

# **Annex 21**



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# real adjective

re·al | \ ˈrē(-ə)l \

## Definition of *real* (Entry 1 of 5)

- 1 a** : having objective independent existence  
*// unable to believe that what he saw was **real***
- b** : not artificial, fraudulent, or illusory : GENUINE  
*// **real** gold*  
*also* : being precisely what the name implies  
*// a **real** professional*
- c (1)** : occurring or existing in actuality  
*// saw a **real** live celebrity*  
*// a story of **real** life*
- (2)** : of or relating to practical or everyday concerns or activities  
*// left school to live in the **real** world*
- (3)** : existing as a physical entity and having properties that deviate from an ideal, law, or standard  
*// a **real** gas*  
 — compare IDEAL sense 1b
- d** : COMPLETE, UTTER  
*// a **real** fiasco*

// *real* income

// *real* dollars

**g** (1) : belonging to or having elements or components that belong to the set of real numbers

// the *real* roots of an equation

// a *real* matrix

(2) : concerned with or containing real numbers

// *real* analysis

(3) : REAL-VALUED

// *real* variable

**2** : of or relating to fixed, permanent, or immovable things (such as lands or tenements)

// *real* property

**3** *of a particle* : capable of being detected

— compare VIRTUAL sense 4

### **for real**

**1** : GENUINE

// couldn't believe the threats were *for real*

**2** : genuinely good or capable of success (as in competition)

// not yet sure if this team is *for real*

**3** : in earnest : SERIOUSLY

// fighting *for real*

## **real** adverb

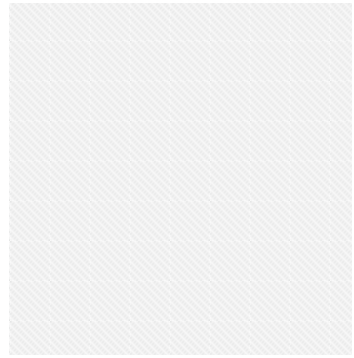
### **Definition of *real* (Entry 2 of 5)**

*chiefly US, informal*

: VERY, REALLY —used as an intensifier

// It was a good furnace all last winter, they didn't have a single problem with it: it ran *real* quiet ...

— Garrison Keillor



// ... the magazine isn't *real* sure who its readers are ...

— Tom Carson

## real noun (1)

### Definition of *real* (Entry 3 of 5)

: a real thing

*especially* : a mathematically real quantity

## real noun (2)

re·al | \ rā-'äl \

### Definition of *real* (Entry 4 of 5)

1 *plural reais* \ 'rāsh , 'rās, 'rāzh, 'rāz\ *or reis also reais* : the basic monetary unit of Brazil

— see MONEY TABLE

2 *plural reales or reis* \ 'rāsh , 'rās, 'rāzh, 'rāz\ : a former monetary unit and coin of Portugal

## real noun (3)

re·al | \ rā-'äl \

*plural reales* \ rā-'ä-(,)lās \ *or reals*

### Definition of *real* (Entry 5 of 5)

: a former monetary unit and coin of Spain and its possessions

**Other Words from *real***

## Synonyms & Antonyms

### Choose the Right Synonym

### More Example Sentences

### Learn More about *real*

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## Other Words from *real*

### Adjective

**realness** *noun*

## Synonyms & Antonyms for *real*

### Synonyms: Adjective

authentic, bona fide, certifiable, certified, dinkum [*Australian & New Zealand*], echt, genuine, honest, pukka (*also* pukka), right, sure-enough, true

### Synonyms: Adverb

achingly, almighty, archly, awful, awfully, badly, beastly, blisteringly, bone, colossally, corking, cracking, damn, damned, dang, deadly, desperately, eminently, enormously, especially, ever, exceedingly (*also* exceeding), extra, extremely, fabulously, fantastically, far, fiercely, filthy, frightfully, full, greatly, heavily, highly, hugely, immensely, incredibly, intensely, jolly, majorly, mightily, mighty, monstrous [*chiefly dialect*], mortally, most, much, particularly, passing, rattling, really, right, roaring, roaringly, seriously, severely, so, sore, sorely, spanking, specially, stinking, such,

super, supremely, surpassingly, terribly, that, thumping, too, unco, uncommonly, vastly, very, vitally, way, whacking, wicked, wildly

### Antonyms: Adjective

bogus, counterfeit, fake, false, mock, phony (*also* phoney), pseudo, sham, spurious, suppositious, supposititious, unauthentic, unreal

### Antonyms: Adverb

little, negligibly, nominally, slightly, somewhat

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## Choose the Right Synonym for *real*

### Adjective

REAL, ACTUAL, and TRUE mean agreeing with known facts. REAL is used when a thing is what it appears to be. // This is a *real* diamond. // ACTUAL means that someone or something does or did occur or exist. // Is Santa Claus an *actual* person? // TRUE may be used of something that is real or actual. // It's a *true* story. // It may also be used of something that agrees with a standard. // A whale is not a *true* fish. //

## Examples of *real* in a Sentence

### Adjective

// The movie is based on *real* events.

// The detective Sherlock Holmes is not a *real* person.

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## First Known Use of *real*

### Adjective

14th century, in the meaning defined at sense 1a

### Adverb

1718, in the meaning defined above

### **Noun (1)**

circa 1626, in the meaning defined above

### **Noun (2)**

1951, in the meaning defined at [sense 2](#)

### **Noun (3)**

1555, in the meaning defined above

## **History and Etymology for *real***

### **Adjective**

Middle English, *real*, relating to things (in law), from Anglo-French, from Medieval Latin & Late Latin; Medieval Latin *realis* relating to things (in law), from Late Latin, *real*, from Latin *res* thing, fact; akin to Sanskrit *rayi* property

### **Noun (2)**

Portuguese, from *real* royal, from Latin *regalis*

### **Noun (3)**

Spanish, from *real* royal, from Latin *regalis* — more at [ROYAL](#)

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reagin

reaks

**real**

real account

real action

real attribute

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keep it real

one's true/real self

real estate agent

real live

the real McCoy

the real deal

the real thing

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## More Definitions for *real*

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### **real** adjective

#### English Language Learners Definition of *real* (Entry 1 of 2)

: actually existing or happening : not imaginary

: not fake, false, or artificial

: important and deserving to be regarded or treated in a serious way

### **real** adverb

#### English Language Learners Definition of *real* (Entry 2 of 2)

*chiefly US, informal* : very or really

See the full definition for *real* in the English Language Learners Dictionary

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### **real** adjective

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#### Kids Definition of *real* (Entry 1 of 2)

**1** : not imaginary : ACTUAL

// Blondie's *real* name is Ashley.

**2** : not artificial : GENUINE

// *real* leather

// He's a *real* gentleman.

## real adverb

### Kids Definition of *real* (Entry 2 of 2)

: VERY entry 1 sense 1

// I had a *real* good time.

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## real adjective

### Legal Definition of *real*

**1 a** : of or relating to real property

// a *real* action

— see also REAL PROPERTY at PROPERTY

**b** *in the civil law of Louisiana* : attached to a thing rather than a person

// a *real* obligation is transferred along with the thing to which it is attached

— see also REAL RIGHT

— compare PERSONAL

**2** : ACTUAL

**3** : adjusted for inflation especially to reflect actual purchasing power

// *real* income

### History and Etymology for *real*

Anglo-French, concerning land, property, or things (rather than persons), from Middle French, from Medieval Latin and Late Latin; Medieval Latin *realis* relating to things (in law), from Late Latin, actual, from Latin *res* thing, fact

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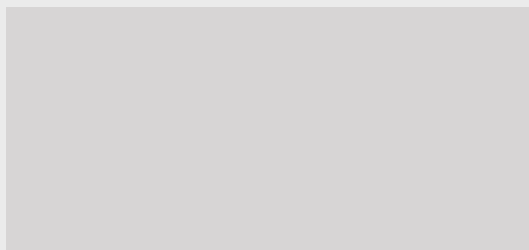
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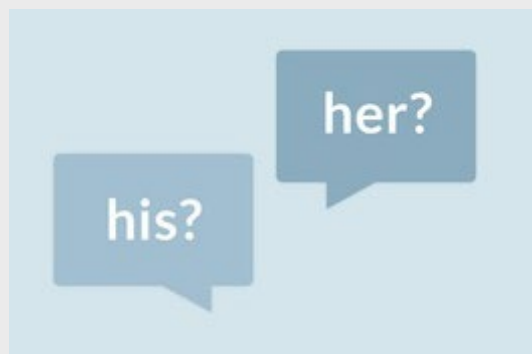
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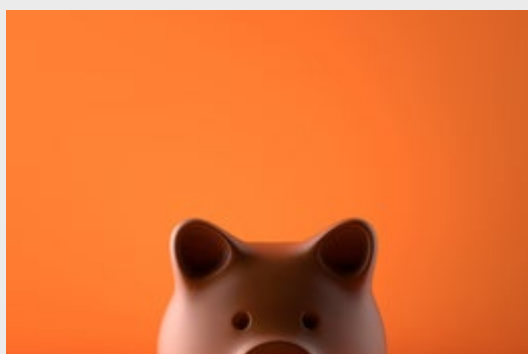
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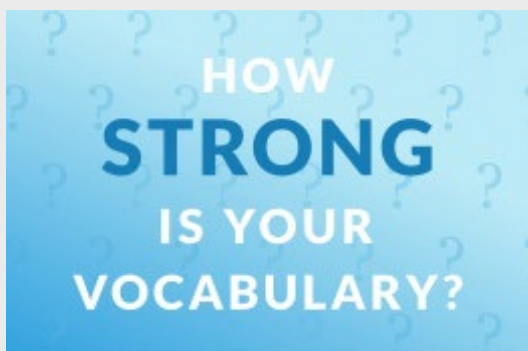
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