

**structure**['strʌktʃə] *n*

## 1. структура

molecular structure - а) молекулярное строение (*вещества*); б) структура /строение/ молекулы

the structure of the atom - структура атома

the structure of society, social structure - общественный строй, социальная структура

the structure of a language - строй языка

complex [simple] structure - сложная [простая] структура

structure anomaly - *спец.* аномалия структуры

structure factor - структурный фактор

## 2. здание, сооружение, строение

a stately structure - величественное сооружение

**structure**

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**struc-ture** **AW** [structure structures structured structuring] **noun, verb** *BrE*['strʌktʃə(r)] <sup>1</sup> *NAmE* ['strʌktʃər] <sup>2</sup>**noun****1. uncountable, countable** the way in which the parts of sth are connected together, arranged or organized; a particular arrangement of parts

- the structure of the building
- changes in the social and economic structure of society
- the grammatical structures of a language
- a salary structure

**2. countable** a thing that is made of several parts, especially a building

- a stone/brick/wooden structure

**3. uncountable, countable** the state of being well organized or planned with all the parts linked together; a careful plan

- Your essay needs (a) structure.

Word Origin:late Middle English (denoting the process of building): from Old French, or from Latin *structura*, from *struere* 'to build'. The verb is rarely found before the 20th cent.Synonyms:**building**

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**building** • a structure such as a house, office block or factory that has a roof and four walls**property** • a building or buildings and the surrounding land; land and buildings: ▫ We have a buyer who would like to view the property. ◇ ▫ The price of property has risen enormously.

This word is often used when talking about buying/selling houses or other buildings and land.

**premises** • [pl.] the building or buildings and surrounding land that a business owns or uses: ▫ The company is looking for larger premises.**complex** • a group of buildings of a similar type together in one place: ▫ a leisure complex**structure** • a thing that is made of several parts, especially a building: ▫ The pier is a wooden structure.**block** • (*BrE*) a tall building that contains flats or offices; a building that forms part of a school, hospital, etc. and is used for a particular purpose: ▫ a block of flats ◇ ▫ the school's science blocka(n) **commercial/industrial/residential** building/property/premises/complex/blockan **apartment** building/complex/blocka/the **school** building/premisesto **build** a(n) property/complex/structure/blockto **put up** a building/property/structure/blockto **demolish/pull down** a(n) building/property/complex/structure/blockSynonyms:**structure**

framework • form • composition • construction • fabric

These are all words for the way the different parts of sth combine together or the way that sth has been made.

**structure** • the way in which the parts of sth are connected together or arranged; a particular arrangement of parts: ▫ the structure of the building/human body ◇ ▫ the social structure of society ◇ ▫ the grammatical structures of a language ◇ ▫ a salary structure**framework** • a set of beliefs, ideas or rules that forms the basis of a system or society: ▫ The report provides a framework for further research.**form** • [U] the arrangement of parts in a whole, especially in a work of art or piece of writing: ▫ As a photographer, shape and form were more important to him than colour.**composition** • [U] (*rather formal*) the different parts or people that combine to form sth; the way in which they combine: ▫ recent changes in the composition of the workforce**construction** • [U] the way that sth has been built or made: ▫ ships of steel construction**fabric** • (*rather formal*) the basic structure of a society or an organization that enables it to function successfully: ▫ This is a trend which threatens ▫ the very fabric of society ▫.the **basic** structure/framework/form/composition/construction/fabric of sth

a **simple/complex** structure/framework/form  
 the **economic/political/social** structure/framework/composition/fabric of sth  
 the **chemical/genetic** structure/composition of sth

Example Bank:

- The cell walls of plants are of a fairly rigid structure.
- The cells are stacked up to form a honeycomb structure.
- The flimsy structure of the vehicle could not withstand even mild impacts.
- The job lacked a basic career structure.
- The novel suffers from a lack of structure.
- The overall structure of the book is divided into three components.
- There are weaknesses in the structure of the organization.
- policies that undermine the traditional family structure
- significant changes in the power structure
- the US military command structure
- the salary structure in the firm
- the social structure of the town
- to devise a new management structure
- A new pay structure was introduced last year.
- Children need structure in their lives.
- How does your management structure work?
- In terms of structure the novel has several flaws.
- It's important to understand the structure of the language you are learning.
- Pattern, structure and order form the basis of her art.
- Sometimes the play was confusing and lacking in structure.
- Students study the structure of human societies throughout history.
- The country's class structure is dominated by the very wealthy.
- The old-fashioned family structure is no longer the norm.
- The organizational structure of our schools should be examined.
- The pier is a wooden structure and was built in 1867.
- The usual career structure does not really fit in well with many women's lives.
- There have been great changes in social and economic structures.
- Your essay needs a coherent structure.
- a career/salary/tax structure

verb usually passive

to arrange or organize sth into a system or pattern

- ~ **sth** How well does the teacher structure the lessons?
- Make use of the toys in structured group activities.
- ~ **sth around sth** The exhibition is structured around the themes of work and leisure.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	structure
	BrE / 'strʌktʃə(r)/
	NAme / 'strʌktʃər/
he / she /it	structures
	BrE / 'strʌktʃəz/
	NAme / 'strʌktʃəz/
past simple, past participle	structured
	BrE / 'strʌktʃəd/
	NAme / 'strʌktʃəd/
-ing form	structuring
	BrE / 'strʌktʃərɪŋ/
	NAme / 'strʌktʃərɪŋ/

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- Relations between women and men are structured by gender.
- She had structured her arguments very carefully.
- The company is structured into two divisions.
- The nation was structured as a federation of states.
- The organization is structured according to business principles.
- The teaching is structured around three topics.
- a complex but highly structured complaints procedure
- a loosely structured organization
- a tightly structured drama
- the idea that living organisms had been structured according to a divine plan

**structure****I. structure** <sup>S3 W2 AC</sup> /'strʌktʃə \$ -ər/ *BrE* <sup>°</sup> *AmE* <sup>°</sup> *noun*

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑structure, ↑restructuring, ↑structuralism, structuralist; **adjective**: ↑structural, ↑structuralist, ↑structured; **verb**: ↑structure, ↑restructure; **adverb**: ↑structurally]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: structura 'act of building', from struere 'to make into a pile, build']

1. [uncountable and countable] the way in which the parts of something are connected with each other and form a whole, or the thing that these parts make up ⇒ **structural**

**social/political/economic etc structure**

- the social structure of organizations
- challenges to the existing power structure
- A new management structure has been introduced.

**structure of**

- the structure of the brain
- molecular structures

2. [countable] something that has been built, especially something large such as a building or a bridge:

- a high wooden structure with a curved roof

3. [uncountable and countable] a situation where activities are carefully organized and planned:

- These kids require a lot of structure and stability.

⇒ **career structure** at ↑career<sup>1</sup>(1)

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**COLLOCATIONS****ADJECTIVES/NOUN + structure**

- **social/political/economic structure** Many changes had taken place in the social and political structure of the island.
- **class structure** (=the way society is organized according to people's education, jobs, income etc) Britain had a very rigid class structure.
- **power structure** (=the way in which the group of people who control a country or organization are organized) He was a critic of the country's power structure.
- **management structure** (=the way managers of a business are organized) Reform of the management structure was needed.
- **career structure** (=the way a profession is organized which allows you to move up and get better jobs) Teachers now have a proper career structure.
- **basic structure** These genes are involved in determining the basic structure of cells.
- **internal structure** Scientists have been investigating the internal structure of the planet Mars.
- **molecular structure** The book tells of the race to find the molecular structure of DNA.

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**THESAURUS**

- **building** a structure such as a house, church, or factory, that has a roof and walls: The college needs money to pay for new buildings.
- **property** *formal* a building or piece of land, or both together - used especially when talking about buying and selling buildings or land: The next property they looked at was too small. | The company received permission to build six residential properties on the land.
- **premises** *formal* the buildings and land that a shop, restaurant, company etc uses: You are not allowed to drink alcohol on the premises. | The bread is baked on the premises.
- **complex** a group of buildings, or a large building with many parts, used for a particular purpose: The town has one of the best leisure complexes in the country. | a luxury apartment complex
- **development** a group of new buildings that have all been planned and built together on the same piece of land: a new housing development | a huge industrial development
- **block** *especially British English* a large tall building that contains apartments or offices, or is part of a school, university, or hospital: an office block | a block of flats | a tower block (=a very tall building - often used disapprovingly) | My next lecture is in the science block.
- **facility** *especially American English* a place or building used for a particular activity or industry: a research facility on campus
- **edifice** *formal* a large building, especially one that is tall and impressive - a very formal use: Their head office was an imposing edifice.
- **structure** *formal* something that has been made to stand upright - used especially when talking about buildings: The stone arch is one of the town's oldest existing structures. | an immense barn-like structure | Mogul calls this building, designed by Donald and John Parkinson in 1928, 'the most important structure in Los Angeles of the 20th century.'

**II. structure** <sup>2 AC BrE</sup> <sup>°</sup> *AmE <sup>°</sup> *verb* [transitive]*

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to arrange the different parts of something into a pattern or system in which each part is connected to the others **SYN organize** :

- The exhibition is structured around three topics.
- software that helps users structure their work and their data

**structure**

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RANGE: **1k** STRUCTURE <sup>65678</sup>

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restructure <sup>875</sup>

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restructuring 3554  
structural 8197  
structurally 666  
structured 4075  
structures 14167  
structuring 698  
unstructured 376  
structuralism 150  
structuralisms 0  
structuralist 251

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72 **88117**<sup>75</sup> *nnu*  
4 **358413**<sup>6</sup> *jj*

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