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Meaning of **select** in English

select

verb [I or T]

US /səˈlekt/ UK /sɪˈlekt/

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B1**to choose a small number of things, or to choose by making careful decisions:**

- *There was a choice of four prizes, and the winner could select one of them.*
- *A mouse is a device which makes it easier to select different options **from** computer menus.*
- *How do you select people **for** promotion?*
- [+ obj + to infinitive] *He was selected **to** play for Australia at the age of only 18.*

Synonyms

chooseelectpick (CHOOSE)

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to choose or choose to do something

choose *There are thirty-one flavors of ice cream to choose from.*pick *He's been picked for the school football team.*select *We've selected three candidates.*opt (for) *Mike's opted for early retirement.*

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select

adjective

US /səˈlekt/ UK /sɪˈlekt/



of only the best type or highest quality, and usually small in size or amount:

- *It's a very select country club - I've been trying unsuccessfully to join it for years.*
- *These activities should be available to all students, not just a select **few**.*
- *Hamilton lives in a very select part of Boston.*

Synonyms

[choice](#)

[exclusive](#) (ONLY FOR SOME)

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select | INTERMEDIATE ENGLISH

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verb [I/T]

US /səˈlekt/

select verb [I/T] (CHOOSE)

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- [ˈT] They have the option of selecting the school that they want their kids to go to.
- [ˈI] You can select from among the offerings shown on this screen.



select

adjective [not gradable]

US /səˈlekt/

select adjective [not gradable] (BEST QUALITY)



the best of its type or highest in quality:

- *select fruit/school*
- *a select group of people*

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select | BUSINESS ENGLISH

select

verb

UK /sɪˈlekt/ US

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[ɪ or T]

to choose someone or something from a group of people or things after careful thought:

- *The role of marketing is to select the target markets.*
- **select sth/sb as sth** *The bank has just been selected as the preferred bidder for Brussels International Airport.*
- **select sth/sb for sth** *The application form will be used to select candidates for interview.*
- **select (sth) from sth** *We were able to select from a large pool of applicants and to recruit people of a high standard.*





you have chosen on a computer screen:

- Open Outlook on the first machine and select *File Import and Export* to launch the program.
- Select the text you want to copy and press *Control-C*.



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Historically, stamp duty has been paid by land managers and a select few private investors.

- The products will be sold at a **select group** of specialist stores.

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EXAMPLES of select

select

The houses selected for the housewalk are from those early days.

From [Chicago Tribune](#)



Color is selected, like all phenotypic variation in morphogenesis is selected.

From [National Geographic](#)



Or selected from hundreds of videos where he does no such thing?

From [NPR](#)



After the competition was over, the judges called the forty-eight men who had been selected to advance to the semifinal.

From [The New Yorker](#)





From [Cleveland.com](#)

Every year, the images are more amazing, and this year's winners -- selected from nearly 2,000 submissions -- are undoubtedly the best yet.

From [Wired](#)

It shows thumbnails of all the windows and lets you *select* which one to bring to the front.

From [Ars Technica](#)

Once a candidate makes it to the final five, he needs 80 percent approval (39 of 48 votes) to be selected.

From [Philly.com](#)

Select from an array of classes tailored to your interest that are available at places like high schools and community colleges.

From [Huffington Post](#)

There, they *select* a mate, spawn and die.

From [Voice of America](#)

The software guides entrepreneurs through the process of selecting an insurance plan that makes sense and helps them get set up.

From [VentureBeat](#)

With these three choices of direction, you must *select* one direction in which to go.

From [Huffington Post](#)

Nearly every piece selected is worth your time.

From [Huffington Post](#)

Another was selected for about \$110,000, some of which was funded by taxpayers.

From [Dallas Morning News](#)

The larger screen is nice for selecting music, but for watching video or looking at pictures?

From [Gizmodo](#)

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Translations of **select**

in Chinese (Traditional)

選擇, 挑選, 精選的...

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in Chinese (Simplified)

选择, 挑选, 精选的...

See more

in Spanish

elegir, seleccionar, selecto/ta [masculine-feminine...

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in Portuguese

selecionar, selecionado/-da...

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seizure

sejm

BETA

seldom

select

select committee

selected

selecting



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WORD OF THE DAY

delaying tactics



actions that are intended to make something happen more slowly, in order to win an advantage

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