

simple**1. ['sɪmp(ə)] *n***

1. 1) *собир.* простой люд; беднота
- 2) простой человек; бедняк
2. простак, недотёпа
3. составляющее, ингредиент, составная часть, элемент

2. ['sɪmp(ə)] *a*

1. простой, нетрудный, несложный
simple task [problem, work] - простая /нетрудная, несложная/ задача [проблема, работа]
simple hypothesis [idea] - простая гипотеза [мысль]
as simple as ABC - \cong просто как дважды два четыре
the adjustment was simple to make - осуществить перестройку было нетрудно
2. несоставной, простой, с простой структурой; неразложимый
simple sentence - *грам.* простое предложение
simple pistil - *бот.* простой пестик
simple interest - *эк.* простые проценты
simple fracture - *мед.* простой перелом
3. скромный, незатейливый, незамысловатый, непритязательный
simple food /diet/ - простая пища
simple life - простой /здоровый/ образ жизни
simple pattern - незамысловатый /затейливый/ скромный / узор
simple style [beauty] - простой /строгий/ стиль [строгая красота]
4. простодушный, бесхитростный, наивный, искренний
simple soul - простая душа
he is as simple as a child - он простодушен как ребёнок
he's so simple that he believes everything - он так наивен /простодушен/, что верит всему
5. 1) простоватый, глуповатый, недалёкий
that is very simple of you - это очень глупо с вашей стороны
- 2) придурковатый
6. рядовой; простой
simple peasants [folk] - простые крестьяне [люди]
simple soldier [farmer] - простой солдат [фермер]
he is a simple amateur of arts - он просто любитель искусства
7. сущий, чистый; явный, очевидный
a simple fact - очевидный факт
it's a simple lie - это явная ложь
the simple truth - чистая /сущая/ правда
simple robbery - настоящий /сущий/ грабёж
simple madness - совершенное /сущее/ безумие
8. *тех.* простейший
9. *мат.* простой, элементарный
simple algebra - простая алгебра
simple interpolation - линейная интерполяция
10. *хим.* простой
11. *геол.* однородный (о минерале)
12. *муз.* простой
simple counterpoint - простой контрапункт
simple intervals - простые /основные/ интервалы
simple harmony - первая гармония
13. *биол.* контролируемый одним геном
simple inherited character - наименьшая единица наследования
◇ Simple Simon - простак
pure and simple - явный, очевидный, полнейший; как таковой

simple

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simple [simple simpler simplest] *BrE* ['sɪmpl] ^m *NAmE* ['sɪmpl] ^m adjective
(sim·pler, sim·plest) You can also use **more simple** and **most simple**.

EASY

1. not complicated; easy to understand or do

Syn: †easy

- a simple solution
- The answer is really quite simple.
- This machine is very simple to use.
- We lost because we played badly. It's **as simple as that** .
- Give the necessary information but **keep it simple** .

BASIC/PLAIN

2. basic or plain without anything extra or unnecessary

- simple but elegant clothes
- We had a simple meal of soup and bread.
- The accommodation is simple but spacious.
- simple pleasures, like reading and walking

Opp: †fancy

FOR EMPHASIS

3. used before a noun to emphasize that it is exactly that and nothing else

- Nobody wanted to believe the simple truth.
- It was a matter of simple survival
- It's nothing to worry about— just a simple headache.
- I had to do it **for the simple reason that** (= because) I couldn't trust anyone else.

WITH FEW PARTS

4. usually before noun consisting of only a few parts; not complicated in structure

- simple forms of life, for example amoebas
- a simple machine
- (grammar) a **simple sentence** (= one with only one verb)

ORDINARY

5. only before noun (of a person) ordinary; not special

- I'm a simple country girl.

NOT INTELLIGENT

6. not usually before noun (of a person) not very intelligent; not mentally normal

- He's not mad— just a little simple.

GRAMMAR

7. used to describe the present or past tense of a verb that is formed without using an auxiliary verb, as in She loves him (= the simple present tense) or He arrived late (= the simple past tense)

see also †simply, **see** pure and simple **at** †pure

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French, from Latin **simplus**.

Thesaurus:

simple *adj.*

1.

- The machine is simple to use.

easy • • **straightforward** • • **uncomplicated** • • **plain sailing** • |written **undemanding** •

Opp: complicated

simple/easy/straightforward/plain sailing **for sb**

simple/easy/straightforward/plain sailing **to do sth**

a/an simple/easy/straightforward **matter/decision/test/question**

There's no simple/easy/straightforward **answer**.

Simple or easy? **Easy** means 'not difficult': an **easy test/task** is one that causes you no difficulties because you have the ability to do it. **Simple** means 'not complicated': a simple task is one that needs only very few, basic actions and does not usually depend on people's abilities.

2. (especially written, usually approving)

- a simple meal of soup and bread

plain • |especially written **bare** • • **austere** •

Opp: fancy

a simple/plain/austere **design**

a simple/plain/bare **interior**

3. only before noun

- The simple fact is I can't afford it.

plain • • **bare** • • **bald** • |formal **unequivocal** • |often approving **honest** • • **straightforward** • |especially written, usually disapproving **stark** •

the simple/plain/bare/unequivocal/honest/stark **truth**

a/an simple/plain/bare/unequivocal/stark **fact**

a/an simple/plain/bare/unequivocal/honest/straightforward/stark **statement**

a/an simple/plain/unequivocal/honest/straightforward **answer**

Simple or plain? **Simple** is used with more collocations and structures than **plain**. Expressions with **simple** often suggest impatience with other people's behaviour

- No one wanted to believe the simple truth.

4. usually before noun

- They were simple country people.

unremarkable • |often approving **plain** • |disapproving **ordinary** • |often disapproving **average** •

a/an simple/unremarkable/plain/ordinary/average person

simple/plain ignorance/common sense

Simple or plain? **Simple** is used more about people and **plain** about qualities. When used about people **simple** tells you how other people see sb; **plain** tells you more about how sb sees him/herself.

Synonyms:

plain

simple • stark • bare • unequivocal

These words all describe statements, often about sth unpleasant, that are very clear, not trying to hide anything, and not using more words than necessary.

plain • used for talking about a fact that other people may not like to hear, honest and direct in way that other people may not like: ▫ The plain fact is that nobody really knows.

simple • [only before noun] used for talking about a fact that other people may not like to hear, very obvious and not complicated by anything else: ▫ The simple truth is that we just can't afford it.

plain or simple?

When it is being used to emphasize facts that other people may not like to hear, **plain** is usually used in the expression **the plain fact/truth is that...** **Simple** can be used in this way too, but it can also be used in a wider variety of structures and collocations (such as **reason** and **matter**): ▫ The problem was due to the simple fact that... ◊The problem was due to the plain fact that... ◊for the plain reason that... ◊It's a plain matter of... Expressions with **simple** often suggest impatience with other people's behaviour.

stark • (rather formal) used for describing an unpleasant fact or difference that is very obvious: ▫ The stark truth is that there is not enough money left.

The **simple/plain truth** may be sth that some people do not want to hear, but it may be good for them to hear it anyway. The **stark truth** is sth particularly unpleasant and has no good side to it at all.

bare • [only before noun] the most basic or simple, with nothing extra: ▫ She gave me only the bare facts of the case.

unequivocal • (formal) expressing your opinion or intention very clearly and firmly: ▫ The reply was an unequivocal 'no'.

the plain/simple/stark/bare/unequivocal **truth**

a(n) plain/simple/stark/bare/unequivocal **fact/statement**

a(n) plain/simple/unequivocal **answer**

Example Bank:

- I found the work fairly simple.
- Is all this technology making our lives simpler?
- It is a brilliantly simple idea.
- The engine design is elegantly simple.
- The golden rule when creating your design is: keep it simple.
- The logic of the plan was devastatingly simple.
- Their approach is refreshingly simple and direct.
- This seemingly simple task ended up taking hours.
- When creating your design, keep it simple.
- a deceptively simple technique
- Give the necessary information but keep it simple.
- I had to do it for the simple reason that I couldn't trust anyone else.
- I used a very simple method to obtain the answer.
- In some cases his argument is based on simple ignorance.
- It's a simple matter of giving them enough to eat.
- It's quite a simple machine.
- The best gowns are simple and elegant.
- The poem describes simple young soldiers in the Civil War.
- The simple truth is that we just can't afford it.
- There is nothing simple about this movie, and nothing simple about the man who made it.
- These proposals are no more than simple common sense.
- They were simple country people.
- This machine is simple to use.
- We lost because we played badly. It's as simple as that.
- a simple sentence

simple
simple **S1 W1** /'sɪmpəl/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ *adjective* (comparative **simpler**, superlative **simplest**)

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[**Word Family:** noun: ↑simplicity, ↑simplification, ↑simpleton; **adverb**: ↑simply, ↑simplistically; **adjective**: ↑simple, ↑simplistic; **verb**: ↑simplify]

[**Date:** 1200-1300; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** 'plain, uncomplicated', from Latin *simplus*, from *sim-* 'one' + *-plus* 'multiplied by']

1. EASY not difficult or complicated to do or understand:

- a simple but effective solution to the problem
- There is no simple answer to this question.
- I'm sure there's a perfectly simple explanation.

simple to use/make/operate etc

- Modern cameras are very simple to use.

relatively/fairly/quite etc simple

- There are relatively simple exercises to build strength.
 - " We want to keep the costumes as simple as possible.
 - " We can't pay people any more money until the company is more profitable. I'm afraid it's as simple as that.
2. **PLAIN** made in a plain style, without a lot of decoration or unnecessary things added:
 - " She dressed with simple elegance.
 - " simple but delicious food
 - " a building constructed in a simple classic style
 3. **ONLY** [usually before noun] used to emphasize that only one thing is involved:
 - " Completing the race is not just a simple matter of physical fitness.
 - " The simple fact is, he's not very good at his job.
 - " Their motive was greed, pure and simple.
 4. **NOT HAVING MANY PARTS** made or built of only a few parts, and not having a complicated structure:
 - " It's a very simple machine.
 - " They evolved from simple life forms that existed millions of years ago.
 5. **ORDINARY** honest and ordinary and not special in any way:
 - " Joe was just a simple farmer.
 6. **GRAMMAR** *technical* simple tenses are not formed with an ↑auxiliary such as 'have' or 'be'
 7. **the simple life** life without too many possessions or modern machines, usually in the countryside
 8. **STUPID** [not before noun] someone who is simple is not very intelligent:
 - " I'm afraid Luke's a bit simple.
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COLLOCATIONS

■ adverbs

- **very/extremely/incredibly simple** I came up with a very simple answer to this problem.
- **relatively/fairly/quite simple** The rules are quite simple.
- **deceptively simple** (=seeming simple, but in fact complicated or difficult) It's a deceptively simple idea, but it's very difficult to put into practice.
- **perfectly simple** Well? It's a perfectly simple question.

■ phrases

- **simple to use/make/operate etc** The machine is very simple to use.
- **simple but effective** Any child's behaviour can be improved by this simple but effective technique.
- **keep something simple** Keep your explanation as simple as possible.

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