

can be developed: *What are you basing this theory on?* ◊ **be based on sth** *The maps are based on satellite data.* ◊ see also **BASED**

■ **adj. (baser, bas-est)** (formal) having no moral principles or rules: *He acted from base motives.* ◊ **HOMOPHONES** at **BASS**<sup>1</sup> ▶ **base-ly** *adv.*

**base-ball** **🔊** **A2** /ˈbeɪsbɔːl/ *noun* **1** **🔊** **A2** [U] a game played especially in the US by two teams of nine players, using a **BAT** and ball. Each player tries to hit the ball and then run around four **BASES** before the other team can return the ball: *a baseball bat/team/cap/fan/player/game* ◊ *to play major league baseball* ◊ compare **ROUNDERS** ◊ **VISUAL VOCAB** pages V20, V26 **2** [C] the ball used in this game

**'baseball cap** *noun* a cap with a long **PEAK** (= a curved part sticking out in front), originally worn by baseball players ◊ **VISUAL VOCAB** page V21

**base-board** /ˈbeɪsbɔːd; NAmE -bɔːrd/ (NAmE) (BrE 'skirting board, skirting) *noun* [C, U] a narrow piece of wood that is fixed along the bottom of the walls in a house

**'base camp** *noun* a camp where people start their journey when climbing high mountains

**based** **🔊** **A2** ◊ /beɪst/ *adj.* [not before noun] **1** **🔊** **A2** ~ (on sth) if one thing is **based** on another, it uses it or is developed from it: *The movie is based on a real-life incident.* ◊ *The report is based on figures from six different European cities.* **2** **🔊** **A2** (also in compounds) if a person or business is **based** in a particular place, that is where they live or work, or where the work of the business is done: **based in ...** *We're based in Chicago.* ◊ *a Chicago-based company* **3** **🔊** **B1** -**based** (in compounds) containing sth as an important part or feature: *lead-based paints* ◊ *a class-based society* ◊ *the importance of evidence-based decision-making* ◊ see also **BROAD-BASED**

**'base form** *noun* (grammar) the basic form of a word to which endings can usually be added, for example *wall* is the base form of *walls* and *walled*. The base form is the form in which words in the dictionary are usually shown.

**'base jumping** (also **BASE jumping**) *noun* [U] the sport of jumping with a **PARACHUTE** from a high place such as a building or a bridge ▶ **'base jumper** *noun*

**base-less** /ˈbeɪsləs/ *adj.* (formal) not supported by good reasons or facts **SYN** **unfounded**: *The rumours were completely baseless.*

**base-line** /ˈbeɪslɑːm/ *noun* [usually sing.] **1** (sport) a line marking each end of the court in tennis or the edge of the area where a player can run in baseball **2** (specialist) a line or measurement that is used as a starting point when comparing facts: *The figures for 2014 were used as a baseline for the study.* ◊ compare **BASILINE**

**base-man** /ˈbeɪsmən/ *noun* (pl. -men /-mən/) (in baseball) a player who defends first, second or third base

**base-ment** **🔊** **B2** /ˈbeɪsmənt/ *noun* a room or rooms in a building, partly or completely below the level of the ground: *Kitchen goods are sold in the basement.* ◊ *a basement flat/apartment* ◊ see also **BARGAIN BASEMENT** ◊ **VISUAL VOCAB** page V34

**base 'metal** *noun* a metal, for example iron or **LEAD**, that is not a **PRECIOUS METAL** such as gold

**'base rate** *noun* (finance) a rate of interest, set by a central bank, that banks in the UK use when calculating the amount of interest that they charge on money they lend ◊ compare **PRIME RATE**

**bases** **1** /ˈbeɪsɪz/ *pl.* of **BASIS** **2** /ˈbeɪsɪz/ *pl.* of **BASE**

**bash** /bæʃ/ *verb, noun*

■ **verb** (informal) **1** [T, I] to hit sb/sth very hard: ~sb/sth + **adv./prep.** *He bashed her over the head with a hammer.* ◊ ~into sb/sth *I braked too late and bashed into the car in front.* ◊ **SYNONYMS** at **HIT** **2** [T] ~sb/sth to criticize sb/sth strongly: *Bashing politicians is normal practice in the press.* ◊ *a liberal-bashing administration* ◊ see also **BASHING**

**PHRV** ▶ **bash a way (on/at sth) | bash 'on (with sth)** (BrE, informal) to continue working hard at sth: *He sat bashing away at his essay all day.* ◊ *We'll never get finished at this rate. We'd better bash on.* **bash sth** → **down/'in** (informal) to destroy sth by hitting it very hard and often: *The police bashed the door down.* ◊ *I'll bash your head in if you do that again.* **bash sth** → **out** (informal) to produce sth quickly and in large quantities, but not of very good quality **SYN** **knock out**: *She bashed out about four books a year.* **bash sb up** (BrE, informal) to attack sb violently

■ **noun** (informal) **1** a hard hit: *He gave Mike a bash on the nose.* **2** a large party or celebration: *a birthday bash*

**IDM** ▶ **have a bash (at sth)** (BrE, informal) to try to do sth, especially when you are not sure if you will succeed: *I'm not sure I'll be any good but I'll have a bash.*

**bash-ful** /ˈbæʃfl/ *adj.* shy and easily embarrassed ▶ **bash-ful-ly** /-fəl/ *adv.*: *She smiled bashfully.* **bash-ful-ness** *noun* [U]

**bash-ing** /ˈbæʃɪŋ/ *noun* [U, C] (often in compounds) **1** (used especially in newspapers) very strong criticism of a person or group: *union-bashing* **2** a physical attack, or a series of attacks, on a person or group of people: *gay-bashing* (= attacking **GAY** people) ◊ *to give sb a bashing*

**BASIC** /ˈbeɪsɪk/ *noun* [U] a simple language, using familiar English words, for writing computer programs

**basic** **🔊** **B1** ◊ /ˈbeɪsɪk/ *adj.* **1** **🔊** **B1** forming the part of sth that is most necessary and from which other things develop: *basic information/facts/ideas* ◊ *the basic principles of law* ◊ *basic life skills* ◊ ~to sth *Drums are basic to African music.* **2** **🔊** **B1** of the simplest kind or at the simplest level: *The campsite has only basic amenities.* ◊ *My knowledge of French is pretty basic.* **3** **🔊** **B1** [only before noun] necessary and important to all people: *basic human rights* ◊ *basic needs like food, shelter and security* ◊ *the cost of basic foods* **4** (especially BrE) (NAmE usually **base**) before anything extra is added: *The basic pay of the average worker has risen by 3 per cent.*

**ba-sic-ally** **🔊** **B2** ◊ /ˈbeɪsɪkli/ *adv.* **1** **🔊** **B2** in the most important ways, without considering things that are less important **SYN** **essentially**: *I think we are basically saying the same thing.* ◊ *There have been some problems but basically it's a good system.* ◊ *The growth in productivity basically means companies are getting more work out of fewer people.* **2** **🔊** **B2** used when you are giving your opinion or stating what is important about a situation: *Basically, there's not a lot we can do about it.* ◊ *He basically just sits there and does nothing all day.* ◊ *Well, basically I did not believe anything he told me.*

**Basic English** *noun* [U] a set of 850 carefully chosen words of English, used for international communication

**basics** /ˈbeɪsɪks/ *noun* [pl.] **1** ~ (of sth) the most important and necessary facts, skills, ideas, etc. from which other things develop: *the basics of computer programming* **2** the simplest and most important things that people need in a particular situation: *Some schools lack money for basics like books and pencils.*









**IDM** ▶ **go/get back to 'basics** to think about the simple or most important ideas within a subject or an activity instead of new ideas or complicated details

**basil** /ˈbæzɪl; NAmE 'beɪzɪl/ *noun* [U] a plant with shiny green leaves that smell sweet and are used in cooking as a **HERB** ◊ **VISUAL VOCAB** page V46

**ba-sil-ica** /ˈbæzɪlɪkə/ *noun* a large church or hall with a curved end and two rows of columns inside

**ba-si-lisk** /ˈbæzɪlɪsk/ *noun* (in ancient stories) a creature like a snake, which can kill people by looking at them or breathing on them

**basin** /ˈbeɪsɪn/ *noun* **1** (especially BrE) = **WASHBASIN** **2** a large round bowl for holding liquids or (in British English) for preparing foods in; the amount of liquid, etc. in a basin: *a pudding basin* **3** an area of land around a large river with streams running down into it: *the Amazon Basin* **4** (specialist) a place where the earth's surface is lower than in other areas of the world: *the Pacific Basin* **5** a sheltered area of water providing a safe **HARBOUR** for boats: *a yacht basin*

**basis**   /beɪsɪs/ *noun* (pl. **bases** /'beɪsɪz/) **1**   [sing.] **on a ... ~** the way things are organized or arranged; how often sth happens: *We are in contact on a regular basis.* **◇ to be employed on a permanent/temporary/part-time basis** **◇ Fatal accidents occur on our roads on a daily basis.** **◇ on a day-to-day/weekly/monthly basis** **2**   [sing.] the reason why people take a particular action: **on the ~ of sth** *She was chosen for the job on the basis of her qualifications.* **◇ on the ~ that ...** *Some movies have been banned on the basis that they are too violent.* **◇ SYNONYMS** at REASON **3**   [C, usually sing., U] the important facts, ideas or events that support sth and that it can develop from: *The basis of a good marriage is trust.* **◇ ~ for sth** *This article will form the basis for our discussion.* **◇ ~ in sth** *The theory seems to have no basis in fact.*

▼ SYNONYMS

**basis**  
foundation • base

These are all words for the ideas or facts that sth is based on.

**basis** [usually sing.] a principle, an idea or a fact that supports sth and that it can develop from: *This article will form the basis for our discussion.*

**foundation** [C, U] a principle, an idea or a fact that supports sth and that it develops from: *Respect and friendship provide a solid foundation for marriage.* **◇ The rumour is totally without foundation** (= is not based on any facts).

BASIS OR FOUNDATION?

**Foundation** is often used to talk about larger or more important things than **basis**: *He laid the foundations of Japan's modern economy.* **◇ These figures formed the basis of their pay claim.**

**base** [usually sing.] an idea, a fact or a situation from which sth is developed: *His arguments have a sound economic base.*

PATTERNS

- a/the basis/foundation/base for/of sth
- a secure/solid/sound/strong/weak basis/foundation/base
- to form the basis/foundation/base of sth
- to be without basis/foundation

**bask** /bɑːsk/; *NAmE* bæsk/ *verb* [I] ~ (in sth) to enjoy sitting or lying in the heat or light of sth, especially the sun: *We sat basking in the warm sunshine.*

**PHRV** **'bask in sth** to enjoy the good feelings that you have when other people praise or admire you, or when they give you a lot of attention: *He had always basked in his parents' attention.* **◇ I never minded basking in my wife's reflected glory** (= enjoying the praise, attention, etc. she got).

**baskets**



shopping basket



washing basket



clothes basket / hamper







picnic basket / hamper













hanging basket



waste-paper basket / wastebasket

**bas-ket**   /'bɑːskɪt/; *NAmE* 'bæs-/ *noun* **1**   a container for holding or carrying things. Baskets are made of

long thin pieces of material that bends and TWISTS easily, for example plastic, wire or WICKER: *a shopping basket* **◇ a picnic basket** **◇ a clothes/laundry basket** (= in which dirty clothes are put before being washed) **◇ a wicker/wire basket** **◇ a cat/dog basket** (= in which a cat or dog sleeps or is carried around) **◇ see also WASTEPAPER BASKET** **◇ VISUAL VOCAB** pages V55, V56 **2**   the amount contained in a basket: *a basket of fruit* **3**   (also **cart**, **shopping cart** both especially *NAmE*) a facility on a website that records the items that you select to buy: *Click to drop items into your shopping basket.* **4**   the net and the metal ring it hangs from, high up at each end of a basketball court; a point that is scored by throwing the ball through this net: *to make/shoot a basket* **◇ VISUAL VOCAB** page V26 **5** (*economics*) a number of different goods or currencies: *the value of the rupee against a basket of currencies* **IDM** see EGG *n.*

**bas-ket-ball**   /'bɑːskɪtbɔːl/; *NAmE* 'bæs-/ *noun* **1**   [U] a game played by two teams of five players, using a large ball which players try to throw into a high net hanging from a ring: *a basketball game/coach/team/player* **◇ VISUAL VOCAB** page V26 **2** [C] the ball used in this game

**basket case** *noun* (*informal*) **1** a country or an organization whose economic situation is very bad **2** a person who is slightly crazy and who has problems dealing with situations

**bas-mati** /bæs'mæti, bæz'm-/ (also **bas.mati** 'rice) *noun* [U] a type of rice with long grains and a pleasant taste

**bas mitzvah** /bæs 'mitsvə/ *noun* = **BAT MITZVAH**

**Basque** /bæsk, bɑːsk/ *noun, adj.*





**noun** **1** [C] a person who was born in the Basque country **2** [U] the language of the people living in the Basque country of France and Spain

**adj.** connected with the people or language of the Basque country of France and Spain

**basque** /bæsk, bɑːsk/ *noun* a piece of women's underwear that covers the body from just under the arms to the tops of the legs

**bas-relief** /bæs rɪ'liːf/ *noun* [U, C] (*specialist*) a form of sculpture in which the shapes are cut so that they are slightly raised from the background; a sculpture made in this way

**bass**   /beɪs/ *noun, adj.* **◇ see also BASS**<sup>2</sup>

**noun** **1**   [U] the lowest tone or part in music, for instruments or voices: *He always plays his stereo with the bass turned right up.* **◇ He sings bass.** **◇ a pounding bass line** **◇ compare TREBLE** **◇ see also DRUM AND BASS** **2**   (also **bass gui'tar**) [C] an electric guitar that plays very low notes: *a bass player* **◇ bass and drums** **◇ Eilís Phillips on** (= playing) **bass** **3** [C] a man's singing voice with a low range; a man with a bass voice **◇ compare ALTO, BARITONE, TENOR**

**4** [sing.] a musical part that is written for a bass voice **5** [C] = **DOUBLE BASS**

**adj.** [only before noun] low in tone: *a bass voice* **◇ the bass clef** (= the symbol in music showing that the notes following it are low) **◇ picture at MUSIC** **◇ compare TREBLE**

▼ HOMOPHONES

**base • bass** /beɪs/

- **base** *noun*: *Cut the stalks at their base.*
- **base** *verb*: *The government is to base its decision on the results of these trials.*
- **base** *adj.*: *The trolls typify all that is base and ugly in human nature.*
- **bass** *noun*: *This song is all treble and no bass.*
- **bass** *adj.*: *His powerful bass voice contributed much to the film.*

**bass**<sup>2</sup> /bæs/ *noun* [C, U] (pl. **bass**) a sea or FRESHWATER fish that is used for food **◇ see also BASS**<sup>1</sup>

**bass drum** /beɪs 'drʌm/ *noun* a large drum that makes a very low sound, used in ORCHESTRAS