piece Apresyan (En-Ru)

## **1.** [pi:s] *n*

## 1. 1) кусок; часть

a piece of bread - кусок хлеба

а piece of paper - лист(ок) /клочок/ бумаги

to tear off a small piece of paper - оторвать клочок бумаги

to take to pieces - разобрать на (составные) части

to take a machine to pieces - разобрать/демонтироваты машину

to take a dress to pieces - распороть платье

a piece of the road is now under repair - один участок дороги сейчас ремонтируется

a piece out of the book - отрывок из книги

there is one piece missing - одной части не хватает

ріесе by ріесе - a) по кускам; по частям; б) постепенно

in /of/ one piece - целым куском, целиком

## 2) pl обломки; осколки

in pieces - a) разбитый на куски

the statue was in pieces - статуя была разбита на мелкие кусочки; б) расколовшийся; полный противоречий

I am torn in pieces - меня раздирают противоречия

the army at once fell in pieces - армия сразу же распалась

to pieces - на части; вдребезги

to break smth. (in)to pieces - разбить что-л. вдребезги

the tea-pot fell and was broken to pieces - чайник упал и разбился вдребезги

to burst /to fly/ to pieces - разлететься на мелкие кусочки

to come /to fall, to go/ to pieces - a) разбиться вдребезги; развалиться на части; his clothes are coming /falling/ to pieces - его одежда превращается в лохмотья; б) погибнуть, пропасть

when he heard of his son's death he went to pieces - когда он узнал, что его сын погиб, он стал сам не свой; things are going to pieces - всё идёт к чёрту; в) распадаться

following the election defeat the party went to pieces - после поражения на выборах в партии произошёл раскол; under cross-examination his story went to pieces - на перекрёстном допросе все его объяснения рухнули; г) потерять присутствие духа, «сломаться»

in the second half the team went all to pieces - во второй половине игры команда выдохлась

to pull /to tear/ to pieces - разорвать на мелкие кусочки, растерзать (жертву)

to pull /to tear/ smb. to pieces - беспощадно критиковать кого-л.

they will tear you to pieces! - вас же растерзают!

to tear an argument to pieces - (начисто) разбить довод

## 2. участок

he has bought a piece of land - он приобрёл участок земли

а piece of potatoes - участок под картофелем

piece of water - водоём, бассейн, пруд

## 3. штука, кусок; определённое количество

a piece of wall-paper - кусок /рулон/ обоев

a piece of calico is 28 yards - в куске коленкора 28 ярдов

per/by the/ piece - поштучно

to sell goods by the piece - продавать товары поштучно /штуками/

## 4. отдельный предмет, штука

the /each, every/ piece - каждая штука

а piece of clothing - предмет одежды

a piece of furniture - мебель (отдельная вещь)

а piece of plate - предмет из сервиза

a dinner service of 50 pieces - обеденный сервиз из 50 предметов

he was turning a piece of china in his hands - он вертелв руках фарфоровуювещицу

a rare piece of architecture - редкое произведение зодчества

she was allowed to take one piece of luggage - ей разрешили взять только одно место багажа

#### 5. 1) картина; произведение искусства

а piece of art - художественное произведение

two allegorical pieces by Holbein - две аллегорические картины Гольбейна

the finest pieces of his collection - лучшие вещи в его коллекции

a museum piece - музейная вещь /редкость/

## 2) короткое литературное произведение

а piece of poetry - стихотворение

he began to write theatrical pieces - он начал писать пьесы для театра

to speak /to say, to recite/ a piece - a) продекламировать стихотворение, прочитать отрывок, б) выступать с речью и т. п.

## 3) статья, заметка, сообщение

# 6. *муз.* пьеса

to play a piece - сыграть пьесу

# 7. монета (mж. a piece of money)

penny piece - пенни

two penny piece - монета в два пенни

crown piece - крона, монета в одну крону

they did not have a penny piece between them - у них не было ни гроша за душой a piece of gold [of silver] - золотая [серебряная] монета 8. 1) шашка; фишка (*в церах*) 2) шахм. фигура pawns and pieces - пешки и фигуры heavy [minor] pieces - тяжёлые [лёгкие] фигуры 9. 1) *воен.* огневое средство; орудие, винтовка, пистолет *и т. п.* piece of ordnance - артиллерийское орудие 2) амер. разг. пистолет, «пушка» 10. спорт. гимнастический снаряд 11. деталь; обрабатываемоеизделие 12. вставка, заплата 13. бочонок вина 14. амер. лёгкий второй завтрак 15. диал. кусок, ломоть хлеба she had nothing more than a piece all day - за весь день она съела лишь кусок хлеба 16. образец пример (поведения и т. п.) а piece of bravery - образец храбрости a piece of impudence /of insolence, of impertinence/ - пример /образец/ наглости a piece of carelessness - небрежность a piece of extravagance - расточительность 17. в выражениях: а piece of news - новость a piece of bad news - неприятная новость an interesting piece of news - интересная новость a piece of (good) luck - удача a piece of in justice - несправедливость a piece of nonsense - чепуха these pieces of advice were no good - эти советы никуда не годились 18. *разг.* девушка, женщина a pretty (nice) piece - милашка a saucy piece - дерзкая девчонка 19. преим. амер. место, вещь; багаж the cases in which pieces go astray are rare - случаи, когда багаж попадает не по адресу, редки 20. амер. разг. доля, пай (в каком-л. предприятии) 21. (the piece) *разг.* дело, вопрос he will fight the piece out with you - он этого так не оставит  $\lozenge$  a piece of cake - пустячное дело;  $\cong$  раз плюнуть a piece of work - a) (отдельно выполненная) работа, произведение; a splendid piece of work - великолепная работа; it will be a tedious piece of work - это будет очень скучная работа; б) трудное дело; this translation is such a piece of work - этот перевод трудное дело; в) шум, скандал; he kept jawing us, and making a piece of work all the time - он всё время ругал нас и скандалил без конца; г) презр. тип, человек he is a nasty piece of work - до чего мерзкий тип he is a bossy piece - этот тип любит командовать I hate this man, he is such a forward piece - терпеть не могу этого человека, он такой наглец thirty pieces of silver - библ. тридцать сребреников piece of flesh - груб. «товар», бабёнка, девка piece of muslin /of calico/ - «юбка», девушка, женщина a piece of change /of jack/ - амер. хороший куш, кругленькая сумма to make a nice piece of jack - огрести кругленькую сумму (all) of a piece, of one piece with - a) такой же, того же качества; they are all of a piece - все они одним миром мазаны; the harness and the horse were all of a piece - и упряжь была под стать лошади; б) целиком (и полностью); an expedition like this must be all of a piece in the leader's hand - такая экспедиция должна целиком находиться под контролем начальника; в) образующий единое целое; гармонирующий; the hangings are of a piece with the furniture - занавеси прекрасно подходят к мебели; г) в соответствии с (чем-л.) his conduct is of a piece with his words - у него слова не расходятся с делом all to pieces - a) измученный, в изнеможении; б) разорившийся; в) **амер**, совершенно, полностью, с начала до конца to know smth. all to pieces - знать что-л в совершенстве; ≅ знать что-л как свои пять пальцев

1. 1) соединять (в единое целое; *тж.* piece together); собирать из кусочков; надставлять (*одежду*; *тж.* piece down)

she has pieced herself to the strongest side - она присоединилась к сильнейшей стороне

I know him all to pieces -  $\cong$  я знаю его как облупленного

to puzzle smb. to pieces - поставить кого-л. в тупик

to say one's piece - высказаться

2. чинить, латать штопать

**2.** [pi:s] *v* 

to hit smb. to pieces - ошеломить кого-л.

to piece a quilt - сшить лоскутное одеяло to piece a cable - соединять концы кабеля 2) refl присоединяться; объединяться

- she was piecing the skirt with a patch of black silk она латала юбку куском чёрного шёлка
- 3. текст. присучивать (нить)
- 4. разг. хватать куски, перехватить (перед обедом и т. п.)

### piece

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piece [piece pieces pieced piecing] noun, verb BrE [pi□\$ \* NAmE [pi□\$ \*

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# SEPARATE AMOUNT

- 1. countable ~ (of sth) (used especially with of and uncountable nouns) an amount of sth that has been cut or separated from the rest of it; a standard amount of sth
  - a piece of string/wood
  - · She wrote something on a small piece of paper.
  - · a large piece of land
  - a piece of cake/cheese/meat
  - · He cut the pizza into bite-sized pieces.
  - · I'vegot a piece of grit in my eye.

#### **PART**

- 2. countable, usually plural one of the bits or parts that sth breaks into
  - · There were tiny pieces of glass all over the road.
  - The boat had been smashed to pieces on the rocks.
  - The vase lay in pieces on the floor.
- 3. countable one of the parts that sth is made of
  - He took the clock to pieces.
  - · a missing piece of the puzzle
  - The bridge was taken down piece by piece .
  - · a 500-piece jigsaw

see also \tag{o}ne-piece, \tag{two-piece}, \tag{three-piece}

#### SINGLE ITEM

- 4. countable (used especially with of and uncountable nouns) a single item of a particular type, especially one that forms part of a set
  - a piece of clothing/furniture/luggage
  - a piece of equipment/machinery
  - a 28-piece dinner service
- 5. countable ~ of sth used with many uncountable nouns to describe a single example or an amount of sth
  - a piece of advice/information/news
  - · an interesting piece of research
  - Isn't that a piece of luck?
- 6. countable ~ (of sth) a single item of writing, art, music, etc. that sb has produced or created
  - a piece of art/music/poetry, etc.
  - · They performed pieces by Bach and Handel.
  - (formal) They have some beautiful pieces (= works of art, etc.) in their home.

see also †masterpiece, †museum piece, †party piece, †period piece, †showpiece

## **NEWS ARTICLE**

- 7. countable an article in a newspaper or magazine or a broadcast on television or radio
  - Did you see her piece about the Internet in the paper today?

see also †set piece

# COIN

- 8. countable a coin of the value mentioned
  - · a 50p piece
  - a five-cent piece

#### IN CHESS, ETC

9. countable one of the small figures or objects that you move around in games such as 1chess

## **SHARE OF STH**

- 10. singular ~ of sth (especially NAmE) a part or share of sth
  - · companies seeking a piece of the market

#### GHN

11. countable (NAmE, slang) a gun

## **DISTANCE**

- 12. a piece singular (old-fashioned, NAmE, informal) a short distance
- She lives down the road a piece from here. You will find other compounds ending in **piece** at their place in the alphabet.

  more at a piece/slice of the action at faction, bits and pieces/bobs at fbit, how long is a piece of string at flong adj., a nasty piece

of work at \(^\tau\_{\text{nasty}}\), pick up the pieces at \(^\text{pick}\_{\text{v.}}\), a piece/slice/share of the pie at \(^\text{pie}\), say your piece at \(^\text{say}\_{\text{v.}}\), the villain of the piece at \(^\text{villain}\)

## Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French piece (compare with medieval Latin pecia, petium), of obscure ultimate origin.

## Thesaurus:

#### piece noun

#### 1. C

• He cut himself a large piece of cheese.

slice · · chunk · · lump · · hunk · · wedge · · slab · · cube · · length · · block · · sliver · |especially BrE bit ·

a piece/slice/chunk/lump/hunk/wedge/sliver/bit of cheese

a piece/slice/chunk/lump/hunk/slab/bit of **meat** 

a piece/lump/slab/block of ice

cut sth into pieces/slices/chunks/wedges/cubes/lengths/bits

cut (off) a piece/slice/length/bit

#### **2**. C

• There were tiny pieces of glass all over the road.

fragment • • sliver • • scrap • • shred • • speck • • particle • • morsel • • splinter • • chip • |especially BrE bit • |written shard •

a piece/fragment/sliver/scrap/shred/speck/particle/morsel/splinter/bit/shard of sth

a small/tiny piece/fragment/sliver/scrap/speck/particle/morsel/bit

a piece/fragment/sliver/splinter/bit/shard of glass

a piece/scrap/bit of paper/information/news

smash sth to pieces/bits

#### **3.** C

· He took the clock to pieces.

part · · component · · section · · element · |especially BrE bit ·

an individual piece/part/component/section/element/bit

#### **4.** C

• The orchestra performed pieces by Ravel and Haydn.

work • • masterpiece • |formal composition • • oeuvre •

a piece/work/masterpiece/composition by sb

a/an orchestral/choral piece/work/masterpiece/composition

perform a piece/work/composition

**Piece, work or composition? Piece** and **composition** are used mostly to talk about music. **Work** is used to talk about any type of art, literature or music.

## Vocabulary Building:

#### **Pieces**

If you want to talk about a small amount or one example of something that is normally an uncountable noun, there is a range of words you can use. You must choose the right one to go with the substance you are talking about.

Piece and (*BrE*, informal) bit are very general words and can be used with most uncountable nouns: ■ a piece of paper / wood / string / cake / fruit / meat / work / research / advice ◇■ a bit of paper / work / chocolate / luck.

A slice is a thin flat piece: ■ a slice of bread / cake / salami / cheese / pie / apple ♦ (figurative) ■ a slice of life

A chunk is a thick, solid piece: a chunk of cheese / bread / rock  $\diamond$  a chunk of land (= a fairly large piece)

A lump is a piece of something solid without any particular shape: • a lump of coal / rock / mud

A **fragment** is a very small piece of something that is broken or damaged: ■ fragments of glass  $\diamondsuit$ (figurative) ■ fragments of conversation. It can also be used with countable nouns to mean a small part of something: ■ a fragment of the story.

A speck is a tiny piece of powder. = a speck of dust / dirt. You can also say: = a speck of light

**Drop** is used with liquids: • a drop of water / rain / blood / milk / whisky

A pinch is as much as you can hold between your finger and thumb: • a pinch of salt / cinnamon

A **portion** is enough for one person: • a portion of chicken

## Example Bank:

- · A few pieces of the puzzle were missing.
- Can I take this jigsaw to pieces?
- He hasn't produced a single piece of writing this year.
- I had to take the car to pieces in order to repair it.
- I just need to get a few bits and pieces at the supermarket.
- My old dictionary is falling to pieces.
- She makes her sculptures out of odd pieces of scrap metal.
- She read a piece from 'Alice in Wonderland'.
- She tore the letter into tiny pieces.
- The album is made up of bits and pieces from previous albums.
- The best pieces include three paintings by El Greco.
- The book breaks the information into bite-sized pieces.
- The cake just broke into pieces when I cut it.
- The plate smashed into little pieces on the stone floor.

- The vase was now in pieces on the kitchen floor.
- They are exhibiting two important pieces by Calder.
- · This chair comes to pieces.
- This is an effective piece of writing.
- We'll need to take the engine apart, piece by piece.
- · a companion piece to the portrait of Gauguin's empty chair
- · a piece for symphony orchestra, choir and four soloists
- a piece of bread
- · a short piece by Will Simons on television satire
- · an occasional piece on the lives of ordinary people
- · an original piece written specifically for the producer
- Auditioning students are required to play a solo piece of their choice.
- · He broke the clock down into pieces.
- · He took the clock to pieces.
- I'vegot a piece of grit in my eye.
- · It was an interesting piece of research.
- She's been doing a 500-piece jigsaw.
- The bridge was taken down piece by piece.
- The documentary was in fact a heavily biased hit piece.
- The magazine ran a puff piece on him last week.
- The orchestra performed pieces by Ravel and Prokofiev.
- There had to be some missing piece of the story.
- They have some beautiful pieces in their home.
- · You should have at least two good portions of vegetables and two pieces of fruit a day.

<u>Idioms:</u> †fall to pieces = †give somebody a piece of your mind = †go to pieces = †in one piece = †of a piece = †pick somebody to pieces = †piece of cake = †piece of piss = piece of work

<u>Derived</u> †piece something together

### verb

## Verb forms: verb forms

TOLD FOLLING	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	piece
	BrE /pi:s/
	NAmE /pi:s/
he / she /it	pieces
	BrE /pi:szz/
	NAmE /pi:szz/
past simple, past participle	pieced
	BrE /pi:st/
	NAmE /pi:st/
-ing form	piecing
	BrE /pi:sɪŋ/
	NAmE /pi:sɪŋ/

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## piece

I. piece ¹ S1 W1 /pi□\$ BrE \* AmE \* noun [countable]

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: Vulgar Latin pettia]



piece of cheese

# 1. AMOUNT an amount of something that has been separated from the main part

#### piece of

- He broke off a piece of bread and gave it her.
- Cut off a piece of wood 5 cm in length.
- His trousers were held up with a piece of string.
- Would you like a small or a large piece?

# cut/divide etc something into pieces

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- She cut the cake into four equal pieces.
- Chop the potato into bite-sized pieces.

## 2. PART one of the parts that something divides or breaks into

## piece of

- a piece of broken glass
- Individual pieces of text can be cut and pasted to their correct position.

#### in pieces

- The china dish lay in pieces on the floor.
- jigsaw pieces
- His father had taught him how to take a gun to pieces.
- The shelving comes to pieces (=divides into separate parts) for easy transport.
- The shower head just came to pieces (=broke into separate parts) in my hand.
- The fireplace was carefully dismantled <u>piece</u> by <u>piece</u> (=one part at a time).

# 3. SINGLE ITEM a single thing of a particular type, or something that is one of several similar things

### piece of

- Pass me another piece of paper.
- You should eat three pieces of fruit a day.
- She was wearing a single piece of jewellery.
- You need to examine every piece of evidence first.
- an excellent piece of work
- a major piece of legislation
- a piece of equipment

## four-piece/60-piece etc (=consisting of four, 60 etc separate parts)

- a five-piece band
- a three-piece suite (=two chairs and a ↑sofa)

# **4. SMALL AMOUNT** [usually singular] a small amount of something that is interesting, useful, or unusual in some way piece of advice/information/gossip etc

- Let me give you a piece of advice.
- We're witnessing a piece of history in the making.

# piece of luck/good fortune

It really was an extraordinary piece of luck.

## 5. LAND an area of land

# piece of

- a piece of waste ground
- a dispute about a piece of land

## 6. fall to pieces

# a) to become old and in bad condition:

All my clothes are falling to pieces.

They've let that lovely old house fall to pieces around them.

## b) to no longer be successful or working well:

The economy is falling to pieces.

# 7. go to pieces if a person or what they do goes to pieces, they are so upset or nervous that they cannot live, work, or perform as they should:

He just went to pieces after his wife died.

Her performance goes to pieces when her father is watching.

### 8. smash/rip/tear something to pieces to damage something badly by breaking it into many parts:

His arm was ripped to pieces by a shark.

Wear thick gloves, otherwise you'll tear your fingers to pieces.

## 9. pull/rip/tear somebody/something to pieces to criticize someone or their ideas very severely:

Donna could tear your work to pieces, and frequently did.

# 10. ART/MUSIC ETC something that has been produced by an artist, musician, or writer

### piece of music/writing/sculpture etc

- some unusual pieces of sculpture
- The LSO will perform a much-loved concert piece.

# 11. NEWS ITEM a short farticle in a newspaper or magazine or part of a television or radio programme that is about a particular subject

#### piece about/on

- Did you read that piece in 'The Observer' about censorship?
- Robert wrote a short piece on the earthquake.

# 12. in one piece informal if you arrive somewhere in one piece, you are not injured:

- Cheer up. At least you're still in one piece.
- Ring Mum and let her know we got here in one piece.

# 13. give somebody a piece of your mind informal to tell someone that you are very angry with them:

After the game he gave the players a piece of his mind.

## **14**. **be a piece of cake** *informal* to be very easy to do:

Landing this type of aircraft is a piece of cake for an experienced pilot.

- 15. be a piece of piss British English spoken not polite to be very easy to do
- **16.** a piece of the action informal a share of the money from a business activity:
  - And will foreign firms get a piece of the action?

# 17. be (all) of a piecea) if the things someone says or does are all of a piece, they are part of the typical behaviour of that person

be (all) of a piece with

Sexist language is all of a piece with the way some men treat women.

# **b)** to be the same or similar in all parts:

The architecture here is all of a piece.

#### 18. MONEY

a) a coin of a particular value

## ten pence/50-cent etc piece

Have you change for a 50-cent piece?

## **b)** old use a coin:

Robert slipped two gold pieces into the man's hand.

- 19. GAMES a small object used in a game such as †chess
- 20. GUN American English informal a small gun
- 21. be a (real) piece of work spoken informal especially American English to be someone who does nasty things or deceives people in order to get what they want
- 22. be a piece of shit/crap spoken not polite used to show that you do not respect someone or something they say
- 23. piece of ass American English informal not polite an offensive expression for a woman. Do not use this expression.
- ⇒ how long is a piece of string? at ¹long¹(9)

## **THESAURUS**

- piece an amount of something that has been cut or separated from the main part: Could I have another piece of cake? | a piece of broken glass | Emma cut the pie into eight pieces.
- bit a piece. Bit is more informal than piece and is often used about smaller pieces: The notes were written on bits of paper. | He threw a bit of wood onto the fire.
- lump a small piece of something solid or firm that does not have a regular shape: two lumps of sugar | a lump of coal | a lump of clay
- scrap a small piece of paper, cloth etc that is no longer needed: I wrote the phone number on a scrap of paper. | The dog was eating scraps of food off the floor.
- strip a long narrow piece of cloth, paper etc: a strip of cloth | The leather had been cut into strips.
- sheet a thin flat piece of something such as paper, glass, or metal: a blank sheet of paper | a sheet of aluminium
- slice a thin flat piece of bread, cake, meat etc cut from a larger piece: a slice of pizza | Cut the tomatoes into thin slices.
- **chunk** a piece of something solid that does not have a regular shape used especially about food, rock, or metal: The fruit was cut into large chunks. | a chunk of bread
- hunk a large piece with rough edges, which has been cut or has broken off a bigger piece of food, rock etc: a big hunk of cheese hunks of concrete
- block a piece of something solid, which has straight sides: concrete blocks | a block of cheese | a block of ice
- slab a thick flat piece of stone, or of cake, meat etc: The floor had been made from stone slabs. | a slab of beef
- cube a piece that has six square sides used especially about food: a cube of sugar | ice cubes
- wedge a piece that has a thick end and a pointed end, and is shaped like a †triangle used especially about food and metal: a wedge of cheese
- bar a block of soap, chocolate, candy, or metal, which has straight sides: a chocolate bar | a bar of soap | gold bars worth more than £26 million
- rasher British English a slice of bacon: I usually have two rashers of bacon for breakfast.

## a small piece

- fragment a small piece that has broken off something, especially something hard: The window shattered, covering them with fragments of glass. | They found fragments of bone.
- crumb a very small piece of bread, cake etc: There were just a few crumbs left on the plate.
- speck a piece of something such as dirt or dust which is so small you almost cannot see it: She brushed the specks of dust from the table.
- drop a very small amount of a liquid: There were drops of blood on the floor. I I felt a drop of rain.

# **COLLOCATIONS CHECK**

- lump of sugar/rock/metal/earth
- scrap of paper
- strip of cloth/paper
- sheet of paper/metal/glass
- slice of bread/pizza/cake/meat
- chunk of fruit/bread
- block of ice/stone/wood
- slab of rock/stone/meat
- bar of soap/chocolate/candy/metal
- rasher of bacon
- speck of dirt/dust
- drop of blood/rain/liquid
- II. piece <sup>2</sup> BrE AmE verb

- 1. to use all the information you have about a situation in order to discover the truth about it:
  - Police are trying to piece together his movements before the murder.

Her early life has been pieced together from several different sources.

2. to put all the separate parts of an object into the correct order or position:

He slowly pieced together the torn fragments of a letter.

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piece

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15000 652 COCA

RANGE: 1k PIECE 72680

piece 43398

pieces 29282

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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