

# a·nal·y·sis

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/əˈnælᵻˈsɪs/

noun (plural **analyses** /-sɪːz/ )

**1** [uncountable and countable]

**a)** EXAMINE

a careful examination of something in order to understand it better:

**analysis of**

*a **detailed analysis** of the week's news*

*Further analysis of the data is needed.*

**do/carry out/conduct an analysis**

*They were doing some type of **statistical analysis**.*

**b)**

the way in which someone describes a situation or problem, and says what causes it to happen:

**analysis of**

*Do you agree with Marx's analysis of the failure of free-market capitalism?*

**2** [uncountable and countable] EXAMINE a careful examination of a substance to see what it is made of:

**analysis of**

*analysis of genetic material*

**for analysis**

*Blood samples were sent for analysis.*

*You'll get the results when the analysis is complete.*

**3** [uncountable] a process in which a doctor makes someone talk about their past experiences, relationships etc in order to help them with mental or emotional problems

**SYN** psychoanalysis

→ therapy:

*She's been in analysis for three years.*

#### 4 in the final/last analysis BASIC

used when giving the most basic or important facts about a situation:

*In the final analysis, profit is the motive.*

### COLLOCATIONSense 1

#### ADJECTIVES/NOUN + analysis

a detailed/in-depth analysis *a detailed analysis of the firm's earnings*

an in-depth analysis (= detailed analysis) *an in-depth analysis of global warming*

a careful/close analysis *Students learn to make a close analysis of the texts.*

a brief analysis *Let's start with a brief analysis of the situation.*

statistical analysis (= using statistics) *Their research was based on statistical analysis.*

a critical analysis (= that makes judgements about how good or bad something is) *Write a critical analysis of the following poem.*

economic/political/scientific etc analysis *His book provided a scientific analysis of human behaviour.*

data analysis *the use of databases for data analysis*

#### verbs

be based on an analysis of something *This work has been based entirely on an analysis of large mammals.*

do/carry out/perform/conduct an analysis *No similar analysis has been done in this country.*

provide/produce an analysis *The report provided an analysis of the problems we need to address.*

an analysis shows something *DNA analysis shows that the blood and the saliva come from the same person.*

an analysis suggests/indicates something *Our analysis suggests that these problems are widespread.*

### Word origin

**Date:** 1500–1600

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