

**approximate****1. [ə'prɒksɪmət] a**

1. **приблизительный** **приблизительноточный**, **относительноверный**  
approximate cost [distance] - **приблизительнаястоимость** [-ое расстояние]  
approximate value - а) **приблизительнаяценность**; б) **мат.**, **тех.** **приближённое значение**  
an approximate account of what happened - **более или менее правильное изложение** происшедшего
2. **обладающий большим сходством**, **близкий**
3. **спец.** **близкий**, **расположенный близко**
4. **в грам. знач. суц. редк.** **приблизительноточный итог**, **приблизительноколичество**

**2. [ə'prɒksɪmət] v**

- 1) **1) приближаться**, **быть приблизительноточным**, **верным**, **равным**, **тождественным**  
to approximate to the truth - **приближаться /быть близким/ к истине**  
to approximate to the description [to what was said] - **более или менее точно соответствовать описанию** [тому, что было сказано]  
the crowd approximated a thousand people - **в толпе было примерно тысяча человек**
  - 2) **приближать**, **добиваться приблизительноточности или тождественности**
- 2. редк.**
- 1) **приближаться**, **становиться ближе**  
to approximate to a solution of the problem - **подходить к решению задачи**
  - 2) **приближать**, **сближать**

**approximate**

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**ap-proxi-mate** AW [approximate approximates approximated approximating ]

adjective, verb

adjective BrE [ə'prɒksɪmət] <sup>1</sup> ; NAmE [ə'prɑksɪmət] <sup>1</sup> (abbr. **approx**)

almost correct or accurate, but not completely so

- an **approximate number/total/cost**
- The cost given is only approximate.
- Use these figures as an approximate guide in your calculations.

**Opp:** ↑exactWord Origin:

late Middle English (in the adjectival sense 'close, similar'): from late Latin **approximatus**, past participle of **approximare**, from **ad-** 'to' + **proximus** 'very near'. The verb (originally meaning 'bring close') arose in the mid 17th cent.; the current use as an adjective dates from the early 19th cent.

Thesaurus:**approximate** adj.

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**rough** •• **imprecise** •• **inexact** •• **vague** •• **general** •• **broad** • |AmE **ballpark** •**Opp:** exacta/an approximate/rough/vague/general/broad **idea**a/an approximate/rough/ballpark **figure/estimate**

**Approximate or rough?** **Approximate** most often describes the **number**, **amount**, **cost**, etc. of sth. **Rough** more often describes an **estimate**, **idea** or **guess** of sth:

- Construction was completed at an approximate cost of \$4.1 million.
- There were about 20 people there, at a rough guess.

**Rough**, but not **approximate** can describe a piece of writing or a drawing:

- a rough draft/sketch of sth

**✗** an approximate draft/sketch of sthExample Bank:

- Construction was completed at an approximate cost of \$4.1 million.

verb BrE [ə'prɒksɪmət] <sup>1</sup> ; NAmE [ə'prɑksɪmət] <sup>1</sup> (formal)**1. transitive, intransitive** to be similar or close to sth in nature, quality, amount, etc, but not exactly the same

- ~ **sth** The animals were reared in conditions which approximated the wild as closely as possible.
- The total cost will approximate £15 billion.
- ~ **to sth** His story approximates to the facts that we already know.

**2. transitive** ~ **sth** to calculate or estimate sth fairly accurately

- a formula for approximating the weight of a horse

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	approximate
	BrE /ə'prɒksɪmeɪt/
	NAme /ə'prɒksɪmeɪt/
he / she / it	approximates
	BrE /ə'prɒksɪmeɪts/
	NAme /ə'prɒksɪmeɪts/
past simple, past participle	approximated
	BrE /ə'prɒksɪmeɪtɪd/
	NAme /ə'prɒksɪmeɪtɪd/
-ing form	approximating
	BrE /ə'prɒksɪmeɪtɪŋ/
	NAme /ə'prɒksɪmeɪtɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- The total cost will approximate £5 billion.

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I. **ap** **prox** **i** **mate** <sup>1</sup> **S3 W3 AC** /ə'prɒksəmət, ə'prɒksɪmət \$ ə'prɒk- **BrE** <sup>u</sup> **AmE** <sup>e</sup> **adjective**

[Word Family: verb: ↑approximate; noun: ↑approximation; adverb: ↑approximately; adjective: ↑approximate]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Late Latin; Origin: past participle of *approximare* 'to come near to', from Latin *ad-* 'to' + *proximare* 'to come near']

an approximate number, amount, or time is close to the exact number, amount etc, but could be a little bit more or less than it **SYN**

rough **OPP** exact:

- What is the approximate number of students in each class?
- These percentages are only approximate.

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In everyday English, people usually say **rough** rather than **approximate** :

- Can you give me a rough idea of how much it would cost?

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THESAURUS

- approximately** more or less than a number or amount – used especially in technical or scientific contexts: The company had total revenues of approximately \$2 million. | The disease affects approximately 10% of the adult population.
- about** more or less than a number or amount. 'About' is the usual word to use in everyday English: It costs about \$30 to get a visa. | There were about 50 people at the meeting.
- roughly** /'rʌfli/ about – used when you are trying to give someone a general idea of the size, amount, or number of something: The two countries are roughly the same size. | Roughly how many miles do you travel a year?
- around** about a number or time – used when you are guessing: I'll be there around 5 o'clock. | The BBC broadcasts around 2,000 radio dramas every year.
- somewhere / something in the region of** *formal* about – used with very large numbers or amounts: Last year he earned something in the region of \$60 million. | It costs somewhere in the region of £100,000 to train a new doctor.
- or so** *informal* about – used after a period of time, a number, or an amount: The journey takes an hour or so.
- circa** /'sɜ:kə/\$ 'sɜ:kɪ/ *formal* about – used with dates a long time ago in the past: The house was built circa 1530.
- or more** used after a number or amount, when the total may be a lot more: A thirty-second commercial can cost £60,000 or more.
- upwards of** more than a number or amount: The aircraft can carry upwards of 400 passengers.

—approximately *adverb*:

- The plane will be landing in approximately 20 minutes.
- How much do you think it will cost, approximately?

II. **ap** **prox** **i** **mate** <sup>2</sup> **AC** /ə'prɒksəmeɪt, ə'prɒksɪmeɪt \$ ə'prɒk- **BrE** <sup>u</sup> **AmE** <sup>e</sup> **verb** [intransitive, linking verb] *formal*

[Word Family: verb: ↑approximate; noun: ↑approximation; adverb: ↑approximately; adjective: ↑approximate]

1. to be close to a particular number

approximate to

- This figure approximates to a quarter of the UK's annual consumption.

2. to be similar to but not exactly the same as something

approximate to

- Your story only approximates to the real facts.

approximate

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RANGE: **3k** APPROXIMATE 18934

approximate 1438

approximated 243  
approximately 15809  
approximates 233  
approximating 180  
approximation 726  
approximations 184  
approx 121

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

787 **22442**<sup>904</sup> *jj*

302 **41110**<sup>319</sup> *vvi*

198 **50957**<sup>215</sup> *vv0*

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