

1. [ha:f] *n* (*pl halves*)

1. половина

half a dozen - полдюжины

half the profits - (примерно) половина прибылей

half of the profits - ровно половина прибылей

half an hour - полчаса

half (an hour) past ten (o'clock) - (*амер. тж.* half after ten) половина одиннадцатого

one and a half - полтора

three and a half - три с половиной

three and a half hours, three hours and a half - три с половиной часа

the first [second] half of the year - первое [второе] полугодие

at halves - пополам, на двоих

to rent at halves - снимать (*дом, комнату*) на двоих

to farm on halves - вести хозяйство (на ферме) вдвоём /на половинных началах/

to go halves with smb. in smth. - а) войти в долю с кем-л.; they went halves in the expense of hiring a car - они на двоих взяли напрокат автомобиль; б) делить пополам, поровну

in /into/ half, in /into/ halves - пополам

to fold in half - свернуть пополам

to cut in half - разрезать пополам

to cut the cost in half - уменьшить расходы вдвое

I can do it in half the time - я могу сделать это вдвое быстрее

to divide into two halves - разделить пополам /на две равные части/

by half - а) наполовину; to reduce by half - сокращать наполовину /вдвое/; bigger by half - в полтора раза больше; б) намного, гораздо

too much by half - чересчур много

too clever by half - *ирон.* слишком /больно/ умный

by halves - не совсем, частично, наполовину

to do smth. by halves - сделать что-л. наполовину, не закончить

what is half of twelve? - сколько будет, если двенадцать разделить пополам /на два/?

I gave her half, and kept half for myself - половину я отдал ей, а другую половину оставил себе

2. семестр, полугодие

to enter school in the winter [summer] half - поступить в школу в первом [втором] полугодии

to stay at school three halves - проучиться в школе полтора года

3. часть, доля (*одна из двух примерно равных*)

your half is bigger than mine - твоя часть больше моей

the larger /better/ half of the fortune - большая часть состояния

a good half, fully a half - добрая половина

4. *разг.* полстопки, полпорции (*виски и т. п.*)

how about the other half? - ну как, повторим? (*о выпивке*)

5. *разг.*

1) = half-crown

2) = half-dollar

6. *разг.* = half-back

7. *спорт.*

1) половина игры, тайм

2) половина поля

in our [the opponent's] half (of the ground) - на нашей половине поля [на половине поля соперника]

3) равный счёт (*гольф*)

8. *юр.* сторона (*в договоре*)

9. (half) как компонент сложных слов со значением полу-, половина, половинный, наполовину:

half-measure - полумера

half-moon - полумесяц

half-done - сделанный наполовину

half-educated - недостаточно образованный

half-cooked - недоваренный

half-hearted - нерешительный

half-mast - приспускать (*флаг*)

◇ not (the) half of smth. - не всё, не самое главное

that's not the half of the story - \cong это ещё не всё, главное ещё впереди

one's better half - а) «дражайшая половина», супруга; б) *редк.* супруг

half an eye - плохое зрение

to see smth. with half an eye - а) легко /сразу/ понять что-л.; б) небрежно отнестись к чему-л.

I have half a mind to go there - я не прочь пойти туда

to cry halves - требовать половину, претендовать на половину

half a fool half a knave - \cong дурак, дурак, а себе на уме

half a loaf is better than no bread - *посл.* \cong на безрыбье и рак рыба

2. [ha:f] *a*

1. 1) половинный

to own a half share in a business - владеть половиной капитала /акций/ в деле

2) равный половине

2. **неполный, частичный; половинчатый**

a half knowledge of the subject - недостаточное знание предмета

half light - неполный свет

half rhyme - неполная рифма

half conviction - отсутствие полной уверенности

he is on half pay - он работает на полставки

◇ half one thing half another - ни то ни сё

half angel half bird - ≅ ни рыба ни мясо

3. [hɑ:f] **adv**

1. **наполовину; полу-; недостаточно; неполностью**

half empty - наполовину пустой, полупустой

half laughing, half crying - не то смеясь, не то плача

half right [left] - пол-оборота направо [налево]

more than half dead - чуть /едва/ живой

he half got up - он приподнялся

he half opened the door - он приоткрыл дверь

he is half persuaded - его наполовину убедили

I was half afraid that you wouldn't come - у меня были некоторые опасения, что вы не придёте

2. **в значительной степени, почти**

my leave is half up - мой отпуск подходит к концу

3. **эмоц.-усил. (обыкн. с отрицанием)**

1) **очень, ужасно**

she isn't half clever - она очень умна

he didn't half swear - он ругался на чём свет стоит

he isn't half a liar - он ужасный лгун

they licked him and not half - они здорово его вздули

2) **совсем, вовсе, отнюдь**

I don't half like it - мне это совсем не нравится

not half bad! - недурно!

he is not half good enough for you - он недостаточно хорош для тебя; он тебе не пара

◇ half as much /many/ - вдвое меньше

he gets half as much money as you - он зарабатывает вдвое меньше вашего

half as much [old, far] again - в полтора раза больше [старше, дальше]

4. [hɑ:f] = *halve* 1 и 2

half

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

half [half halves] **noun, determiner, pronoun, adverb** BrE [hɑːf] ¹ NAmE [hæf] ²

noun (pl. **halves** BrE [hɑːvz] ¹ ; NAmE [hævz] ²)

1. either of two equal parts into which sth is or can be divided

- two and a half kilos (2½)
- One and a half hours are allowed for the exam.
- An hour and a half is allowed for the exam.
- The second half of the book is more exciting.
- I've divided the money **in half** .
- We'll need to reduce the weight **by half** .

see also ↑halve

2. either of two periods of time into which a sports game, concert, etc. is divided

- No goals were scored in the first half.

3. = ↑halfback

see also ↑centre half, ↑scrum half

4. (BrE, informal) half a pint of beer or a similar drink

- Two halves of bitter, please.

more at have half a mind to do sth **at** ↑mind _{n.}, it's six of one and half a dozen of the other **at** ↑six, time and a half **at** ↑time _{n.}

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Grammar Point:

half / whole / quarter

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Half is also a determiner: ▪ Half (of) the work is already finished. ◇ ▪ They spent half the time looking for a parking space. ◇ ▪ Her house is half a mile down the road. Note that you do not put a or the in front of half when it is used in this way: ▪ I waited for half an hour ◇ I waited for a half an hour.

Half can also be used as an adverb ▪ This meal is only half cooked.

Example Bank:

- Costs rose by a half.
- Cut the remaining half into large chunks.
- He played well in the second half of the match.
- Over a half of all accidents happen in the home.
- Over a half of all the people interviewed said they were disappointed in the government
- She's four and a half years old now.
- We divided the money in half.
- We split the work half and half.
- You'll have to ask my other half.
- in the latter half of the 19th century
- the first half of the concert
- the left half of the brain
- the lower half of the window
- the northern half of the country
- the rear half of the car

Idioms: ↑and a half ▪ ↑do not do anything by halves ▪ ↑go half and half ▪ ↑go halves ▪ ↑half a loaf is better than no bread ▪ half a minute/second ▪ half as many/much again ▪ ↑half of it ▪ half past one/two ▪ ↑how the other half lives ▪ ↑not half ▪ ↑not half as ▪ ↑not half bad ▪ ↑not half such a ▪ ↑too clever by half

determiner, pronoun

1. an amount equal to half of sth/sb

- half an hour
- Half (of) the fruit was bad.
- Half of the money was mine.
- He has a half share in the company.
- Out of 36 candidates, half passed.

2. ~ the time, fun, trouble, etc. the largest part of sth

- Half the fun of gardening is never knowing exactly what's going to come up.
- Half the time you don't even listen to what I say.

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Language Bank:

proportion

Describing fractions and proportions

▪ According to this pie chart, **a third of** ▪ students' leisure time is spent watching TV.

One in five ▪ hours is/are spent socializing.

▪ Socializing **accounts for** ▪ / **makes up** ▪ / **comprises** ▪ about 20% of leisure time.

▪ Students spend **twice as much** ▪ time playing computer games as doing sport.

Three times as many ▪ hours are spent playing computer games as reading.

▪ The figure for playing computer games is **three times higher than** ▪ the figure for reading.

The largest proportion of ▪ time is spent playing computer games.

note at ↑half

Synonyms at ↑consist

Language Banks at ↑expect, ↑fall, ↑illustrate, ↑increase

adverb

1. to the extent of half

- The glass was half full.

2. partly

- The chicken was only half cooked.
- half-closed eyes
- I'm half inclined to agree.

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- His left eye was half closed.
- I half expected them to follow us.
- I was still half asleep.
- She is half Italian.
- The bottle was only half full.
- The child looked half starved.
- The result was not half as bad as expected.

See also: half after one/two ▪ ↑half again as much ▪ half one/two

half

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I. **half**¹ **S1 W1** /hɑːf/\$ hæf/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *predeterminer, pronoun, adjective* [only before noun]

1. **50% exactly** or about 50% (½) of an amount, time, distance, number etc

half of

- Over half of the children live in one-parent families.
- Only half the guests had arrived by seven o'clock.
- If you look at our members, at least half are women.

half a mile/pound/hour etc

- half a pound of butter
- It's about half a mile down the road.
- She drank half a bottle of wine.
- half a million dollars

a half hour/mile etc

- You can't just waltz in a half hour late.
- It's about a half mile down the road.
- a half day excursion to the island
- He demanded a half share of the money.

half the price/size/length etc

- It's only half the size of a normal violin.
- They offered to pay half the cost of repairs.

2. **MOST OF** the largest part of something

half of

- We missed half of what he said because someone was talking.
- She seems to be asleep half the time.
- Getting covered in mud is half the fun.

3. **TIME half past one/two/three etc especially British English** (also **half one/two/three etc British English spoken**) 30 minutes after the hour mentioned:

- I got home at about half past one.
- I rang at about half six.
- We'll be there by seven or half past (=half past seven).

4. **half a dozen**

a) six:

- half a dozen eggs

b) a small number of people or things:

- There were half a dozen other people in front of me.

5. **half a/the chance** a small opportunity to do something, especially one which someone would take eagerly:

- I'd go to university if I got half the chance.
- Many kids would sleep till noon given half a chance.

6. **half an eye/ear** if you have half an eye on something, or if you are listening with half an ear, you are giving only part of your attention to it:

- He listened with only half an ear and his thoughts wandered.
- The teacher kept half an eye on them all through the lesson.

7. **be half the battle spoken** used to say that when you have done the most difficult part of an activity, the rest is easy:

- Getting the audience to like you is half the battle.

8. **half a minute/moment/second etc spoken** a very short time:

- Hold on, this will only take half a second.

9. **only half the story** an explanation that is not complete, used especially to say that someone is trying to keep something secret:

- Journalists are convinced that she was only telling them half the story.

10. **have half a mind to do something spoken** used to say that you would like to do something but you probably will not do it:

- He had half a mind to ask for his money back.
- I have half a mind to tell your mother about this.

11. **half measures** actions or methods that are not strong enough, and so are not effective in dealing with a difficult problem:

- This is no time for half measures.

12. **half a loaf (is better than none)** something that is less than what you wanted or asked for, but that you might accept because

it is better than nothing

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GRAMMAR

Use a plural verb after **half (of)** if you are referring to a number of people or things:

- Barely half the citizens bother to vote. Use a singular verb if you are referring to an amount or thing:
- Half the food was wasted.
- Over half of Britain's ancient woodland has been destroyed.

► You do not usually say 'the half':

- I've only read half of the story (NOT the half of the story). The only time you say 'the half' is when you are referring to a particular half:

- the first half of the book

► Do not say 'half of hour'. Say **half an hour** or, especially in spoken American English, **a half hour**.

► Do not say 'one and half', 'two and half' etc. Say **one and a half**, **two and a half** etc:

- She is two and a half years old. These phrases are followed by a plural noun, not a singular noun:
- one and a half days (NOT one and a half day)

II. half² S1 W2 BrE² AmE² noun (plural halves /hɑːfz/\$hævz/) [countable]

1. 50% one of two equal parts of something:

- Two halves make a whole.

one/two etc and a half (=1½, 2½ etc)

- My son's three and a half now.

- an hour and a half later

- two and a half thousand people

first/second/other half (of something)

- in the first half of the 19th century

- He kept the other half of the cake for himself.

top/bottom/northern etc half (of something)

- A veil covered the lower half of her face.

- the southern half of the country

break/cut/tear etc something in half (=into two equal parts)

- She tore the piece of paper in half.

reduce/cut something by half (=make something 50% smaller)

- a plan to cut European forces by half

2. SPORT one of the two parts into which a sports event is divided

first/second half

- France played very well in the first half.

3. PLAYER a player who plays in the middle part of the field in sports like football, ↑rugby etc:

- the 23-year-old Newcastle centre half

4. BEER *British English* a half of a ↑pint of beer

half of

- Can I have a half of lager, please?

5. TICKET *British English* a child's ticket, for example on a bus or train, that is cheaper than an adult's ticket:

- One and a half to Waterloo, please.

6. a ... and a half *informal* used when you think that something is very unusual or surprising, or very good:

- That was a meal and a half!

7. the half of it *spoken* used to emphasize that a situation is more difficult, complicated, or unpleasant than people realize:

- Everyone knows she's a difficult girl, but they don't know the half of it.

8. your better half/other half *old-fashioned* used humorously to mean your husband or wife

9. not do something by halves to do something very eagerly and using a lot of care and effort:

- I'm sure it will be a fantastic wedding. Eva never does anything by halves.

10. go halves (on something) to share something, especially the cost of something, equally between two people:

- Do you want to go halves on a pizza?

11. too clever/rich/good etc by half *British English informal* very clever, rich etc in an annoying way:

- That boy's too arrogant by half.

12. how the other half lives how people who are much richer or much poorer than you manage their lives, work, money etc

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **break/cut/tear something in half (=into two equal pieces)** He tore the paper in half.

- **divide/split something in half** Divide the dough in half.

- **reduce/cut something by half (=make something 50% smaller or 50% less)** The company has reduced the number of staff by half.

- **decrease/fall by half (=become 50% less)** Share prices fell by half.

- **increase/rise by half (=become 50% more)** The number of passengers using the service has increased by half.

■ adjectives

- **the top/bottom half** He graduated in the top half of his law school class.

- **the upper/lower half** The upper half of the door contained a stained glass window.

- **the northern/southern half** The northern half of the city is generally poorer.

- **the first/second half** Profits doubled in the first half of the year.

- **the other half** Half the patients were given the drug and the other half were given a sugar pill.

- **the last/latter half** He struggled with ill health in the latter half of his life.

phrases

- **one/two etc and a half** 'How old is she?' 'Five and a half.'

III. half³ S2 BrE AmE adverb

1. partly, but not completely:

- He was half in the water and half out.
- She was standing there half dressed, putting on her make-up.
- The door was only half closed.
- The jug was still half full.
- a half-empty wine bottle
- I was only half awake.
- He looked half asleep.
- I was half expecting her to say 'no'.
- I half hoped that they wouldn't come.
- I said it half jokingly.

2. if something is half one thing and half something else, it is a combination of those two things:

- He's half English, half Swiss.

3. used to emphasize something bad, to say that it is almost an extremely bad thing:

- The kitten looked half starved.
- He was half dead with exhaustion.
- I had been driven half out of my mind with worry.

4.

a) half as much/big etc half the size, amount etc of something else:

- The new machine has all the same functions, but is only half as large.

b) half as much/big etc again larger by an amount that is equal to half the original size:

- A flat in London costs almost half as much again as a flat in Glasgow.

5. not half as/so good/interesting etc (as somebody/something) much less good, less interesting etc than someone or something else:

- The movie wasn't half as entertaining as the book.
- She can't love you half as much as I do.

6. not half British English spoken used when you want to emphasize an opinion or statement:

- She doesn't half talk once she gets started.

7. not half bad spoken an expression meaning good, used especially when you are rather surprised that something is good:

- Actually, the party wasn't half bad.

8. half and half partly one thing and partly another:

- The group was about half and half, complete beginners and people with some experience.

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