
- The room was buzzing with activity.
- The scene was one of frenetic activity.
- There was a flurry of activity as the film star appeared on the balcony.
- They had engaged in sexual activity in the past three months.
- We suspect he may be involved in illegal activities.
- Economic activity has taken a downturn this year.
- The book contains plenty of ideas for classroom activities.
- They had been involved in a variety of criminal activities.

## activity

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**activity** *S2 W1* /æk'tɪvəti, æk'tɪvɪti/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun* (plural **activities**)

[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑act, ↑action ≠ ↑inaction, ↑activity ≠ ↑inactivity, ↑reaction, ↑interaction, ↑overacting; **adjective**: ↑acting, ↑active ≠ ↑inactive; **verb**: ↑act ≠ ↑overact; **adverb**: ↑actively]

1. [**uncountable and countable**] things that people do, especially in order to achieve a particular aim:

- Everyone is free to engage in peaceful political activity.
- fund-raising activities
- Regular physical activity helps to control your weight.

2. [**countable usually plural**] something that you do because you enjoy it:

- leisure activities
- outdoor activities such as hiking or climbing

3. [**uncountable**] a situation in which a lot of things are happening or a lot of things are being done:

- The office was suddenly full of frantic activity.
- The farm was always a hive of activity at this time of year.

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1, 2 & 3)

#### ■ verbs

- **take part in an activity** (*also participate in an activity formal*) The children were encouraged to take part in several different activities.
- **engage in an activity formal** (=take part) Police suspect he may have engaged in criminal activities.
- **be involved in an activity** The men were involved in terrorist activities.
- **do an activity** He doesn't do a lot of physical activity.

#### ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + activity

- **political activity** Political activity is closely controlled by the government.
- **economic activity** The current level of economic activity will influence business confidence.
- **business/commercial activity** Internet shopping is a rapidly developing area of business activity.
- **human activity** There was no sign of any human activity.
- **criminal/illegal activity** The bar was being used for illegal activities.
- **terrorist activity** The police took extra measures to protect the public against terrorist activity.
- **outdoor activities** The college is well situated for students who are interested in outdoor activities.
- **physical activity** It's important to do some kind of regular physical activity.
- **mental activity** Your mental activity starts to slow down as you grow old.
- **leisure activities** I don't have much time for leisure activities.
- **classroom activities** He didn't really take part in classroom activities.
- **cultural activities** There is plenty of opportunity for children to express themselves in creative and cultural activities.

#### ■ phrases

- **the level of activity** The level of economic activity has increased.

#### ■ COMMON ERRORS

- ▶ Do not say '*make an activity*'. Say **take part in an activity** or **be involved in an activity**.
- Do not say '*sport activity*'. Say **sports activity**.

## activity

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