

ba·sis

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/ˈbeɪsɪs/

noun [countable]

(plural **bases** /-sɪːz/)

1 BASIC the facts, ideas, or things from which something can be developed:

Their claim had no basis in fact (= it was not true) .

basis of

*Bread **forms** the **basis** of their daily diet.*

basis for

*The video will **provide a basis** for class discussion.*

2 on the basis of something BECAUSE

because of a particular fact or situation:

discrimination on the basis of sex

3 on a regular/daily/weekly etc basis REGULAR

every day, week etc:

I'm saving money on a regular basis.

4 on a voluntary/part-time/temporary etc basis

ARRANGE A GROUP OF THINGS OR PEOPLE

a system or agreement by which someone or something is VOLUNTARY etc:

Nurses are employed on a full-time basis.

COLLOCATIONSSense 1

verbs

form the basis of something *This research will form the basis of a book.*

provide a basis for something *The poem provided the basis for an interesting class discussion.*

become the basis of/for something *Some of these ideas became the basis for the Parents' Educational Union.*

serve as a basis for something *The document will serve as a basis for negotiations.*

establish a basis (also lay a basis) (= create something from which something can be developed) *The agreement established a sound basis for international commerce.*

have a basis *Our constitution has a democratic basis.*

have no basis in fact (= be not true) *Many of these rumours have no basis in fact.*

adjectives

a good basis *Love and trust form a good basis for marriage.*

a sound/firm/solid basis *Drama school may provide a sound basis for an acting career.*

THESAURUS

basis the facts, ideas, things etc from which something can be developed: *His work will be used as a basis for future research.*

foundation the thing on which something is based, especially something important that continues for a long time: *Their ideas were the foundation for the political system that exists in the UK today. | How can we provide a solid foundation for world peace?*

bedrock the most important thing that something depends on in order to be successful: *Honesty is the bedrock of any healthy relationship. | Labour's traditional bedrock of support is among the working classes.*

cornerstone the most important thing that something depends on in order to be successful, especially in business and politics: *Confidence is the cornerstone of our business. | NATO remains a cornerstone of defence policy for Europe.*

朗文当代

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Origin: Greek, 'step, base', from *bainein* 'to go'

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