

# al·to·geth·er<sup>1</sup>

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adverb

- 1** COMPLETELY Used to emphasize that something has been done completely or has finished completely:

*an old custom that has vanished altogether*

*Congress could ban the procession altogether.*

- 2** [+adjective/adverb] used to emphasize that the way you describe something is completely true:

*In Canada, the situation is altogether different.*

*This latest problem is **altogether more** serious.*

**not altogether** (= not completely)

*I wasn't altogether happy about Mike staying over.*

*The results were not altogether surprising.*

- 3** TOTAL Used to show that you are referring to the total amount:

*There were five people altogether.*

*How much do I owe you altogether?*

- 4** LAST used to make a final statement about several things you have just mentioned

**SYN** all in all

*Lots of sunshine, wonderful food, and amazing nightlife – altogether a great vacation!*

## Word origin

**Date:** 1100–1200

**Origin:** *all* 'everything, everyone' + *together*

# altogether<sup>2</sup>

noun

## in the altogether

not wearing any clothes – used humorously:

*Several of the men were parading around in the altogether.*

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