

## 1. [ru:] n

## 1. правило; норма; принцип

unanimity rule - принцип единогласия

rule of the road - а) правила дорожного движения; б) *мор.* правила расхождения судов

ten second rule - правило игры в зонах (*баскетбол*)

rule of three - *мат.* тройное правило

rules of procedure - а) регламент, правила процедуры; б) *юр.* процессуальные нормы; порядок судопроизводства

international rules in force - действующие нормы международного права

generally recognized rules of international law - общепризнанные нормы международного права

## 2. привычка, обычай

as a rule - как правило; обычно

to make it a rule - взять за правило

my rule is to have breakfast at seven o'clock - обычно я завтракаю в 7 часов утра

it is a rule with us - у нас такое правило /-ой обычай/

rainy weather is the rule here - здесь как правило стоит дождливая погода

## 3. критерий, стандарт

hard and fast rule - точный критерий

rules of conduct - правила /нормы/ поведения

by rule - по шаблону, механически

he does everything by rule - он всегда действует по шаблону, он никогда не проявляет инициативы

## 4. правление, владычество, господство

during the rule of George III - в царствование Георга III

countries that were once under the British rule - страны, которые когда-то были под владычеством Англии

5. *pl* устав (*общества, ордена*)

party rules - устав партии

rules of the exchange - биржевой устав, правила биржи

6. (the rules) *уст.* территория по соседству с тюрьмой, на которой разрешалось жить некоторым заключённым (*особ. должникам*)7. *юр.* постановление по конкретному делу; предписание; приказ

rule absolute - постановление суда, имеющее окончательную силу

rule nisi - условно-окончательное предписание суда; предписание суда, имеющее неокончательную силу (*вступающее в силу с определённого срока, если оно до этого не будет отменено*)

## 8. 1) линейка; масштаб

comparing rule - масштабная линейка

folding rule - складной метр

## 2) правило

9. *полигр.* линейка; шпон

◇ there is no rule without an exception - нет правил без исключения

(the) exception proves the rule - исключение подтверждает правило

## 2. [ru:] v

## 1. 1) управлять, править; господствовать, властвовать

to rule (over) the country - править страной

to rule with a heavy hand - править железной рукой /деспотически/

to rule the market - господствовать на рынке

to rule over great overseas territories - господствовать над огромными заморскими территориями

## 2) царствовать, быть на троне

Queen Victoria ruled (for) nearly sixty years - королева Виктория правила почти 60 лет

## 2. руководить

the headmaster ruled the school with a firm hand - директор установил в школе строгую дисциплину

they are ruled over by a dictatorial boss - ими командует начальник с диктаторскими замашками

## 3. контролировать, управлять; сдерживать

to rule a fractious horse - сдерживать норовистую лошадь

to rule one's actions - контролировать свои поступки

to rule one's affections - сдерживать свои чувства

to be ruled - руководствоваться (*чем-л.*); слушаться чьего-л. совета

4. *преим. юр.* разрешать (*дело*); постановлять; устанавливать порядок производства

to rule out of order - признать недопустимым

to rule against smth. - вынести постановление, запрещающее что-л.

the speaker was ruled out of order by the chairman - председатель (собрания) лишил оратора слова

the chairman ruled against admitting the press to the meeting - председатель отклонил предложение о допуске представителей печати

## 5. линовать, графить

to rule lines on paper, to rule paper - линовать бумагу

6. *ком.* стоять на уровне (*о ценах, ставках и т. п.*)

prices continue to rule high [low] - цены продолжают стоять на высоком [низком] уровне

prices ruled lower - цены понизились

◇ to rule the roast /the roost/ - управлять, распоряжаться, хозяйничать, командовать, повелевать

to rule with a rod of iron - править железной рукой

**rule****rule** [rule rules ruled ruling] noun, verb *BrE* [ruːl] *NAmE* [ruːl]

noun

**OF ACTIVITY/GAME****1. countable** a statement of what may, must or must not be done in a particular situation or when playing a game

- to **follow/obey/observe the rules**
- It's against all **rules and regulations** .
- to **break a rule** (= not follow it)
- This explains the rules under which the library operates.
- Without **unwritten rules** civilized life would be impossible.
- Normal competition rules apply.
- She laid down strict rules for her tenants including prompt payment of rent.

**see also** ↑ground rule**ADVICE****2. countable** a statement of what you are advised to do in a particular situation

- There are no **hard and fast rules** for planning healthy meals.
- The first rule is to make eye contact with your interviewer.

**see also** ↑golden rule**HABIT/NORMALLY TRUE****3. countable, usually singular** a habit; the normal state of things; what is true in most cases

- He makes it a rule never to borrow money.
- I go to bed early **as a rule** .
- Cold winters here are **the exception rather than the rule** (= are rare) .
- **As a general rule** vegetable oils are better for you than animal fats.

**OF SYSTEM****4. countable** a statement of what is possible according to a particular system , for example the grammar of a language

- the rules of grammar

**GOVERNMENT/CONTROL****5. uncountable** the government of a country or control of a group of people by a particular person, group or system

- **under Communist/civilian/military, etc. rule**
- **majority rule** (= government by the political party that most people have voted for)
- The 1972 act imposed **direct rule** from Westminster.

**see also** ↑home rule**MEASURING TOOL****6. countable** a measuring instrument with a straight edge**see also** ↑slide rule**more at** the exception proves the rule **at** ↑exceptionWord Origin:Middle English: from Old French *reule* (noun), *reuler* (verb), from late Latin *regulare*, from Latin *regula* 'straight stick'.Thesaurus:**rule** noun**1. C**

- Tackling a player without the ball is against the rules.

**regulation** • • **law** • • **legislation** • • **act** • • **statute** • • **commandment** •the rules/regulations/laws **on** sth**against** the rules/regulations/laws**obey** a rule/the regulations/a law/a commandment**break** a rule/regulation/law/commandment**2. U**

- The country was in the process of a return to civilian rule.

**control** • • **power** • • **authority** • • **command** • | **formal jurisdiction** •rule/control/power/authority/command/jurisdiction **over** sb/sthbe **under** sb's rule/control/authority/command/jurisdiction**direct** rule/control/authority/commandExample Bank:

- Among her friends, casual dress and a relaxed manner are the rule.
- As a rule, hardly anybody uses this road.
- Couldn't they just bend the rules and let us in without a ticket?
- Employees are bound by rules of confidentiality.
- Follow these few simple rules, and you won't go far wrong.

- He made his children's lives a misery with all his petty rules.
- I believed I was acting within the rules.
- If he wanted a loan he would have to play by the bank's rules.
- New accounting rules come into force next year.
- Several proposed rule changes have been announced.
- Tackling a player without the ball is against the rules.
- The Internet has changed the rules of business.
- The aim is to get each member country to adhere to a single set of rules.
- The competition rules provide that a cash alternative may be given.
- The country remained under direct rule by the occupying powers.
- The existing rules allow for some flexibility.
- The music was turned off at midnight, in accordance with the rules.
- The officials went strictly by the rule book.
- The packaging does not conform to EU rules.
- The president imposed emergency rule following the riots.
- The punishment depends on how the umpire interprets the rules.
- The referee applied the rules to the letter.
- The rules keep changing.
- The rules of dating have had to be rewritten, thanks to the movies.
- The rules on claiming have been tightened up.
- The rules were drawn up to make it fair for everyone.
- The sport has strict rules for player safety.
- Their action was in breach of Stock Exchange rules.
- There are few exceptions to the general rule that bars close at midnight.
- There are no hard and fast rules when it comes to choosing a typeface.
- There seems to be one rule for the rich and another for the poor.
- Under this rule, only full members of the club are entitled to vote.
- What are the school rules about dress?
- What is the rule for forming plurals?
- You and your flatmates should establish some ground rules.
- You don't make the rules, you know.
- You should know the rules by now.
- a society based on the rule of law
- behaviour which is outside the rules
- federal rules on campaign fund-raising
- rules limiting imports
- the lawless days of mob rule
- the rules governing the importing of livestock
- the traditional rules of grammar
- Communist/military rule
- He occasionally allowed himself to break his own rule.
- He was punished for breaking school rules.
- He's a writer who doesn't seem to know the most basic rules of English grammar.
- I make it a rule never to mix business with pleasure.
- I've made it a rule not to talk to the press.
- It was an unspoken rule in my family that my mother was always right.
- It's one of my rules not to get into debt.
- Potatoes at the front of the stall and fruit at the back— that was his golden rule.
- She laid down strict rules for her tenants including prompt payment of rent.
- The first rule of interviews is to make eye contact with the interviewer.
- The golden rule of teaching is to remember that all children learn at different rates.
- There are no hard and fast rules for planning healthy meals.
- There are several exceptions to the rule "i" before "e" except after "c".
- There was a gradual process of returning the country to civilian rule.
- Without unwritten rules civilized life would be impossible.
- a return to civilian/democratic/majority rule
- colonial/British/Ottoman rule

Idioms: ↑bend the rules ▪ ↑play by somebody's rules ▪ ↑play by the rules ▪ ↑rule of law ▪ ↑rule of thumb ▪ ↑rule the roost ▪ ↑rule with a rod of iron ▪ ↑rules of the game ▪ ↑work to rule

Derived ↑rule off ▪ ↑rule somebody out ▪ ↑rule somebody out of something ▪ ↑rule something off

verb

## GOVERN/CONTROL

1. **transitive, intransitive** to control and have authority over a country, a group of people, etc

- ~ **sth** At that time John ruled England.
- The family ruled London's gangland in the sixties.
- (**figurative**) Eighty million years ago, dinosaurs ruled the earth.
- ~ (**over sb/sth**) Charles I ruled for eleven years.

- She once ruled over a vast empire.
  - (figurative) After the revolution, anarchy ruled.
2. **transitive, often passive ~ sth** (often disapproving) to be the main thing that influences and controls sb/sth
- The pursuit of money ruled his life.
  - We live in a society where we are ruled by the clock.

### GIVE OFFICIAL DECISION

3. **intransitive, transitive** to give an official decision about sth

**Syn:** ↑pronounce

- ~ **(on sth)** The court will rule on the legality of the action.
- ~ **against/in favour of sb/sth** The judge ruled against/in favour of the plaintiff.
- ~ **sb/sth + adj.** The defendant was ruled not guilty.
- The deal may be ruled illegal.
- ~ **sb/sth to be/have sth** The deal was ruled to be illegal.
- ~ **that...** The court ruled that the women were unfairly dismissed.
- **it is ruled that...** It was ruled that the women had been unfairly dismissed.

### DRAW STRAIGHT LINE

4. **transitive ~ sth** to draw a straight line using sth that has a firm straight edge

- Rule a line at the end of every piece of work.

**more at** rule/throw sth out of court **at** ↑court n., divide and rule **at** ↑divide v., let your heart rule your head **at** ↑heart

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	rule
	BrE /ru:l/
	NAmE /ru:l/
he / she /it	rules
	BrE /ru:lz/
	NAmE /ru:lz/
past simple, past participle	ruled
	BrE /ru:ld/
	NAmE /ru:ld/
-ing form	ruling
	BrE /ru:lɪŋ/
	NAmE /ru:lɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **reule** (noun), **reuler** (verb), from late Latin **regulare**, from Latin **regula** 'straight stick'.

Thesaurus:

**rule verb**

1. T, I

- Henry VII ruled for 24 years.

**govern • • be in power • • reign •**

rule/reign **over** sth

rule/govern a **country**

a (political) **party** rules/governs/is in power

a **king/queen/monarch** rules/reigns

2. I, T

- The court ruled that the deal was illegal.

**order • • decree • • lay sth down • • prescribe • • dictate • • command • |formal legislate • • direct •**

rule/legislate **on/against** sth

rule/order/decree/prescribe/dictate/command/legislate/direct **that...**

rule/order/decree/prescribe/dictate/direct **how/what/who...**

Example Bank:

- He left his son to rule over Saragossa.
- Infringement of this regulation would automatically rule you out of the championship.
- Police have now ruled her out as the killer.
- This theory cannot be ruled out altogether.
- We cannot rule out the possibility of a recession.
- the president's powers to rule by decree
- Have they become a ruling elite or even a new ruling class?
- He was a leading figure in the ruling military junta.
- Her whole life seemed to be ruled by fear.
- The country was ruled by a brutal dictatorship.
- The court ruled that the women had been unfairly dismissed.
- The family ruled London's gangland in the sixties.
- The high court will rule on the legality of the action.

- The judge ruled in favour of the plaintiff.
- The party announced it had pulled out of the ruling coalition.

rule

I. **rule**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /ruːl/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun*

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑rule, ↑ruler, ↑ruling, ↑unruliness; **adjective**: ↑ruling, ↑unruly, ↑ruled; **verb**: ↑rule, ↑overrule]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: reule, from Latin regula; ⇒ ↑regular<sup>1</sup>]

**1. ABOUT WHAT IS ALLOWED** [countable] an official instruction that says how things must be done or what is allowed, especially in a game, organization, or job

**rule of**

ˈ the rules of the game

**under the rules/according to the rules**

ˈ Under the rules, the company must publish its annual accounts.

**2. ABOUT WHAT YOU SHOULD DO** [countable] what you should do in a particular situation, or a statement about this:

ˈ There are no hard and fast rules (=clear and definite rules) about what to wear to classes.

**rule of**

ˈ There are two basic rules of survival.

ˈ The rule is: if you feel any pain you should stop exercising immediately.

**3. NORMAL/USUAL** [singular] something that is normal or usually true

**as a (general) rule**

ˈ As a general rule most students finish their coursework by the end of May.

ˈ Early marriage used to be the rule in that part of the world.

ˈ A series of payments used to be the exception rather than the rule.

ˈ Unfortunately there is an exception to every rule.

**4. GOVERNMENT** [uncountable] the government of a country or area by a particular group of people or using a particular system

**under ... rule**

ˈ people living under communist rule

ˈ the end of colonial rule

ˈ a period of military rule

ˈ direct rule from Westminster

ˈ the restoration of majority rule (=government by the party that most people have voted for) to Northern Ireland

**5. IN GRAMMAR/SCIENCE ETC** [countable] a statement about what is usually allowed in a particular system, such as the grammar of a language, or a science

**rule of**

ˈ the rules of English punctuation

**6. the rule of law** a situation in which the laws of a country are obeyed:

ˈ We are here to uphold the rule of law.

**7. the rules of natural justice** what people believe to be right and fair:

ˈ The governor failed to observe the rules of natural justice.

**8. rule of thumb** a rough figure or method of calculation, based on practical experience:

ˈ As a general rule of thumb, children this age should not spend more than one hour on homework.

**9. make it a rule (to do something)** to try to make sure that you always do something:

ˈ I make it a rule never to mix business with pleasure.

**10. FOR MEASURING** [countable] *old-fashioned* a ↑ruler

⇒ ↑golden rule, ↑ground rules, ↑home rule, ↑slide rule, ⇒ **work to rule** at ↑work<sup>1</sup>(32)

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**COLLOCATIONS**

■ **verbs**

- **break a rule** (also **violate a rule formal**) (=not obey it) He had clearly broken the official rules. | Any one who violates this rule will be severely punished.
- **obey/follow a rule** She wasn't going to obey their silly rules.
- **comply with/abide by/observe a rule formal** (=obey it) All members must comply with the rules of the organization. | There is little that one country can do if another fails to abide by the rules. | We expect you to observe the general rules of conduct as set out below.
- **stick to/go by the rules informal** (=obey them) We all have to stick to the rules.
- **make the rules** I'm only an assistant manager – I don't make the rules.
- **the rule says ...** The rule says that you must be standing inside the line.
- **the rule stipulates that ... formal** (=it says that something must be done) The rules stipulate that clubs must field the strongest team available.
- **the rule prohibits/forbids something** The rule forbids women from becoming members of the club.
- **the rule requires (that) ... formal** (=it says that people must do something) School rules required all girls to tie back their hair.
- **the rule applies to somebody/something** (=it concerns them) Everyone thinks that the rule doesn't apply to them.
- **play by the rules** (=do what is expected and agreed) The system works well enough — as long as everyone plays by the rules.
- **bend/stretch the rules** (=allow someone to do something that is not normally allowed) They bend the rules to suit themselves.
- **relax the rules** (=make them less strict) Britain relaxed its immigration rules.

- **tighten (up) the rules** (=make them stricter) The EU has tightened the rules on the quality of drinking water.
- **enforce a rule** (=make sure that it is obeyed) The planning office does not always enforce its own rules.
- **flout a rule** (=break it, without trying to hide what you are doing) The party continues to flout its own rules.
- **be bound by rules** (=have to obey them) Solicitors are bound by strict rules that regulate their professional conduct.

### ADJECTIVES/NOUN + rule

- **strict** They have very strict rules about gambling.
- **simple** The rules of the game are quite simple.
- **petty** (=unreasonable rules about unimportant things) There are hundreds of petty rules.
- **a school/prison/club etc rule** He had broken one of the school rules.
- **an unwritten rule** (=a rule of behaviour that everyone in a group understands) There's an unwritten rule that you never call an actor before 10 a.m.
- **health and safety rules** You should follow any health and safety rules which apply to your workplace.

### phrases

- **be against the rules** (=not be allowed) It was against the rules to talk in class.
- **the rules concerning/governing/relating to something formal** (=the rules about something) the rules governing food labeling
- **a change in the rules** I didn't realise that there had been a change in the rules.
- **a breach of the rules formal** (=something that is against the rules) a serious breach of the rules
- **rules and regulations** The government keeps introducing more and more rules and regulations.
- **rules are rules spoken** (=a rule must be obeyed) Rules are rules and you have to abide by them.

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## THESAURUS

- **rule** an instruction that says what people are allowed to do or not allowed to do, for example in a game, school, or company: the rules of baseball | He disobeyed the school rules.
- **law** an official rule that everyone in a country, city, or state must obey: It is against the law to carry a concealed weapon. | The law requires motorcyclists to wear helmets.
- **regulation** an official rule or order, which is part of a set of rules made by a government or organization: the regulations for applying for a passport | building regulations | environmental regulations on air pollution
- **restriction** an official rule that limits what people can do: new restrictions on immigration | The government is planning to impose regulations on the amount of alcohol you can bring into the country.
- **guidelines** rules or instructions about the best way to do something: the Department of Health's guidelines for a healthy diet | guidelines for classroom teachers
- **code** a set of rules that people or organizations agree to obey but are not forced to obey: The school has a dress code for its students. | the company's code of conduct
- **statute formal** a law that has been officially approved by a parliament, council etc, and written down: The statute banned corporal punishment.
- **ordinance American English** a law, made by a city or town, that forbids or restricts an activity: A local ordinance limited speed in the parks to ten miles an hour.

## II. rule<sup>2</sup> W2 BrE<sup>1</sup> AmE<sup>1</sup> verb

[Word Family: noun: ↑rule, ↑ruler, ↑ruling, ↑unruliness; adjective: ↑ruling, ↑unruly, ↑ruled; verb: ↑rule, ↑overrule]

### 1. GOVERNMENT [intransitive and transitive] to have the official power to control a country and the people who live there ⇒ govern:

- Queen Victoria ruled England for 64 years.
- African tribal societies were traditionally ruled by a council of elders.

#### rule over

- Alexander the Great ruled over a huge empire.
- He announced that henceforth he would rule by decree (=make all the important decisions himself).

### 2. CONTROL/INFLUENCE [transitive] if a feeling or desire rules someone, it has a powerful and controlling influence on their actions:

- the passion for power and success which rules her life

### 3. COURT/LAW [intransitive always + adverb/preposition, transitive] to make an official decision about something, especially a legal problem ⇒ decree

#### rule that

- The judge ruled that she should have custody of the children.

#### rule on

- The Supreme Court has yet to rule on the case.

#### rule in favour of/against somebody/something

- The tribunal ruled in her favour.

#### be ruled illegal/unlawful etc

- This part of the bill was ruled unconstitutional. ⇒ ↑ruling<sup>1</sup>

### 4. rule the roost informal to be the most powerful person in a group:

- His wife rules the roost in their house.

### 5. rule somebody/something with a rod of iron also rule somebody with an iron fist/hand to control a group of people in a very severe way:

- Although he was a fair man, he ruled us with an iron fist.

### 6. somebody/something rules informal used to say that the team, school, place etc mentioned is better than any other:

- Arsenal rules OK. *British English*
- graffiti saying 'Poheny High rules'

### 7. DRAW A LINE [transitive] to draw a line using a ruler or other straight edge:

- Rule a line under each answer.

⇒ ↑overrule ⇒ let your heart rule your head at ↑heart(2)

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## THESAURUS

- **control** to have power over a country, place, company etc, and decide what happens there: The Democrats controlled the US Congress. | Government forces now control the city.
- **run** to make the important everyday decisions concerning a company, organization, country etc, so that it can continue to operate: He runs a software company in New York. | The parents want to run the school themselves. | The government is unfit to run the country. | The charity runs a medical clinic in one of the poorest parts of the city.
- **be in charge of somebody/something** to have control over something, or responsibility for a group of people: She is in charge of training new employees. | I left him in charge of the children while I was out.
- **manage** to be in charge of a company, especially one that someone else owns: In 1963, she opened a furniture store, and her son has managed it since 1985.
- **be in power** if a group or leader is in power, they have political control of a country: Abe resigned after less than a year in power. | It was the first time a democratically elected government had been in power.
- **rule** if a leader or political group rules a country, they have political control of that country: President Assad ruled the country for almost 30 years. | The same party has ruled Japan for many years.
- **supervise** to be in charge of a group of workers or students and make sure that they do their work properly: Professor Braude supervised the research team. | He's supervising the building work.

### rule something/somebody ↔ out *phrasal verb*

1. to decide that something is not possible or suitable:
  - The police have ruled out suicide.
  - She has refused to rule out the possibility of singing again.
2. to make it impossible for something to happen:
  - The mountainous terrain rules out most forms of agriculture.
3. to state that someone will not be able to take part in a sports event

### rule something/somebody ↔ out of

- He has been ruled out of the match with a knee injury.

## rule

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15000 **509**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **1k** **RULE** <sup>95236</sup>

rule 30905

ruled 9223

unruled 0

ruler 2125

rulers 2191

rules 39334

ruling 10153

rulings 1305

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877 **20660**<sup>1034</sup> *vv0*

84 **67357**<sup>126</sup> *nnu*

9 **237677**<sup>12</sup> *np1*

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