

central**1.** ['sentrəl] *n* **амер.**

- 1) (центральная) телефонная станция
- 2) (*мж.* Central) телефонистка (*обыкн. обращение при вызове*)

2. ['sentrəl] *a*

1. расположенный в центре *или* около центра, центральный

central cross - крестовина

central line - осевая линия, ось; центральная линия

central parking - стоянка автомобилей посреди улицы

central refuges - «островки безопасности» на местах выхода улиц на площади

a central location for the new theatre - участок для нового театра в центре города

our house is very central - наш дом расположен в самом центре (*города*)

2. 1) основной; самый важный; ведущий

central idea - основная мысль

central figure - а) центральная фигура; руководитель, видный деятель; б) герой, главное действующее лицо (*пьесы, романа*)

central failure /inadequacy/ - а) главный недостаток; основная слабость; б) неудача в самом главном

to be central to smth. - быть главным /основным/ в чём-л.

this is central to his criticism - это самое важное в его критике

- 2) центральный главный

central committee - центральный комитет

central government - центральное правительство

central catalogue - сводный каталог (*центральной библиотеки и её филиалов*)

central station - центральная электростанция

central storage - *слец.* а) централизованное хранение; б) центральный склад

Central Intelligence Agency - Центральное разведывательное управление, ЦРУ (*США*)

3. *мед.* связанный с центральной нервной системой

central anaesthesia - общий наркоз

4. *фон.* центральный (*о гласном*)

central

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cen-tral *BrE* ['sentrəl] ^а *NAmE* ['sentrəl] ^а **adjective**

- 1.** most important

- The central issue is that of widespread racism.
- She has been a central figure in the campaign.
- Prevention also plays a central role in traditional medicine.
- Reducing inflation is **central to** (= is an important part of) the government's economic policy.

- 2.** having power or control over other parts

- the central committee (= of a political party)
- The organization has a central office in York.

- 3.** in the centre of an area or object

- central London
- Central America/Europe/Asia
- There will be rain later in central and eastern parts of the country.
- the central area of the brain

- 4.** easily reached from many areas

- The flat is very central— just five minutes from Princes Street.
- a central location

- 5.** (*phonetics*) (*of a vowel*) produced with the centre of the tongue in a higher position than the front or the back, for example /[ɜ:]/ in

bird

compare ↑back, ↑front

Derived Words ↑centrality ▪ ↑centrally

Word Origin:

mid 17th cent.: from French, or from Latin *centralis*, from *centrum*, from Greek *kentron* 'sharp point, stationary point of a pair of compasses', related to *kentein* 'to prick'.

Thesaurus:

central [**central centrality centrally**] **adj.**

- The central issue is that of widespread racism.

key • **main** • **principal** • **chief** • **prime** • **primary** • **major** • **first** • **foremost** • *[informal number one]* •

Opp: *peripheral*

be central/key **to** sth

a/the central/key/main/principal/chief/prime/primary/major/first/foremost **aim/purpose/factor/consideration/concern/role**

a/the central/key/main/principal/chief/prime/primary/major/first **focus/function/objective**

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:

- Our house is very central, so we can easily get to theatres and cinemas.
- These facts are central to the case.
- This distinction is of absolutely central importance.
- Alienation is a central motif in her novels.
- Central London/America
- Reducing inflation is central to the government's economic policy.
- The apartment is very central— just five minutes from Princes Street.
- The car has power steering and a central locking system.
- The offices are in a central location.
- The organization has a central office in New York.
- What is the central truth of all his religious teaching?
- the central committee

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central **S1 W1** /'sentrəl/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *adjective*

[**Word Family**: **noun**: CENTRE/CENTER, ↑centralization ≠ ↑decentralization, ↑centralism, ↑centrist; **adjective**: ↑central, ↑centralized ≠ ↑decentralized, CENTRED/CENTERED, ↑centrist; **verb**: CENTRE/CENTER, ↑centralize ≠ ↑decentralize; **adverb**: ↑centrally]

1. MIDDLE [only before noun, no comparative] in the middle of an area or an object:

- " He lives in central London.
- " The roof is supported by a central column.

Central America/Asia/Europe etc

2. FROM ONE PLACE [only before noun, no comparative] used about the part of an organization, system etc which controls the rest of it, or its work:

- " the party's central office
- " the system's central control unit
- " central planning

3. IMPORTANT more important and having more influence than anything else

central to

- " values which are central to our society
- " Owen played a central role in the negotiations.
- " His ideas were of central importance in the development of the theory.

central idea/theme/concern etc

- " Education has become a central issue in public debate.

4. EASY ACCESS a place that is central is easy to reach because it is near the middle of a town or area:

- " It's very central, just five minutes' walk from the main square.

—centrally *adverb*:

- " Our office is centrally situated.
- " All data is held centrally.

—centrality /sen'træləti, sen'trælɪti/ *noun* [uncountable]

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

nouns

- a **central role/part** The report emphasizes the central role of science in society.
- a **central issue** Education is a central issue for the government.
- a **central theme** What would you say is the central theme of the book?

- **a central figure** (=an important person with a lot of influence) During this time he was a central figure in American politics.
- **a central feature** Cultural diversity is a central feature of modern British society.
- **be of central importance** Loving care is of central importance to a child's development.
- **a central concern** Environmental problems are now a central concern.
- **a central idea** This was a central idea in Marxist theory.
- **a central argument** (=the main set of reasons for or against something) Let's consider the central argument for reducing the voting age.
- **a central aspect** The spread of ideas is a central aspect of globalization.

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