logo

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logo [logo logos] BrE ['ləʊɡəʊ] NAmE ['loʊɡoʊ] noun (pl. logos)

a printed design or symbol that a company or an organization uses as its special sign • All over the world there are red and white paper cups bearing the company logo.

Word Origin:

1930s: abbreviation of ¹logogram or logotype.

Culture:

emblems

Emblems, **logos** and other **symbols** are widely used as a simple way of identifying countries, states, organizations, companies and sports teams.

Emblems of Great Britain include the figure of [†]Britannia, a woman in long **robes** carrying a **shield** with a [†]Union Jack pattern. Each country within the United Kingdom has a national emblem, as well as its own flag. England's official emblem is a **red rose**. Red and white roses were chosen as emblems during the [†]Wars of the Roses. Afterwards, the two were combined in the [†]Tudor rose. Other emblems include a **bulldog**, often wearing a Union Jack **waistcoat**, and [†]John Bull, an old-fashioned, fat country gentleman. Wales has two plants, the [†]leek and the [†]daffodil, and the [†]Welsh dragon as its emblems, and also uses the figure of a Welsh woman dressed in traditional costume. Welsh people often wear a daffodil on St David's Day. Scotland has the **thistle** (= a prickly weed) as its official emblem, but a [†]tartan pattern is used on many products made in Scotland. The national symbol of Northern Ireland is the [†]Red Hand of Ulster, which appears on its flag. The [†]shamrock and [†]harp are also associated with Ireland and the shamrock is the emblem of the Republic of Ireland.

Members of the British [†]royal family and the **aristocracy** have **coats of arms**. The [†]royal arms are placed behind judges and **magistrates** in law courts as a symbol of authority. Below the arms is the **motto** *Dieu et mon droit*, French for 'God and my right'. Some commercial organizations whose products have royal approvalare granted special permission to show the royal arms on their products.

The best-known emblem of the British government is the **portcullis** (= a barred, chained gate) that appears on official government papers. The Great Seal of the United States, which appears on US money and government documents, shows a [†]bald eagle, a very large bird which is itself a symbol of the US, and the Latin motto [†]e pluribus unum which refers to the fact that the US is one country made up from many individual states.

Each US state has a variety of emblems, including animals and plants which are commonly found in that state. For example, ¹Michigan has a state bird (the robin), a state fish (the **trout**), a state flower (the apple **blossom**), a state insect (the dragonfly) and a state stone (the **Petoskey** stone). These symbols may appear on the state flag and on official documents.

Most commercial organizations, **charities**, **political parties**, sports clubs, etc. have an emblem that they put on flags, **notepaper**, badges and vehicles, sometimes together with their initials. These emblems are often so well known that there is no need for the organization's name to be added. They may involve picture that suggests the name, e.g. a picture of an apple for Apple computers, or the name written in a particular way. Such commercial emblems can be very valuable and may be registered as **trademarks**, to prevent anyone else using them.

Thesaurus:

logo noun C
blue paper cups bearing the company logo
symbol • trademark • emblem • crest • arms • coat of arms • bear/carry/display/feature a logo/a symbol/an emblem/a crest/the arms

Example Bank:

- His jacket sports the logo of the Giants.
- She wore the logo of the sponsoring company.
- The company has a distinctive logo that makes it well known.
- The diary features the organization's distinctive new logo.
- The new logo was unveiled in a blaze of publicity.
- a red shirt with the team logo on it
- the logo for the World Cup
- the logo of the New York Police Department

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[Date: 1900-2000; Origin: logotype 'logo' (19-21 centuries), from Greek logos (\Rightarrow [†]logic) + English type] a small design that is the official sign of a company or organization

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