# natural

#### **1.** [′nӕt∫(ә)rәl] *n* 1. кретин, идиот (*от рождения*)

she is not quite a natural - она не круглая идиотка

2. разг.

## 1) подходящий (для чего-л.) человек

Bob is a natural for this job - Боб как будто создан для этой работы

## 2) самое подходящее

this job's a natural for Jim - эта работа как раз по Джиму it's a natural! - превосходно!, как раз то, что нужно!

#### 3. сл. жизнь, земное существование

in all my natural - за всю (свою) жизнь

4. *муз.* бекар

## 5. амер.

#### 1) африканская причёска (негра; без выпрямления и окраски волос)

2) «афро», причёска «под африканца»; высокая причёска из мелких завитков

#### 2. [′næt∫(ə)rəl] a

### 1. 1) естественный, природный

natural forces [phenomena] - силы [явления] природы

- natural grandeur and beauty величие и красота природы
- natural resources природные богатства / ресурсы /
- natural gas природный газ

natural radioactivity - естественная радиоактивность

natural harbour - естественная гавань

natural day - сутки

natural weapons - естественное оружие (кулаки, зубы)

- natural death естественная смерть
- natural year тропический год

natural number - *мат.* натуральное число

natural cover - воен. естественное укрытие

natural seeding - самосев, естественное обсеменение (о растениях)

natural infancy - юр. детство (до 7 лет)

natural loss /wastage/ - ком. естественная убыль (усушка, утечка и т. п.)

natural horizon - ав. видимый горизонт

the natural cause of a seeming miracle - естественно-научное объяснение кажущегося чуда

natural economy - натуральное хозяйство

animals living in their natural state - животные в естественных условиях

#### 2) земной, физический

natural life - земное существование the natural world - этот свет, земное существование imprisonment for the term of one's natural life - юр. пожизненное заключение

## 2. настоящий, натуральный

natural wool - натуральная шерсть

- natural flowers живые цветы
- natural teeth свои зубы

natural complexion - естественный цвет лица (без косметики)

natural portrait - портрет, точно передающий сходство;  $\cong$  как живой

natural scale - спец. натуральная величина, масштаб 1:1

natural weight - ком. натуральный вес (зерна)

# 3. естественный, относящийся к естествознанию

natural dialectics - диалектика природы

natural historian - натуралист

natural philosophy - a) ycm. физика; б) натурфилософия философияприроды

#### 4. обычный, нормальный; понятный

natural mistake - понятная/естественная/ ошибка

it is natural for a baby to cry if it is hungry - вполне понятно /естественно, нормально/, что ребёнок плачет, когда он голоден

#### 5. 1) дикий, некультивированный

natural growth - дикая растительность

natural state - первобытное состояние

the natural man - a) человек, каким его создала природа; б) филос. естественный человек

# 2) необработанный не подвергшийся обработке

natural steel - незакалённая сталь

# 6. врождённый, присущий

natural gift [ability] - врождённый дар [-ая способность] natural linguist - человек с врождёнными способностями к языкам natural orator - прирождённый оратор natural fool - дурак (от рождения) with his natural modesty - со свойственной ему скромностью it is natural for a duck to swim - утка обладает врождённым умением плавать

#### непринуждённый, естественный

it comes natural to him - a) это получается у него естественно/само собой/; б) это ему даётся легко

it was a very natural piece of acting - актёр играл очень естественно /правдиво/

#### 8. побочный, внебрачный

his natural son - его побочный сын

her natural brother - её побочный брат, побочный сын её отца

#### 9. амер. в стиле «афро» (о причёске) [см. тж. Afro I u natural I 5]

#### 10. геол. материнский

natural rock - материнская порода natural ground - материк

### 11. физ. собственный

natural frequency - собственная частота natural vibration - собственные колебания

## natural

nat·ural [natural naturals] adjective, noun BrE ['næt[rəl] NAmE ['næt[rəl] adjective

## **IN NATURE**

- 1. only before noun existing in nature; not made or caused by humans
- natural disasters
- the natural world (= of trees, rivers, animals and birds)
- a country's **natural resources** (= its coal, oil, forests, etc.)
- wildlife in its natural habitat
- natural yogurt (= with no flavouradded)
- My hair soon grew back to its natural colour (= after being dyed ) .
- The clothes are available in warm natural colours.

compare <sup>†</sup>supernatural

## **EXPECTED**

#### normal; as you would expect

- to die of **natural causes** (= not by violence, but normally, of old age)
- He thought social inequality was all part of the natural order of things.
- · She was the natural choice for the job.

#### compare <sup>†</sup>unnatural

## **BEHAVIOUR**

#### 3. used to describe behaviourthat is part of the character that a person or an animal was born with

- · the natural agility of a cat
- · the natural processes of language learning
- It's only natural to worry about your children.
- When body temperature is beginning to fall there is a natural tendency to fall asleep.
- · It was my natural instinct to defend myself.

## ABILITY

## 4. only before noun having an ability that you were born with

· He's a natural leader.

## RELAXED

## 5. relaxed and not pretending to be sb/sth different

It's difficult to look natural when you're feeling nervous.

## **PARENTS/CHILDREN**

- 6. only before noun (of parents or their children) related by blood
- · His natural mother was unable to care for him so he was raised by an aunt.
- 7. only before noun (old use or formal) (of a son or daughter) born to parents who are not married

## Syn: *illegitimate*

· She was a natural daughter of King James II.

## **BASED ON HUMAN REASON**

- 8. only before noun based on human reason alone
- natural justice/law

## IN MUSIC

**9.** used after the name of a note to show that the note is neither  $^{\text{sharp}}$  nor  $^{\text{flat}}$ . The written symbol is ( $_{\text{h}}$ ).

B natural

Word Origin:

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quality', from nat- 'born', from the verb nasci.

#### Thesaurus:

#### natural adj.

## 1.

• It's natural that he would want to see his own son.

## obvious · · understandable · · logical ·

natural/obvious/understandable/logical that...

natural/logical (for sb) to do sth

# the natural/obvious/logical thing to do/choice/conclusion/solution

Natural or obvious? Obvious is used especially to describe a decision, choice or course of action. Natural can be used in the same way, but is more frequently used to describe feelings: a natural feeling/desire/fear. When obvious is used with these words it does not mean 'as you would expect', but 'easy to notice':

Children have a natural desire for affection.

✗ Children have an obvious desire for affection. George ignored Lucy's obvious desire to be left alone.

#### 2.

• Hunting is one of a cat's natural instincts.

innate • instinctive • congenital • hereditary • genetic • intuitive • Opp: acquired a/an natural/innate/genetic characteristic

a/an natural/innate/instinctive/intuitive ability/understanding/response natural/innate/intuitive intelligence

#### Example Bank:

- All the materials are natural.
- It's only natural that she should feel upset.
- · Your highlights look really natural.
- · completely natural materials
- · Children have a natural desire for affection and security.
- Extreme shyness seemed to be part of her natural character.
- He thought inequality was all part of the natural order of things.
- He's a natural rebel/leader.
- His natural gifts as a preacher meant he was in great demand.
- · Hunting is one of a cat's natural instincts.
- I had a quite natural desire to hit him.
- It's natural that he would want to see his own son.
- It's only natural to worry about your children.
- It's perfectly natural for you to feel annoyed.
- She has a natural ability with children.
- · The man died of natural causes.
- · They seemed to be the natural party of government
- · a country's natural resources

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#### PERSON

- 1. ~ (for sth) a person who is very good at sth without having to learn how to do it, or who is perfectly suited for a particular job
  - She took to flying like a natural.
  - He's a natural for the role.

#### **IN MUSIC**

2. a normal musical note, not its <sup>†</sup>sharp or <sup>†</sup>flat form. The written symbol is (<sup>1</sup>).

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#### natural

I. nat ural<sup>1</sup> S2 W1 /'nætʃərəl/ BrE AmE adjective

[Word Family: noun: †nature, †naturalist, †naturalism, †naturalization, †naturalness, the supernatural, †natural, †naturist,

fnaturism; adverb fnaturally  $\neq$  funnaturally, fnaturalistically, fsupernaturally; adjective: fnatural  $\neq$  funnatural, fsupernatural, fnaturalistic; verb fnaturalize]



- 1. NATURE existing in nature and not caused, made, or controlled by people ⇒ artificial, man-made :
  - the study of the natural world (=trees, rivers, animals, plants etc)
  - an area of spectacular natural beauty
  - <u>natural disasters</u> (=things such as floods or fearthquakes)
  - death from natural causes
  - the need for natural light in offices
- 2. NORMAL normal and as you would expect OPP unnatural, abnormal :
  - At the time, accepting his offer had seemed the most natural thing in the world.

#### it is natural (for somebody) to do something

- It's not natural for a child of his age to be so quiet.
- <u>It's</u> only <u>natural that</u> he should be interested in what happens.
- It was a <u>perfectly</u> <u>natural</u> (*=not surprising*) mistake to make.

**3**. **BEHAVIOUR** a natural tendency or type of behaviouris part of your character when you are born, rather than one that you learn later:

Babies have a natural fear of falling.

- 4. ABILITY having a particular quality or skill without needing to be taught and without needing to try hard:
  - a natural musician
  - Cheryl has a natural elegance about her.
  - his natural ability with figures
- 5. RELAXED behaving in a way that is normal and shows you are relaxed and not trying to pretend:
  - Be cool, be natural.
- 6. PARENT/CHILD [only before noun]
- a) someone's natural parent or child is their real parent or child, who is <sup>†</sup>biologically related to them: An adopted young person has the right to trace his natural parents.
- b) old-fashioned if someone is the natural child of someone, their parents were not married to each other:
  - <sup>\*</sup> He was rumoured to be the natural son of a duke.
- 7. REAL not connected with gods, magic, or *†spirits* OPP supernatural:
  - I'm sure there's a perfectly natural explanation.
- 8. natural justice/law justice that is based on human reason alone
- **9**. **FOOD** with nothing added to change the taste:
  - natural yoghurt

**10**. **MUSIC** *technical* a musical note that is natural has been raised from a <sup>↑</sup>flat by one <sup>↑</sup>semitone or lowered from a <sup>↑</sup>sharp by one semitone  $\Rightarrow$  sharp, flat

## -naturalness noun [uncountable]:

Manufacturers now choose to emphasize the naturalness of the ingredients used in their products.

# THESAURUS

• natural existing in nature and not caused, made, or controlled by people: a natural lake | natural light | the earth's natural resources | We only use natural ingredients in our products. | his natural hair colour

• wild used about flowers, plants, and animals that are not controlled by people. Also used about areas of land where there are no humans: We found some wild strawberries. | wild horses | wild open spaces

• pure used about food, drink, or materials that have not had anything added to them: pure orange juice | pure new wool

• organic used about fruit, vegetables, meat etc produced without using chemicals: organic carrots | organic milk | organic beauty products

• **unspoiled** (*also* **unspoilt** *British English*) a place that is unspoiled is still beautiful because no one has built roads or buildings on it: It was a pleasant unspoilt village. | The countryside is remarkably unspoiled.

• **untouched** [not before noun] a place that is untouched has not been affected by human activity: There are few forested areas of the world that remain untouched by humans.

• virgin [only before noun] virgin forest or land is still in its natural state and has not been spoiled or changed in any way by humans: Large areas of virgin rainforest will be protected from destruction. | He bought 14,000 acres of virgin land in Ontario.

# COLLOCATIONS CHECK

• wild flowers/plants/places

organic food/vegetables/products

#### unspoiled countryside/island/beauty

# virgin forest/land

## II. natural <sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>\*</sup> AmE <sup>\*</sup> noun [countable]

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1. be a natural to be good at doing something without having to try hard or practise:

People think I am a natural, but I've had to work at it.

#### 2. technical

a) a musical note that has been changed from a <sup>†</sup>flat to be a <sup>†</sup>semitone higher, or from a <sup>†</sup>sharp to be a semitone lower
b) the sign in written music that shows this kind of musical note

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