

level

 1 of 3 nounlev·el ('le-vəl )

plural levels

[Synonyms of level](#) >

- 1** : a device for establishing a horizontal line or plane by means of a bubble in a liquid that shows adjustment to the horizontal by movement to the center of a slightly bowed glass tube
- 2** : a measurement of the difference of altitude of two points by means of a level
- 3** : horizontal condition
especially : equilibrium of a fluid marked by a horizontal surface of even altitude
water seeks its own *level*
- 4 a** : an approximately horizontal line or surface taken as an index of altitude
Charts were arranged at eye *level*.
b : a practically horizontal surface or area (as of land)
the *level* of the plateau
- 5** : a position in a scale or rank (as of achievement, significance, or value)
funded at the national *level*
The job appeals to me on many *levels*.
- 6 a** : a line or surface that cuts perpendicularly all [plumb lines](#) that it meets and hence would everywhere coincide with a surface of still water

a normal blood-sugar *level*

9 : the magnitude of a quantity considered in relation to an arbitrary reference value

broadly : **MAGNITUDE, INTENSITY**

a high *level* of hostility

10 : one of a series of **discrete** parts through which a player moves or progresses during the course of a game (such as a video game)

A commonly held belief among developers is that the opening *level* of a well-programmed game teaches the player what thematic rules to anticipate going forward.

— Salvatore Pane

level 2 of 3 verb

leveled or **levelled**; **leveling** or **levelling** ('le-və-līŋ) 'lev-līŋ

transitive verb

1 : to make (a line or surface) horizontal : make flat or level

level a field

level off a house lot

2 a : to bring to a horizontal aiming position

b : **AIM, DIRECT**

leveled a charge of fraud

3 : to bring to a common level or plane : **EQUALIZE**

love *levels* all ranks

— W. S. Gilbert

4 a : to lay level with or as if with the ground : **RAZE**

- 6** : to find the heights of different points in (a piece of land) especially with a surveyor's level

intransitive verb

- 1** : to attain or come to a level
The plane *leveled* off at 10,000 feet.
→ see also [LEVEL UP](#)
- 2** : to aim a gun or other weapon horizontally
- 3** : to bring persons or things to a level
- 4** : to deal frankly and openly

level 3 of 3 adjective

- 1 a** : having no part higher than another : conforming to the curvature of the liquid parts of the earth's surface
b : parallel with the plane of the horizon : [HORIZONTAL](#)
- 2 a** : even or unvarying in height
b : equal in advantage, progression, or standing
c : proceeding monotonously or uneventfully
d (1) : [STEADY](#), [UNWAVERING](#)
gave him a *level* look
(2) : [CALM](#), [UNEXCITED](#)
spoke in *level* tones
- 3** : [REASONABLE](#), [BALANCED](#)
arrive at a justly proportional and *level* judgment on this affair

- 5** : being a surface perpendicular to all lines of force in a field of force : **EQUIPOTENTIAL**
- 6** : suited to a particular rank or plane of ability or achievement
top-*level* thinking
- 7** : of or relating to the spreading out of a cost or charge in even payments over a period of time

'le-və(l)-lē ◀▶▶ adverb

'le-vəl-nəs ◀▶▶ noun

Phrases

on the level

: **BONA FIDE**, **HONEST**

level best

: very best

Noun

degree

footing

position

echelon

place

rank

status

stratum

Verb

balance

equalize

equate

even

Adjective

even

flat

flush

plane

smooth

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Choose the Right Synonym for *level*

LEVEL, FLAT, PLANE, EVEN, SMOOTH mean having a surface without bends, curves, or irregularities.

LEVEL applies to a horizontal surface that lies on a line parallel with the horizon.

the vast prairies are nearly *level*

FLAT applies to a surface devoid of noticeable curvatures, prominences, or depressions.

the work surface must be *flat*

PLANE applies to any real or imaginary flat surface in which a straight line between any two points on it lies wholly within that surface.

the *plane* sides of a crystal

Smooth applies especially to a polished surface free of irregularities.

a *smooth* skating rink

Noun

The pictures were hung on the wall at eye **level**.

The pictures were hung at different **levels**.

There was a high **level** of alcohol in his blood.

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Noun

This **level** of integration means users can securely buy, sell, and trade cryptocurrency with a range of providers from around the world.

— Martin Lerma, *Robb Report*, 23 Nov. 2024

Reduce inflammation and swelling Cold water exposure may spike concentrations of stress hormones in our system, which is known to increase the **levels** of anti-inflammatory biomarkers in our systems.

— Audrey Noble, *Vogue*, 23 Nov. 2024

Verb

immigrants are headed into grumpy middle age, and more than a few will be **leveling** broad, baseless accusations at you.

— Miles Klee, *Rolling Stone*, 21 Nov. 2024

Adjective

If the players are **level** after 14 classical games, a tie-break will be played on December 13.

— Eduardo Tansley, *The Athletic*, 23 Nov. 2024

Standout benefits: Applicants in good health can skip the medical exam for a **level** term life insurance policy with Amica.

— Liz Knueven, *CNBC*, 2 Aug. 2024

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Etymology

Noun and Verb

Middle English, plumb line, from Anglo-French *livel*, from Vulgar Latin **libellum*, alteration of Latin *libella*, from diminutive of *libra* weight, balance

First Known Use

Noun

14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Verb



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Time Traveler

The first known use of *level* was in the 14th century

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level 1 of 3 **noun**

placed at eye *level*

3 : a step or stage in a scale or rank (as of achievement, significance, importance, or value)

rose to the *level* of manager

4 a : an amount of something especially in comparison with typical or expected amounts

production is at a low *level* this year

b : the amount of a substance especially per unit volume of a body fluid (as blood)
a high *level* of sugar in the blood

level 2 of 3 verb

leveled or levelled; leveling or levelling 'lev-(ə-)lɪŋ 

1 : to make or become horizontal, flat, or even

2 : [AIM entry 1 sense 1, DIRECT](#)

3 : to knock flat

the explosion *leveled* the house

4 : to reach or come to a level

the plane *leveled* off at 10,000 feet

noun

variants or leveller -(ə-)lər

level 3 of 3 adjective

1 : having a flat even surface

a *level* lawn

4 : steady and cool in judgment
a *level* head

adverb

noun

level noun

lev·el (ˈlev-əl )

1 : a characteristic and fairly uniform concentration of a constituent of the blood or other body fluid
a normal blood-sugar *level*

2 a : a degree of ability or aptitude or measure of performance

b : a grade of mental and emotional development or maturity
evidence as to *levels* of personality development (e.g., anal, oral)

— G. P. Murdock

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