

ac·tiv·i·ty

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/æk'tɪvə'ti/

noun (plural **activities**)

- 1 [uncountable and countable] things that people do, especially in order to achieve a particular aim:

Everyone is free to engage in peaceful political activity.

fund-raising activities

Regular physical activity helps to control your weight.

- 2 [countable usually plural] **DO** something that you do because you enjoy it:

leisure activities

outdoor activities such as hiking or climbing

- 3 [uncountable] **BUSY PLACE** a situation in which a lot of things are happening or a lot of things are being done:

*The office was suddenly full of **frantic activity**.*

*The farm was always **a hive of activity** at this time of year.*

COLLOCATIONS – Meanings 1, 2 & 3

verbs

take part in an activity (also participate in an activity (formal)) *The children were encouraged to take part in several different activities.*

engage in an activity (formal) (= take part) *Police suspect he may have engaged in criminal activities.*

be involved in an activity *The men were involved in terrorist activities.*

do an activity *He doesn't do a lot of physical activity.*

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + activity

political activity *Political activity is closely controlled by the government.*

economic activity *The current level of economic activity will influence business confidence.*

business/ commercial activity *Internet shopping is a rapidly developing area of business activity.*

human activity *There was no sign of any human activity.*

criminal/ illegal activity *The bar was being used for illegal activities.*

terrorist activity *The police took extra measures to protect the public against terrorist activity.*

outdoor activities *The college is well situated for students who are interested in outdoor activities.*

physical activity *It's important to do some kind of regular physical activity.*

mental activity *Your mental activity starts to slow down as you grow old.*

leisure activities *I don't have much time for leisure activities.*

classroom activities *He didn't really take part in classroom activities.*

cultural activities *There is plenty of opportunity for children to express themselves in creative and cultural activities.*

phrases

the level of activity *The level of economic activity has increased.*

COMMON ERRORS

⚠ Do not say 'make an activity'. Say *take part in an activity* or *be involved in an activity*.

Do not say 'sport activity'. Say *sports activity*.