

**function****1. [ˈfʌŋkʃ(ə)n]****1. функция, назначение**

the function of education is to develop the mind - образование имеет своей целью развить умственные способности  
 glass has an important function in modern architecture - стекло занимает важное место в современной архитектуре

**2. функция, деятельность; отправление (организма)**

regular functions of the body - нормальные функции организма  
 functions of the nerves - функционирование нервной системы

**3. *обыкн. pl* должностные обязанности, функции; круг обязанностей**

to perform /to carry out/ one's daily functions - выполнять повседневные служебные обязанности  
 to exercise administrative functions - исполнять административные обязанности

**4. 1) торжественная церемония; торжество**

function to be held on ... - торжественное собрание состоится ...  
 to speak at a function - выступать на собрании  
 to attend a great state function - присутствовать на большом торжестве

**2) *разг.* приём, вечер (тж. public function, social function)**

quite a small function - вечеринка  
 to see smb. at a (public /social/) function - встретить кого-л. на приёме

**5. *мат.* функция**

linear function - линейная функция

**2. [ˈfʌŋkʃ(ə)n]****1. функционировать, действовать; работать**

the telephone was not functioning - телефон не работал

**2. (*часто as*) выполнять функции, исполнять обязанности**

the new official started functioning - новый чиновник приступил к своим обязанностям  
 when the mother was ill the eldest girl had to function as both cook and housemaid - когда мать была больна, старшей девочке приходилось и готовить, и убирать дом  
 in earlier English the present tense often functioned as the future - в древнеанглийском языке настоящее время часто заменяло будущее

**function**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**function** **AW** [function functions functioned functioning] **noun, verb** **BrE**[ˈfʌŋkʃ(ə)n] <sup>ˈ</sup> **NAmE** [ˈfʌŋkʃ(ə)n] <sup>ˈ</sup>**noun****1. countable, uncountable** a special activity or purpose of a person or thing

- to **fulfil/perform a function**
- **bodily functions** (= for example eating, sex, using the toilet)
- The function of the heart is to pump blood through the body.
- This design aims for harmony of form and function.

**2. countable** a social event or official ceremony

- The hall provided a venue for weddings and other functions.
- There are numerous functions in aid of charity.

**3. countable (mathematics)** a quantity whose value depends on the varying values of others. In the statement  $2x = y$ ,  $y$  is a **function of**  $x$ : (*figurative*) Salary is **a function of** age and experience.**4. countable (computing)** a part of a program, etc. that performs a basic operationWord Origin:mid 16th cent.: from French **fonction**, from Latin **functio(n-)**, from **fungi** 'perform'.Thesaurus:**function** **noun** **C, U**

- The committee performs a useful function.

**use** • • **purpose** •sth's **main/primary** function/use/purposea **useful** function/purpose**have** a function/use/purpose**serve/fulfil** a function/purposeExample Bank:

- Fortunately, his head injuries left his bodily functions unimpaired.
- The club serves a useful function as a meeting place.
- The committee has a dual function, both advisory and regulatory.
- The couple attended a charity function in aid of cancer research.
- The reception will be held in the hotel's function room.
- He and his wife were guests of honour at a function held by the society last weekend.
- The committee performs a useful function despite not having executive powers.
- What is your function in the department?

Derived ↑ **function as somebody**

## verb intransitive (+ adv./prep.) (rather formal)

to work in the correct way

**Syn:** †operate

- Despite the power cuts, the hospital continued to function normally.
- We now have a functioning shower.
- Many children can't function effectively in large classes.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	function
	BrE / 'fʌŋk.fɪn/
	NAme / 'fɪŋk.fɪn/
he / she / it	functions
	BrE / 'fʌŋk.fɪnz/
	NAme / 'fɪŋk.fɪnz/
past simple, past participle	functioned
	BrE / 'fʌŋk.fɪnd/
	NAme / 'fɪŋk.fɪnd/
-ing form	functioning
	BrE / 'fʌŋk.fɪnɪŋ/
	NAme / 'fɪŋk.fɪnɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

**function** verb | (usually used with an adverb or preposition) (formal)

- The hospital struggled to function during the raids.

**run** • • **operate** • | especially spoken **work** • • **go** •

function/run/operate/work **efficiently/smoothly/independently/successfully/normally/reliably**

function/run/work **perfectly**

function/operate/work **effectively/properly/correctly**

**Function or operate?** **Function** is used more to talk about whether sth works or how well or badly it works; **operate** is used more to talk about the conditions required for sth to work

- We now have a functioning shower.
- Solar panels can only operate in sunlight.

Example Bank:

- All the instruments were functioning normally.
- Can we devise a system in which judges function independently of party politics?
- I can't function properly without a coffee.
- My brain could barely function through the pain.
- Problems arise when the body's immune system is not functioning adequately.
- The bombs continued to fall, but somehow the city still functioned.
- The group has now become a fully functioning political organization.
- The organization functions primarily through volunteer efforts.
- This model does not describe accurately the way a market economy actually functions.
- When nutrients are in short supply the body cannot function normally.
- a system in which judges function independently of politics
- Many children can't function effectively in large classes.

## function

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **function**<sup>1</sup> **S3 W1 AC** /'fʌŋk.tən/ BrE <sup>s</sup> AmE <sup>n</sup> noun

[Word Family: noun: †function, †functionality; verb: †function; adverb: †functionally; adjective: †functional]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: functio, from fungi 'to perform']

1. [uncountable and countable] the purpose that something has, or the job that someone or something does **perform/fulfil a function**

" In your new job you will perform a variety of functions.

" The church fulfils a valuable social function.

" The nervous system regulates our bodily functions (=eating, breathing, going to the toilet etc).

" Bauhaus architects thought that function was more important than form.

2. [countable] a large party or official event:

" This room may be hired for weddings and other functions.

3. [countable usually singular] **technical** a quantity or quality whose value changes according to another quantity or quality that is related to it:

" The degree of drought is largely a function of temperature and drainage.

4. [countable] one of the basic operations performed by a computer

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## THESAURUS

- **party** a social event when a lot of people meet together to enjoy themselves by eating, drinking, dancing etc: We're having a party for Sarah's 40th birthday. | I met my boyfriend at a party.

- **get-together** an informal party: Christmas is the perfect time for a family get-together.
- **ball** a large formal party where people dance: the end of term ball
- **rave** a large party which is held outside or in an empty building, where people dance to music and take illegal drugs
- **reception** a large formal party, especially one after a wedding or to welcome an important person: The wedding reception is at a nearby hotel. | a reception for the Thai Foreign Minister | They attended a White House reception to mark the Queen's visit.
- **function** a large formal or official party: He has been asked to play at many corporate functions (=an official party held by a company).
- **celebration** a party or special event that is organized in order to celebrate something: the country's 50th anniversary celebrations | It was a 21st birthday celebration which Mary would never forget.
- **bash** *informal* a party, especially a big one that a lot of famous people go to – used especially in journalism: the star's birthday bash | a picture of him at a Hollywood bash | a showbiz bash
- **do** *British English informal* a party: We're having a do to celebrate Margaret's birthday.
- **dinner party** a party where people are invited to someone's house for an evening meal: I met him at a dinner party.
- **house-warming (party)** a party that you have when you move into a new house: We're having a house-warming next week.
- **cocktail party** (also **drinks party** *British English*) a party that people go to in order to talk and have a drink together for a few hours
- **fancy-dress party** *British English*, **costume party** *American English* a party where people dress in special clothes, for example to look like a famous person or a character in a story
- **hen party** *especially British English* a social event just before a wedding, for a woman who is getting married and her female friends
- **stag night** *British English*, **bachelor party** *American English* a social event just before a wedding, for a man who is getting married and his male friends
- **baby/wedding shower** *American English* an event at which people give presents to a woman who is going to have a baby or get married

## II. function<sup>2</sup> AC BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> verb [intransitive]

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### 1. to work in the correct or intended way SYN operate

function normally/correctly/properly etc

- ˈ Flights in and out of Taipei are functioning normally again.
- ˈ Her legs have now ceased to function.
- ˈ You know I can't function (=cannot perform normal activities) without a coffee in the morning.

### REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say that something **works** rather than **functions**:

- If the system is working as it should, you'll be paid within two weeks.

### 2. if something functions in a particular way, it works in that way:

- ˈ an understanding of how the economy functions

function as something *phrasal verb*

if something functions as a particular thing, it does what that type of thing normally does, or is used as that thing:

- ˈ A library is functioning as a temporary hospital to cope with casualties.

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Frequency Pack

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15000 **919**<sup>COCA</sup>

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functionality <sup>639</sup>

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3246 **8648**<sup>3769</sup> *vvi*

1074 **19021**<sup>1182</sup> *vv0*

51 **101722**<sup>57</sup> *nnu*