

1. [tru:] n (the true)

истина, правда; реальность, действительное положение дел

◇ in true - правильно установленный/настроенный; точный

out of true - плохо установленный; неточный; невертикальный, неотвесный

to get /to run/ out of true - децентрироваться (о колесе)

to put smth. out of true - децентрировать что-л.

2. [tru:] a**1. 1) верный, правильный**

true story - правдивая история

to hold true for smth. - быть верным в отношении чего-л., распространяться на что-л.

this also holds true for the film - то же самое можно сказать и о фильме

to prove true - подтвердиться

the rumour proved only too true - слух, к сожалению, полностью подтвердился

to consider things in their true light - видеть вещи в истинном свете

the novel is based on a true story - в основу романа положена подлинная история, роман имеет документальную основу

fiction is truer than history - художественная литература ближе к истине, чем исторические сочинения

is the news true? - это сообщение верно?

it is only too true - это чистейшая правда

is it true that you are going away? - (это) правда, что вы уезжаете?

is it true /can it be true/ that he refused? - неужели /неужто/ он отказался?

it is true (that) ... - надо признать, (что) ...

it is true I saw him only once - правда, я видел его только один раз

that's true!, true enough! - верно!, вы правы!

2) в функции вводного слова правда

true, the book is peppered with rhetorical questions - правда, книга приправлена большим количеством риторических вопросов

3) надёжный, верный; не обманывающий ожиданий

a true sign of rain - верный предвестник /признак/ дождя

2. преданный; верный; не отступающий

true friend - верный друг

true to one's principles [to one's word] - верный своим принципам [своему слову]

true to one's friends - преданный своим друзьям

true to oneself - верный себе

true to the spirit of her age - верная духу своего века

3. 1) настоящий, подлинный, истинный

true love - истинная любовь; любовь в полном смысле слова

true rhyme - полная рифма

true repentance - искреннее раскаяние

true grief - искреннее /непритворное/ горе

true blue - настоящий синий цвет [*ср. тж.* true blue]

true diamond - настоящий алмаз

true scholar - истинный учёный

true son of his race - истинный сын своего народа

the true dimension of the refugee problem - истинные масштабы проблемы беженцев

to find one's true vocation - найти своё истинное призвание

2) спец. истинный

the true time - *астр.* истинное время

true altitude - *астр.* истинная высота

true azimuth - *астр.*, *воен.* истинный азимут

true rib - *анат.* истинное ребро

3) реальный, действительный, практически достижимый или существующий

true power /watt/ - реальная мощность

true market value - *эк.* действительная рыночная стоимость

4) истинный, заслуживающий данного названия

true reptiles are lizards and not frogs - рептилиями в собственном смысле слова являются ящерицы, а не лягушки

5) настоящий, связанный по крови, родной

a true son and an adopted one - родной и приёмный сыновья

4. 1) правильный, точный

true copy [reproduction] - точная копия [-ое воспроизведение]

true pair of scales - точные весы

true to life - реалистический, жизненно правдивый; точно воспроизведённый

2) соответствующий, подходящий

true pair - совместимая (физиологически или психологически) пара

to run true to type - соответствовать типу

5. законный, действительный

true heir - законный наследник

6. мех. точно пригнанный

to make smth. true - выправить что-л.; отрихтовать что-л.

the blocks of granite were so true that practically no mortar was used - глыбы гранита были так точно /плотно/ пригнаны друг к

другу, что строительный раствор почти не использовался

7. честный, добродетельный

◇ to come true - сбываться (о мечтах, предсказаниях)

true as I stand here - сущая правда

as true as steel - преданный и верный, преданный душой и телом

3. [tru:] adv

1. правдиво, честно

his words ring true - его слова звучат правдиво

2. точно; в соответствии с нормой

to aim true - целиться точно

to run true - вращаться без перекосов, без восьмёрки (о колесе)

to breed true - сохранять чистоту породы

4. [tru:] v mex.

выверять; править; пригонять; регулировать (мж. true up)

true

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

true [true trues trued truing trueing truer truest] adjective, adverb, noun BrE

[tru:]^{us} NAmE [tru:]^{us}

adjective (truer, tru-est)

CORRECT

1. connected with facts rather than things that have been invented or guessed

• Indicate whether the following statements are **true or false** .

• Is it true she's leaving?

• Can you prove that what you say is true?

• All the rumours turned out to be true.

• I think it would be true to say that the show was a success .

• That's not strictly (= completely) true.

• The novel is based on **a true story** .

• His excuse just doesn't **ring** (= sound) **true** .

• Unfortunately, these findings do not **hold true** (= are not valid) for women and children.

• The music is dull and uninspiring, and **the same is true of** the acting.

• You never spoke a truer word (= used to emphasize that you agree with what sb has just said) .

Opp: ↑untrue

REAL

2. real or exact, especially when this is different from how sth seems

• the true face of war (= what it is really like rather than what people think it is like)

• The true cost of these experiments to the environment will not be known for years to come.

• He reveals his true character to very few people.

3. usually before noun having the qualities or characteristics of the thing mentioned

• It was true love between them.

• He's a true gentleman.

• The painting is a masterpiece in the truest sense of the word.

• He is credited with inventing the first true helicopter.

ADMITTING FACT

4. used to admit that a particular fact or statement is correct, although you think that sth else is more important

• It's true that he could do the job, but would he fit in with the rest of the team?

• 'We could get it cheaper.' 'True, but would it be as good?'

LOYAL

5. showing respect and support for a particular person or belief in a way that does not change, even in different situations

• a true friend

• ~ **to sb/sth** She has always been true to herself (= done what she thought was good, right, etc.) .

• He was **true to his word** (= did what he promised to do) .

• Many were executed for remaining true to their principles.

• Knights swore to be true to their lord.

ACCURATE

6. ~ (to sth) being an accurate version or copy of sth

• The movie is not true to the book.

• The painting is a true likeness of her.

7. not usually before noun (old-fashioned or literary) straight and accurate

• His aim was true (= he hit the target) .

more at ring true/hollow/false **at** ↑ring² v., tried and true **at** ↑tried

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Language Bank:

nevertheless

Conceding a point and making a counter-argument

While ▪ the film is undoubtedly too long, it is **nevertheless** ▪ an intriguing piece of cinema.

It can be argued that ▪ the movie is too long. It is **nonetheless** ▪ an intriguing piece of cinema.

▪ The film is undoubtedly too long. **Still** ▪, it is an intriguing piece of cinema.

Of course ▪, huge chunks of the book have been sacrificed in order to make a two-hour movie, **but** ▪ it is **nevertheless** ▪ a successful piece of storytelling.

▪ Critics are wrong to argue that the film's plot is too complicated. **Certainly** ▪ there are a couple of major twists, **but** ▪ audiences will have no difficulty following them.

It is true that ▪ you cannot make a good movie without a good script, **but it is equally true** ▪ that a talented director can make a good script into an excellent film.

It remains to be seen whether ▪ these two movies herald a new era of westerns, **but there is no doubt that** ▪ they represent welcome additions to the genre.

Language Banks at ↑*argue*, ↑*however*, ↑*impersonal*, ↑*opinion*

Synonyms:

true

right • correct

These words all describe sth that cannot be doubted as fact and includes no mistakes.

true • connected with facts rather than things that have been invented or guessed: ▪ Are the following statements ▪ true or false ▪?

◇▪ Is it ▪ true (that) ▪ she's leaving?

right • that is true and cannot be doubted as a fact: ▪ I got about half the answers right. ◇▪ What's the right time?

correct • right according to the facts and without any mistakes: ▪ Only one of the answers is correct. ◇▪ Check that all the details are correct.

right or correct?

Correct is more formal than **right** and is more likely to be used in official or formal instructions or documents.

right/correct **about** sb/sth

the true/right/correct **answer**

the right/correct **time**

Example Bank:

- All her wishes came true.
- He has stayed true to his word.
- He was true to his word, and turned up on time.
- Her explanation doesn't ring quite true.
- I have never felt more true to myself.
- It is literally true that I never heard of him until I was in my late twenties.
- It was like a dream come true.
- It's hardly true to call cleaning windows a 'profession'.
- It's perfectly true that I didn't help much, but I was busy.
- She stayed true to her principles.
- That is undoubtedly true.
- That's not strictly true, I'm afraid.
- The story is more or less true.
- This degree of inequality was by no means true of all 19th-century marriages.
- This is in fact true in most situations.
- This is particularly true of older women.
- This principle holds true for all states.
- We hope that this will prove true.
- What applies at a local level holds doubly true at a national level.
- What is true for buyers is equally true for sellers.
- While technically true, this is unfair.
- While this is certainly true for some, it is not the case for others.
- 'We could get it cheaper.' 'True, but would it be as good?'
- He's a true gentleman.
- His excuse just doesn't ring true.
- I think it would be true to say that the show was a success.
- Indicate whether the following statements are true or false.
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- Is it your wish that I should sign these minutes as a true record of that meeting?

- It's true that he could do the job, but would he fit in with the rest of the team?
- Many were executed for remaining true to their principles.
- She is not the true owner of this house.
- That's not strictly true.
- The article isn't at all true to what I actually said.
- The movie isn't really true to the book.
- The music is dull and uninspiring and the same is true of the acting.
- The novel is based on a true story.
- The true cost of these experiments to the environment will not be known for years to come.
- This account is now accepted as a true reflection of what actually happened.
- Through that difficult period he proved to be a true friend.
- True to her prediction, it began snowing later that day.
- Unfortunately, these findings do not hold true for women and children.
- You never spoke a truer word.
- the true face of socialism

Idioms: ↑come true ▪ ↑out of true ▪ ↑too good to be true ▪ ↑true to form ▪ ↑true to life ▪ ↑your true colours

adverb (old-fashioned or literary)

STRAIGHT

1. in a direct line

- The arrow flew straight and true to the target.
- He shot true.

CORRECTLY

2. speak ~ to tell the truth

- He had spoken truer than he knew.

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true

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I. **true**¹ **S1 W1** /truː/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ adjective

[Word Family: adverb ↑truly, ↑truthfully ≠ ↑untruthfully, ↑true; noun: ↑truth ≠ ↑untruth, ↑truthfulness; adjective: ↑true ≠ ↑untrue, ↑truthful ≠ ↑untruthful]

[Language: Old English; Origin: treowe 'faithful']

1. NOT FALSE based on facts and not imagined or invented **OPP false** ⇒ **truly, truth**

it is true (that)

- It's not true that I'm going to marry him.
- No, honestly, it's a true story.
- Students decide if statements are true or false.

true of

- The same is true of all political parties.

true for

- This is especially true for old people.
- It's generally true to say that fewer people are needed nowadays.
- The results appear to hold true (=still be correct) for other countries. ⇒ **too good to be true** at ↑good¹(24), ⇒ **not ring true** at ↑ring²(5)

2. **REAL** [only before noun] the true nature of something is its real nature, which may be hidden or not known **SYN** real

true value/cost etc (of something)

- " The house was sold for only a fraction of its true value.
- " We need to understand the true extent of the problem.

true nature/meaning/identity etc (of something)

- " She wasn't aware of the true nature of their relationship.
- " She managed to conceal her true feelings.
- " After a couple of days she showed her true self (=real character).

3. **ADMITTING SOMETHING especially spoken** used when you are admitting that something is correct, but saying that something else, often opposite, is also correct:

- " 'He's very hard-working.' 'True, but I still don't think he's the right man for the job.'

it is true (that)

- " It is true that there have been improvements in some areas.

4. **PROPER** [only before noun] having all the qualities which a type of thing or person should have:

- " The heroine finally finds true love.
- " She's been a true friend to me.
- " It's an amateur sport in the true sense of the word (=with the exact meaning of this word).

5. **come true** if wishes, dreams etc come true, they happen in the way that someone has said or hoped that they would:

- " The prediction seems to have come true. ⇨ **be a dream come true** at ↑dream¹(5)

6. **LOYAL** faithful and loyal to someone, whatever happens

true to

- " Throughout the whole ordeal, she remained true to her husband.

7. **true to form/type** used to say that someone is behaving in the bad way that you expect them to:

- " True to form, Henry turned up late.

8. **true to your word/principles etc** behaving in the way you said you would or according to principles which you believe in:

- " He was true to his word and said nothing about it to Lisa.

9. **true to life/true-to-life** a book, play, description etc that is true to life seems very real and natural **SYN** realistic:

- " The film is frighteningly true-to-life and very funny.

10. **(all/only) too true** used to say that you know something is true, when you do not like it:

- " 'It's not as easy as it looks.' 'Too true!'
- " It is only too true that people are judged by their accents.

11. **STRAIGHT/LEVEL** [not before noun] *technical* fitted, placed, or formed in a way that is perfectly flat, straight, correct etc:

- " If the door's not true, it won't close properly.

12. **sb's aim is true** if your aim is true, you hit the thing that you were throwing or shooting at

13. **your true colours** if you show your true colours, you do something which shows what your real attitudes and qualities are, especially when they are bad

show/reveal your true colours

- " He was forced to reveal his true colours when asked how he would vote.

14. **(there's) many a true word spoken in jest old-fashioned** used to say that when people are joking they sometimes say things that are true and important

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COLLOCATIONS

nouns

- **the true nature of something** The prisoners are encouraged to confront the true nature of their crimes.
- **the true value of something** At the time, I did not recognise the true value of my discovery.
- **the true cost of something** The fixed prescription charge conceals from the general public the true cost of medicines.
- **the true extent of something** Our main difficulty is finding out the true extent of the problem.
- **the true meaning of something** The story teaches a lesson about the true meaning of friendship.
- **sb's true identity** He knew someone would soon discover his true identity.
- **sb's true feelings** Stephen's controlled voice disguised his true feelings.
- **sb's true self** (=someone's real character) He had revealed his true self.

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THESAURUS

- **true** based on real facts, and not imagined or invented: The film was based on a true story. | Do you think the rumours are true?
- **accurate** based on facts and not containing any mistakes – used about descriptions, information, and numbers: The measurements are accurate. | His assessment of the current economic situation is accurate.
- **undeniable / indisputable** definitely true, so that no one can argue or disagree about it: It is indisputable that the situation has got worse. | The decline in inflation was undeniable, even if the reasons for the decline were unclear.
- **factual** based on facts, or involving facts: The court makes its decision based on factual evidence. | There is very little factual information about the incident. | a factual account of what happened | The questions ask for a purely factual answer, not for opinion.
- **verifiable** *formal* able to be proven to be true or correct: The data was verifiable.
- **it is a fact** used when saying that something is definitely true: It is a fact that women live longer than men.
- **be the truth** to be true – used when saying that someone is not lying: What I told you was the truth.
- **be the case** if a situation is the case, that is the way the situation truly is: It is certainly the case that crime rates are lower in Europe than in the US.

II. **true**² *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *adverb*

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1. in an exact straight line:

The arrow flew straight and true to its target.

2. *technical* if a type of animal breeds true, the young animals are exactly like their parents

III. true³ BrE " AmE " noun

out of true *British English* not completely straight, level, or balanced:

" The walls are slightly out of true.

true

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truthfulness 371

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untruthful 70

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