

as·pect

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noun

- 1** [countable] PART one part of a situation, idea, plan etc that has many parts:

aspect of

Dealing with people is the most important aspect of my work.

Alcoholism affects all aspects of family life.

- 2** [countable] DIRECTION the direction in which a window, room, front of a building etc faces:

a south-facing aspect

- 3** EXPRESSION ON SOMEBODY'S FACE [singular, uncountable] (literary) the appearance of someone or something:

The storm outside gave the room a sinister aspect.

- 4** [uncountable and countable] (technical) the form of a verb in grammar that shows whether an action is continuing, or happens always, again and again, or once:

'He sings' differs from 'He is singing' in aspect.

COLLOCATIONS Sense 1

adjectives

an important/ significant aspect *A person's nationality is an important aspect of their identity.*

a key aspect (= a very important aspect) *There have been changes in five key aspects of education.*

a positive aspect *Describe some of the positive aspects of technological development.*

negative aspect *We have to consider tourism's negative aspects.*

a worrying/disturbing aspect *The worrying aspect is that it gets worse every year.*

the technical/practical/financial etc aspects *The technical aspects of the movie were incredible.*

a striking aspect *This is one of the most striking aspects of life in Tokyo.*

verbs

deal with an aspect *International banks have departments to deal with this aspect of trade.*

look at/consider/examine an aspect *Managers were asked to look at every aspect of their work.*

discuss an aspect *Police are reluctant to discuss any aspect of the investigation.*

concentrate/focus on an aspect *Accountants often concentrate on one aspect of accounting.*

cover all aspects of something *The training course covers all aspects of business.*

NOUN + aspect

the safety/security aspect *the safety aspect of nuclear power generation*

the health/business/money etc aspect *the health aspects of chemical accidents |*

I'm not very interested in the business aspect.

Word origin

Date: 1300–1400

Language: Latin

Origin: past participle of *aspicere* 'to look at', from *ad-* 'to' + *specere* 'to look'