

multitude[ˈmʌltɪtjuːd] *n*

1. множество, большое число; масса

in multitude - во множестве, в большом количестве

2. 1) толпа

2) (the multitude) массы

to appeal to the multitude - а) нравиться (широким) массам; б) обращаться к (широким) массам

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

multi-tude [multitude multitudes] *BrE* ['mʌltɪtjuːd] *NAme* ['mʌltɪtuːd] *noun*

(formal)

1. **countable** ~ (of sth/sb) an extremely large number of things or people

- a multitude of possibilities
- a multitude of birds
- These elements can be combined in a multitude of different ways.
- The region attracts tourists in their multitudes.

2. **the multitude** *singular + singular or plural verb (also the multi-tudes plural)* (sometimes disapproving) the mass of ordinary people

- It was an elite that believed its task was to enlighten the multitude.
- to feed the starving multitudes

3. **countable** (literary) a large crowd of people**Syn:** ↑throng

- He preached to the assembled multitude.

Idiom: ↑hide a multitude of sinsWord Origin:Middle English: via Old French from Latin *multitudo*, from *multus* 'many'.Example Bank:

- She was famous for singing patriotic songs to the assembled multitudes.
- The library offers a whole multitude of books for young readers.

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multi-tude /'mʌltɪtjuːd, 'mʌltɪtjuːd/\$ -tuːd *BrE* *AmE* *noun*[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** French; **Origin:** Latin *multitudo*, from *multus*; ⇒ ↑multi-]1. **a multitude of somebody/something** *formal* or *literary* a very large number of people or things:

- I had never seen such a multitude of stars before.
- a multitude of possible interpretations

2. **the multitude(s)** ordinary people, especially when they are thought of as not being very well educated:

- Political power has been placed in the hands of the multitude.

3. [**countable**] *literary* or *biblical* a large crowd of people:

- Clamoring multitudes demanded a view of the Pope.

4. **cover/hide a multitude of sins** to make faults or problems seem less clear or noticeable – used humorously:

- Patterned carpet can hide a multitude of sins (=the carpet is dirty, but the pattern hides it).

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THESAURUS

- **crowd** a large number of people together in one place: The exhibition is expected to attract large crowds of visitors.
 - **mob** a crowd of noisy and violent people who are difficult to control: The mob set fire to cars and buildings.
 - **mass** a very large crowd which is not moving and which is very difficult to move through: the mass of people in the station
 - **horde** a large crowd of people, especially people who are behaving in a way that you disapprove of or that annoys you: the hordes of tourists on the island
 - **droves** [**plural**] a crowd of people – used especially when you are talking about a crowd of people who move from one place to another: The public came in droves to see the event.
 - **throng** *literary* a very large crowd: A great throng had gathered to listen to his speech.
 - **flock** a large group of people of the same type, especially when they have a leader: A flock of children were being shown through the museum.
 - **pack** a group of people of the same type, especially a group you do not approve of: A pack of reporters shouted questions.
 - **swarm** a large crowd of people who are moving quickly in many directions in a very uncontrolled way: a swarm of children in the playground
 - **crush** a crowd of people who are pressed close together: There was such a crush on the Metro this morning.
 - **multitude** *formal literary* a very large number of people, especially ordinary people: The Emperor came out to speak to the multitude.
- ⇒ ↑group

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