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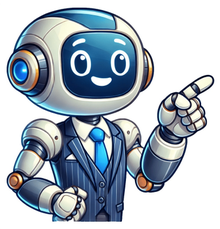

POSITIVEadjectiveEtymology: positivus, Lat. positif, Fr.1. Not negative; capable of being affirmed; real; absolute.The power or blossom is a positive good, although the remove of it, to give place to the fruit, be a comparative good.Francis Bacon.Hardness carries somewhat more of positive in it than impenetrability, which is negative; and is perhaps more a consequence of solidity, than solidity itself.John Locke.Whatsoever doth or can exist, or be considered as one thing, is positive; and so not only simple ideas and substances, but modes also are positive beings, though the parts, of which they consist, are very often relative one to another.John Locke.2. Absolute; particular; direct; not implied.As for positive words, that he would not bear arms against king Edwards son; though the words seem calm, yet it was a plain and direct over-ruling of the kings title.Francis Bacon.3. Dogmatical; ready to lay down notions with confidence; stubborn in opinion.I am sometimes doubting, when I might be positive, and sometimes confident out of season.Thomas Rymer.Some positive persisting fops we know,That, if once wrong, will needs be always so;But you, with pleasure own your errors past,And make each day a critick on the last.Alexander Pope.4. Settled by arbitrary appointment.In laws, that which is natural, bindeth universally, that which is positive, not so.Richard Hooker.Although no laws but positive be mutable, yet all are not mutable which be positive; positive laws are either permanent or else changeable, according as the matter itself is, concerning which they were made.Richard Hooker.Laws are but positive; loves powr we see,Is natures sanction, and her first decree.Dryden.5. Having the power to enact any law.Not to consent to the enacting of such a law, which has no view besides the general good, unless another law shall at the same time pass, with no other view but that of advancing the power of one party alone; what is this but to claim a positive voice, as well as a negative.Jonathan Swift.6.Certain; assured. Robert Ainsworth 1 [more positive; most positive] : good or useful Did you have a positive [=pleasant] experience working with that company? The book had a positive influence on me. He has been a positive role model for his brother. Nothing positive came out of that experience. What are some of the positive things about your job? The low unemployment rate is a positive sign for the economy. The company took positive steps to create a safer workplace. [+] more examples [-] hide examples [+] Example sentences [-] Hide examples opposite negative 2 [more positive; most positive] : thinking about the good qualities of someone or something : thinking that a good result will happen : hopeful or optimistic You've got to have a positive attitude/outlook to do well in life. You should try to be more positive about the whole situation. On the positive side, you will be making more money. To end on a positive note, we are seeing an increase in sales this month. opposite negative 3 not used before a noun : completely certain or sure that something is correct or true We were positive that we would win the game. That is the street we need to take. Are you sure? (I'm) Positive. I'm not (absolutely) positive, but I think they won the World Series in 1954. 4 [more positive; most positive] : showing or expressing support, approval, or agreement Most of the response from the public has been positive [=favorable] so far. The reviews were mostly positive. The new Web site has received a positive response from its visitors. opposite negative 5 : unable to be doubted : certainly true There is no positive [=definite, conclusive] proof that life exists on other planets. The police have not yet made a positive identification of the victim. The fact that the DNA samples did not match is proof positive that he is not the father. 6 : showing the presence of a particular germ, condition, or substance He tested positive for steroids. [=the test showed that he had used steroids] The test results were positive. opposite negative 7 a mathematics : greater than zero opposite negative b : more than the amount of money spent or invested We got a positive return on our investment. [=we made a profit on our investment] opposite negative 8 technical a : containing or producing electricity that is charged by a proton a positive charge/current opposite negative b : having more protons than electrons opposite negative 9 always used before a noun, informal : absolute or complete used to make a statement more forceful The way poor people are treated in this country is a positive disgrace. Also found in: Thesaurus, Medical, Legal, Financial, Acronyms, Idioms, Encyclopedia, Wikipedia. (pz-tv)adj.1. Characterized by or displaying certainty, acceptance, or affirmation: a positive answer; positive criticism.2. Measured or moving forward or in a direction of increase or progress: positive steps.3. a. Desirable, admirable, or beneficial: a woman with many positive qualities; the positive features of this new software.b. Optimistic or constructive: a positive attitude.c. Not disparaging or malicious: ran a positive political campaign.4. Very confident; certain: I'm positive he's right. See Synonyms at sure.5. Explicitly or openly expressed or laid down: a positive demand.6. Admitting of no doubt; irrefutable: positive proof.7. Concerned with practical rather than theoretical matters.8. Philosophy a. Of or relating to being or the possession of qualities rather than non-being or the absence of qualities: the question of the positive existence of evil.b. Of or relating to positivism.c. Of or relating to positive law.9. Of or relating to religion based on revelation rather than on nature or reason alone.10. Informal Utter; absolute: a positive darling.11. Mathematics a. Relating to or designating a quantity greater than zero.b. Relating to or designating the sign (+).c. Relating to or designating a quantity, number, angle, or direction opposite to another designated as negative.12. Physics a. Relating to or designating an electric charge of a sign opposite to that of an electron.b. Of or relating to a body having fewer electrons than protons.13. Chemistry Of or relating to an ion, the cation, that is attracted to a negative electrode.14. Medicine Indicating the presence of a particular disease, condition, or organism: a positive test for pregnancy.15. Biology Indicating or characterized by response or motion toward the source of a stimulus, such as light: positive tropism.16. Having the areas of light and dark in their original and normal relationship, as in a photographic print made from a negative.17. Grammar Of, relating to, or being the simple uncompared degree of an adjective or adverb, as opposed to either the comparative or superlative.18. Driven by or generating power directly through intermediate machine parts having little or no play: positive drive.n.1. An affirmative element or characteristic.2. Mathematics A quantity greater than zero.3. Physics A positive electric charge.4. A photographic image in which the lights and darks appear as they do in nature.5. Grammar a. The uncompared degree of an adjective or adverb.b. A word in this degree.6. Music A division of some pipe organs, similar in sound to the great but smaller and less powerful.[Middle English, having a specified quality, from Old French positif, from Latin positvus, formally laid down, from positus, past participle of pnere, to place; see apo- in Indo-European roots.]positiveness, positivity n.American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. (pztv) adj1. characterized by or expressing certainty or affirmation: a positive answer. 2. composed of or possessing actual or specific qualities; real: a positive benefit. 3. tending to emphasize what is good or laudable; constructive: he takes a very positive attitude when correcting pupils' mistakes. 4. tending towards progress or improvement; moving in a beneficial direction5. (Philosophy) philosophy a. constructive rather than sceptical b. (of a concept) denoting the presence rather than the absence of some property6. independent of circumstances; absolute or unqualified7. (prenominal) informal (intensifier): a positive delight. 8. (Mathematics) maths a. having a value greater than zero: a positive number. b. designating, consisting of, or graduated in one or more quantities greater than zero: positive direction. 9. (Mathematics) maths a. measured in a direction opposite to that regarded as negativeb. having the same magnitude as but opposite sense to an equivalent negative quantity10. (Grammar) grammar denoting the usual form of an adjective as opposed to its comparative or superlative form11. (Biology) biology indicating movement or growth towards a particular stimulus12. (General Physics) physics a. (of an electric charge) having an opposite polarity to the charge of an electron and the same polarity as the charge of a protonb. (of a body, system, ion, etc) having a positive electric charge; having a deficiency of electrons: a positive ion. c. (of a point in an electric circuit) having a higher electric potential than some other point with an assigned zero potential13. (Chemistry) short for electropositive14. (General Physics) (of a lens) capable of causing convergence of a parallel beam of light15. (Medicine) med (of the results of an examination or test) indicating the existence or presence of a suspected disorder or pathogenic organism16. (Medicine) med (of the effect of a drug or therapeutic regimen) beneficial or satisfactory17. (Biochemistry) short for Rh positive18. (Mechanical Engineering) (of a machine part) having precise motion with no hysteresis or backlash19. (Government, Politics & Diplomacy) chiefly US (of a government) directly involved in activities beyond the minimum maintenance of law and order, such as social welfare or the organization of scientific research20. (Economics) economics of or denoting an analysis that is free of ethical, political, or value judgments21. (Astrology) astrology of, relating to, or governed by the group of signs of the zodiac that belong to the air and fire classifications, which are associated with a self-expressive spontaneous naturen22. something that is positive23. (Mathematics) maths a quantity greater than zero24. (Photography) photog a print or slide showing a photographic image whose colours or tones correspond to those of the original subject25. (Grammar) grammar the positive degree of an adjective or adverb26. (Chemistry) a positive object, such as a terminal or plate in a voltaic cell27. (Instruments) music a. Also called: positive organ a medieval nonportable organ with one manual and no pedals. Compare portative organb. a variant spelling of positif[C13: from Late Latin positvus positive, agreed on an arbitrary basis, from pnere to place] positiveness, positivity nCollins English Dictionary Complete and Unabridged, 12th Edition 2014 HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014 (pz tv) adj. 1. confident in opinion or assertion; sure: He is positive that he'll win. 2. showing or expressing approval or agreement; favorable: a positive reaction to the speech. 3. expressing or containing an assertion or affirmation; affirmative: a positive answer. 4. emphasizing what is laudable, hopeful, or to the good; constructive: a positive attitude. 5. explicitly or emphatically stated, stipulated, or expressed; definite: a positive denial. 6. admitting of no question; incontrovertible: positive proof. 7. overconfident or dogmatic. 8. without relation to or comparison with other things; not relative or comparative; absolute. 9. downright; out-and-out: a positive genius. 10. not speculative or theoretical; practical: a positive approach to the problem. 11. possessing an actual force, being, existence, etc. 12. Philos. a. constructive and sure, rather than skeptical. b. concerned with or based on matters of experience: positive philosophy. 13. consisting in or characterized by the presence or possession of distinguishing or marked qualities or features (opposed to negative). 14. noting the presence of such qualities, as a term. 15. measured or proceeding in a direction assumed as beneficial, progressive, or auspicious: a positive trend. 16. determined by enactment or convention; arbitrarily laid down: positive laws. 17. a. noting or pertaining to the electricity in a body or substance that is deficient in electrons. b. indicating a point in a circuit that has a higher potential than that of another point, the current flowing from the point of higher potential to the point of lower potential. 18. of, pertaining to, or noting the north pole of a magnet. 19. (of a chemical element or group) tending to lose electrons and become positively charged; basic. 20. a. (of blood, affected tissue, etc.) showing the presence of disease. b. (of a diagnostic test) indicating the presence of the disease, condition, etc., tested for. c. (of a person) diagnosed as having a specified disease or medical condition. 21. noting a numerical quantity greater than zero. 22. of or designating the initial degree of grammatical comparison, used with reference to the simple, base form of an adjective or adverb, as good or smoothly. Compare comparative (def. 4), superlative (def. 2). 23. (of government) assuming control or regulation of activities beyond those involved merely with the maintenance of law and order. 24. Biol. oriented or moving toward the focus of excitation: a positive tropism. 25. of or designating a photographic print or transparency showing the brightness values as they are in the subject. n. 27. a positive quality or characteristic. 28. a positive quantity or symbol. 29. a. the positive degree in grammatical comparison. b. the positive form of an adjective or adverb. 30. a positive photographic image, as on a print or transparency. [12501300; Middle English positif (< Middle French) < Latin positvus.] Random House Kernerman Webster's College Dictionary, 2010 K Dictionaries Ltd. Copyright 2005, 1997, 1991 by Random House, Inc. All rights reserved. (pz-tv)1. Greater than zero, as 12.2. Having the electric charge of a proton. The symbol for a positive charge is a plus sign.3. Showing the presence, as in a blood test, of a suspected disease or microorganism.The American Heritage Student Science Dictionary, Second Edition. Copyright 2014 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved.litotes - From Greek litos, "simple, single," it refers to an ironical understatement (e.g. no small amount) or two negatives used to make a positive (e.g. it was not unsuccessful); it is pronounced lie-TOH-teez, LEYED-uh-teez, LID-uh-teez, or leye-TOHD-eez.set point - One's set point (for happiness) is a genetically determined level of happiness, to which one returns after positive or negative emotional experiences.Positive, comparative, superlative, - Positive is the ordinary form of a word, with comparative conveying a sense of greater intensity of the adjective and superlative reflecting the greatest intensity of the adjective.acceptable face - The positive or reasonable side of something.Farlex Trivia Dictionary. 2012 Farlex, Inc. All rights reserved. Noun1.positive - the primary form of an adjective or adverb; denotes a quality without qualification, comparison, or relation to increase or diminutionadjective - a word that expresses an attribute of somethingadverb - a word that modifies something other than a noun2.positive - a film showing a photographic image whose tones correspond to those of the original subjectphotographic film, film - photographic material consisting of a base of celluloid covered with a photographic emulsion; used to make negatives or transparenciesAdj.1.positive - characterized by or displaying affirmation or acceptance or certainty etc.; "a positive attitude"; "the reviews were all positive"; "a positive benefit"; "a positive demand"constructive - constructing or tending to construct or improve or promote development; "constructive criticism"; "a constructive attitude"; "a constructive philosophy"; "constructive permission"optimistic - expecting the best in this best of all possible worlds; "in an optimistic mood"; "optimistic plans"; "took an optimistic view"supportive - furnishing support or assistance; "a supportive family network"; "his family was supportive of his attempts to be a writer"negative - characterized by or displaying negation or denial or opposition or resistance; having no positive features; "a negative outlook on life"; "a colorless negative personality"; "a negative evaluation"; "a negative reaction to an advertising campaign"neutral - possessing no distinctive quality or characteristics2.positive - persuaded of; very sure; "were convinced that it would be to their advantage to join"; "I am positive he is lying"; "was confident he would win"sure, certain - having or feeling no doubt or uncertainty; confident and assured; "felt certain of success"; "was sure (or certain) she had seen it"; "was very sure in his beliefs"; "sure of her friends"3.positive - involving advantage or good; "a plus (or positive) factor"advantageous - giving an advantage; "a contract advantageous to our country"; "socially advantageous to entertain often"4.positive - indicating existence or presence of a suspected condition or pathogen; "a positive pregnancy test"disconfirming, negative - not indicating the presence of microorganisms or disease or a specific condition; "the HIV test was negative"5.positive - formally laid down or imposed; "positive laws"formal - being in accord with established forms and conventions and requirements (as e.g. of formal dress); "pay one's formal respects"; "formal dress"; "a formal ball"; "the requirement was only formal and often ignored"; "a formal education"6.positive - impossible to deny or disprove; "incontrovertible proof of the defendant's innocence"; "proof positive"; "an irrefutable argument"incontrovertible, irrefutableundeniable - not possible to deny7.positive - of or relating to positivism; "positivist thinkers"; "positivist doctrine"; "positive philosophy"8.positive - reckoned, situated or tending in the direction which naturally or arbitrarily is taken to indicate increase or progress or onward motion; "positive increase in graduating students"negative - reckoned in a direction opposite to that regarded as positive; "negative interest rates"9.positive - greater than zero; "positive numbers"math, mathematics, maths - a science (or group of related sciences) dealing with the logic of quantity and shape and arrangementplus - on the positive side or higher end of a scale; "a plus value"; "temperature of plus 5 degrees"; "a grade of C plus"10.positive - having a positive charge; "protons are positive"electropositive, positively chargedcharged - of a particle or body or system; having a net amount of positive or negative electric charge; "charged particles"; "a charged battery"11.positive - marked by excessive confidence; "an arrogant and cocksure materialist"; "so overconfident and impudent as to speak to the queen"; "the less he knows the more positive he gets"confident - having or marked by confidence or assurance; "a confident speaker"; "a confident reply"; "his manner is more confident these days"; "confident of fulfillment"Based on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.adjective2. beneficial, effective, useful, practical, helpful, progressive, productive, worthwhile, constructive, pragmatic, efficacious Working abroad should be a positive experience. beneficial useless, harmful, detrimental, impractical, unhelpful4. certain, sure, convinced, confident, satisfied, assured, free from doubt I'm positive she said she'd be here. certain uncertain, unsure, unconvinced, not confident, unassured5. definite, real, clear, firm, certain, direct, express, actual, absolute, concrete, decisive, explicit, affirmative, clear-cut, unmistakable, conclusive, unequivocal, indisputable, categorical, incontrovertible there was no positive evidence definite uncertain, doubtful, indefinite, inconclusive, indecisive, contestable, disputable6. (Informal) absolute, complete, perfect, right (Brit. informal), real, total, rank, sheer, utter, thorough, downright, consummate, veritable, unqualified, out-and-out, unmitigated, thoroughgoing, unalloyed He was in a positive fury.7. good, promising, pleasing, encouraging, welcome, favourable, heartening, auspicious, propitious He said that the agreement could be a positive signQuotations"positive: mistaken at the top of one's voice" [Ambrose Bierce The Devil's Dictionary]"You've got to ac-cent-tchu-ate the positive""Elim-my-nate the negative""Latch on to the affirmative""Don't mess with Mister In-Between" [Johnny Mercer Ac-cent-tchu-ate the Positive]Collins Thesaurus of the English Language Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002adjective1. Of a constructive nature:2. Giving assent:3. Clearly, fully, and sometimes emphatically expressed:categorical, clear, clear-cut, decided, definite, explicit, express, precise, specific, unambiguous, unequivocal.4. Established beyond a doubt:certain, hard, inarguable, incontestable, incontrovertible, indisputable, indubitable, irrefutable, sure, unassailable, undeniable, undisputable, unquestionable.5. Known positively:6. Having no doubt:assured, certain, confident, sure, undoubting.7. Informal. Completely such, without qualification or exception:absolute, all-out, arrant, complete, consummate, crashing, damned, dead, downright, flat, out-and-out, outright, perfect, plain, pure, sheer, thorough, thoroughgoing, total, unbounded, unequivocal, unlimited, unmitigated, unqualified, unrelieved, unreserved, utter.Chiefly British: blooming.The American Heritage Roget's Thesaurus. Copyright 2013, 2014 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. 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Ltd. 1971, 1988 HarperCollins Publishers 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2005 [pztv] adj (= good) [experience, effect, fact, situation, contribution] positif/ive (= certain) sr(e), certain(e)I'm positive J'en suis certain.to be positive about sth tre certain(e) de qchto be positive (that)I'm positive (that) I'm Je suis certain(e) d'tre ...I was positive I'd locked the door J'tais certaine d'avoir fermé la porte cl.He's positive that he had Il est certain d'avoir ...He was positive that he had seen it in the newspaper Il tait certain de l'avoir vu dans le journal.I'm positive sheBUT Je suis certain qu'elle.(e)She's positive youBUT Elle est certaine que vous. (= definite) [change] effectif/ive; [decision] ferme; [action, step] concret/teto do sth positive faire qch de concret positive thinking (= clear) [proof, evidence] indniable, rel(le) [figure, number] positif/ive [electrical charge] positif/iveCollins English/French Electronic Resource. HarperCollins Publishers 2005 adj : positive sign n (Math) Pluszeichen nt, positives Vorzeichen positive stress n positiver Stress, Eustress m positive vetting n Sicherheitsberprfung fCollins German Dictionary Complete and Unabridged 7th Edition 2005. William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1980 HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2007 [pztv] adja. (gen, also) (Elec, Math, Phot) positivo/a; (constructive, advice, help, criticism) costruttivo/awe look forward to a positive reply (Comm) in attesa di una risposta favorevoleCollins Italian Dictionary 1st Edition HarperCollins Publishers 1995 (poztiv) adjective1. meaning or saying `yes'. a positive answer; They tested the water for the bacteria and the result was positive (= the bacteria were present). positief positivo souhlasn, kladn positiv positiv positivo, afirmativo jaatav positiivinen positif pozitivan llt, pozitv positif jkvur positivo teigiamas pozitvs; apstiprinos positif positiefbekreftende, positivpozytywny positivo pozitiv pozitvny, kladn pozitiven pozitivan positiv olumlu () khng nh; dng tnh 5. optimistic and prepared to make plans for the future. Take a more positive attitude to life. optimisties positivo kladn positiv optimistisk; positiv , positivo elujaatav optimistinen positif uvjeren optimista positif jkvur positivo optimistikas, pozityvus pozitvs; optimistisks; konstruktvs positif positiefoptimistiskoptymistyczny positivo optimist kladn samozavesten pozitivan positiv iyimser lc quan 6. not showing any comparison; not comparative or superlative. onvergelykend positivo pozitivn im Positiv stehen grundforms-; positiv- positivo algvrdes positiivinen positif nedvojben alap- (fok) positif jkvur positivo nelyginamasis pamata- positif stellend grunnforms-, positivrwny positivo pozitiv pozitvny osnoven pozitiv absolut, utan jmfrelse yaln dng nguyn 7. (of a number etc) greater than zero. positief positivo kladn positiv positiv positivo positiivne positiivinen positif , pozitivno pozitv positif jkvur, strri en nll positivo teigiamas pozitvs (skaitlis) positif positiefpozitivdodatni positivo pozitiv kladn pozitiven pozitivan broj positiv sfrdan byk () s dng 8. having fewer electrons than normal. In an electrical circuit, electrons flow to the positive terminal. positief positivo kladn positiv positiv positivo positiivne positiivinen positif , pozitiv pozitv positif jkvur, jkvtt hlainn positivo teigiamas pozitvs positif positiefpositivdodatni positivo pozitiv kladn pozitiven pozitivan positiv art ykl, pozitif ()() c in tch noun1. a photographic print, made from a negative, in which light and dark are as normal. positief, afdruk positivo pozitiv das Positiv positiv positivo positiiv positiivi positif, fotografski pozitiv pozitv (fny)kp positif jkv mynd, ljsmynd/skyggna positiva pozityvas pozitvs positif positiefpositiv pozytyw positivo pozitiv pozitv pozitiv positiv pozitif () dng bn 2. (an adjective or adverb of) the positive (not comparative or superlative) degree. onvergelykend positivo prvn stupe der Positiv grundform; positiv (.) positivo algvrre perusaste affirmatif , nedvojben, jasan alapfok positif jkvtt stig grado positivo nelyginamasis laipsnis pamatpakpe positif stellende trapgrunnform, positiv stopie rwny positivo pozitiv prv stupe osnovnik pozitiv positiv yaln hl dng nguyn th positiveness noun positiwiteit convico jistota die Bestimmtheit det, som er positivt certeza; cualidad de positivo positiivsus positiivisuus certitude pozitivnost hatrozottsg, biztonsg keadaan positif jkvni positivit; certezza pozityvumas pozitvums positifnya het positief zijn det som bekrefter/er positivt pozytywno, pewno convico caracter sigur; certitudine istota pozitivnost pozitivnost freteelse som har positiv beskaffenhet kesinlik s r rng positively adverb1. in a positive way. He stated positively that he was innocent. sonder skroom positivamente jednoznan bestimmt positivt categricamente; positivamente; afirmativamente kindlalt positiivisesti formellement pozitivno, nedvojbeno hatrozottan secara positif me jkvum htti positivamente tvirtai, aktyviai, teigiamai noteikti; apstiprinoi secara positif stelligpositivt, uten tvil stanowczo positivamente (n mod) clar ; jednoznane nedvoumno pozitivno uttryckligen, bestmt kesin olarak ; mt cch qu quyt Kernerman English Multilingual Dictionary 2006-2013 K Dictionaries Ltd. pozitivn positiv positiv positivo positiivinen positif pozitivan positivo positief positiv pozytywny positivo positiv olumlu chc chn Multilingual Translator HarperCollins Publishers 2009a. positivo-a, afirmativo-a. English-Spanish Medical Dictionary Farlex 2012Collins Multilingual Translator HarperCollins Publishers 2009 adj & n positivo; false falso positivo; true verdadero positivoEnglish-Spanish/Spanish-English Medical Dictionary Copyright 2006 by The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. All rights reserved. Want to thank TFD for its existence? Tell a friend about us, add a link to this page, or visit the webmaster's page for free fun content. Link to this page: An image-proposition is necessarily positive: we can image the window to the left of the door, or to the right of the door, but we can form no image of the bare negative "the window not to the left of the door." We can DISBELIEVE the image-proposition expressed by "the window to the left of the door," and our disbelief will be true if the window is not to the left of the door.I should have respected myself because I should at least have been capable of being lazy; there would at least have been one quality, as it were, positive in me, in which I could have believed myself.You have nothing to stand on, you unscientific dogmatists with your positive science which you are always lugging about into places it has no right to be.It was quite some moments ere either moved, for both were positive that any such attempt would reveal so many breaks and fractures as to make further progress impossible.But the completer, the positive, soul, which will merely take [25] that mood into its service (its proper service, as we hold, is in counteraction to the vulgarity of purely positive natures) is also certainly in evidence in Amiel's "Thoughts"--that other, and far stronger person, in the long dialogue; the man, in short, possessed of gifts, not for the renunciation, but for the reception and use, of all that is puissant, goodly, and effective in life, and for the varied and adequate literary reproduction of it; who, under favourable circumstances, or even without them, will become critic, or poet, and in either case a creative force; and if he be religious (as Amiel was deeply religious) will make the most of "evidence," and almost certainly find a Church.No one of these terms, in and by itself, involves an affirmation; it is by the combination of such terms that positive or negative statements arise.'I said, "I give you better than proof, gentlemen; I give you my positive opinion."'I had read too much positive science and lived too much positive life.They might have copied the second article of the existing Confederation, which would have prohibited the exercise of any power not EXPRESSLY delegated; they might have attempted a positive enumeration of the powers comprehended under the general terms "necessary and proper"; they might have attempted a negative enumeration of them, by specifying the powers excepted from the general definition; they might have been altogether silent on the subject, leaving these necessary and proper powers to construction and inference."Tess, why did you say 'no' in such a positive way?" he asked her in the course of a few days.Once within its hated walls I was positive that I could overcome the guards of Issus and bear away my Princess, for at my back I would have a force ample for the occasion.Of this she was positive, as she saw the lithe, sinewy form of a panther glide noiselessly from the jungle at the point at which the apes had emerged but a moment before. adjective (28)noun (6)View synonyms for positiveexplicitly stated, stipulated, or expressed.a positive acceptance of the agreement.Synonyms: precise, clear, categorical, unequivocal, explicitadmitting of no question.Synonyms: indisputable, incontrovertiblestated; express; emphatic.confident in opinion or assertion; fully assured.He is positive that he will win the contest.Antonyms: uncertain, unsureoverconfident or dogmatic.The less he knows, the more positive he gets.without relation to or comparison with other things; not relative or comparative; absolute.Informal.downright; out-and-out.determined by enactment or convention; arbitrarily laid down.emphasizing what is laudable, hopeful, or to the good; constructive.a positive attitude toward the future; positive things to say about a painting.encouraging or noting a healthy or balanced outlook toward something, especially toward sex and sexuality (used in combination): the body-positive movement;sex-positive attitudes;the body-positive movement;a gay-positive movie.not speculative or theoretical; practical.a positive approach to the problem.possessing an actual force, being, existence, etc.Philosophy.constructive and sure, rather than skeptical.concerned with or based on matters of experience.showing or expressing approval or agreement; favorable.a positive reaction to the speech.consisting in or characterized by the presence or possession of distinguishing or marked qualities or features (negative).Light is positive, darkness negative.noting the presence of such qualities, as a term.measured or proceeding in a direction assumed as beneficial, progressive, or auspicious.a positive upturn in the stock market.Electricity.of, relating to, or characterized by positive electricity.indicating a point in a circuit that has a higher potential than that of another point, the current flowing from the point of higher potential to the point of lower potential.of, relating to, or noting the north pole of a magnet.Chemistry.(of an element or group) tending to lose electrons and become positively charged; basic.Grammar.being, noting, or pertaining to the initial degree of the comparison of adjectives and adverbs, as the positive form good.Medicine/Medical.(of blood, affected tissue, etc.) indicating the presence of a specified medical condition or substance.Her urine was positive for opiates.(of a diagnostic test) indicating the presence of the medical condition or substance tested for.a positive test for tuberculosis.(of a person) diagnosed as having a specified medical condition, or having a specified substance in the body (often used in combination): She tested positive for lupus.He's HIV positive.She tested positive for lupus.Biochemistry.Rh factor.Mathematics.noting a quantity greater than zero.(of government) assuming control or regulation of activities beyond those involved merely with the maintenance of law and order.Biology.oriented or moving toward the focus of excitation.Photography.denoting a print or transparency showing the brightness values as they are in the subject.Machinery.noting or pertaining to a process or machine part having a fixed or certain operation, especially as the result of elimination of play, free motion, etc..something positive.a positive quality or characteristic.a positive quantity or symbol.a positive test result.The athlete was disqualified from competing because his drug test came back a positive.Grammar.the positive degree.a form in the positive, as good or smooth.Photography.a positive image, as on a print or transparency.characterized by or expressing certainty or affirmationcomposed of or possessing actual or specific qualities; realtending to emphasize what is good or laudable; constructivehe takes a very positive attitude when correcting pupils' mistakestending towards progress or improvement; moving in a beneficial directionphilosophyconstructive rather than sceptical(of a concept) denoting the presence rather than the absence of some propertyindependent of circumstances; absolute or unqualifiedinformal(prenominal) (intensifier)mathshaving a value greater than zerodesignating, consisting of, or graduated in one or more quantities greater than zeromathsmeasured in a direction opposite to that regarded as negativehaving the same magnitude as but opposite sense to an equivalent negative quantitygrammar denoting the usual form of an adjective as opposed to its comparative or superlative formbiology indicating movement or growth towards a particular stimulusphysics(of an electric charge) having an opposite polarity to the charge of an electron and the same polarity as the charge of a proton(of a body, system, ion, etc) having a positive electric charge; having a deficiency of electrons(of a point in an electric circuit) having a higher electric potential than some other point with an assigned zero potentialshort for electropositive(of a lens) capable of causing convergence of a parallel beam of lightmed (of the results of an examination or test) indicating the existence or presence of a suspected disorder or pathogenic organismmed (of the effect of a drug or therapeutic regimen) beneficial or satisfactoryshort for Rh positive(of a machine part) having precise motion with no hysteresis or backlash(of a government) directly involved in activities beyond the minimum maintenance of law and order, such as social welfare or the organization of scientific researcheconomics of or denoting an analysis that is free of ethical, political, or value judgmentsastrology of, relating to, or governed by the group of signs of the zodiac that belong to the air and fire classifications, which are associated with a self-expressive spontaneous natureCollins English Dictionary Complete & Unabridged 2012 Digital Edition William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012something that is positivemaths a quantity greater than zerophotog a print or slide showing a photographic image whose colours or tones correspond to those of the original subjectgrammar the positive degree of an adjective or adverba positive object, such as a terminal or plate in a voltaic cellmusicAlso called: positive organ.a medieval nonportable organ with one manual and no pedals Compare portative organa variant spelling of positifCollins English Dictionary Complete & Unabridged 2012 Digital Edition William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012Greater than zero.Having an electric charge or voltage greater than zero.Indicating the presence of a disease, condition, or organism, as a diagnostic test.positiveness nounoverpositive adjectiveoverpositively adverboverpositiveness nounquasi-positive adjectivequasi-positively adverbsuperpositive adjectivesuperpositively adverbsuperpositiveness noununpositive adjectiveunpositively adverbunpositiveness nounpositiveness nounOrigin of positive1First recorded in 12501300; from Latin positvus; replacing Middle English positif, from Middle French, from Latin, as above. See posit, -iveOrigin of positive1C13: from Late Latin positvus positive, agreed on an arbitrary basis, from pnere to placeExamples have not been reviewed.She said: "Whilst the university is an autonomous institution which is ultimately responsible for decision-making around its day to day operations, the Scottish government will do everything possible to secure a positive future for Dundee."Condie has called immigrants the lifeblood of the restaurant industry, noting in a statement last week that Immigrants power our workforce and have an enormous positive impact on our economy.New floating wind farms capable of powering millions of homes will have "a positive impact for generations to come," a minister has said.Manager Dave Roberts was asked about the situation last week, saying, I just hope that we can be a positive distraction for what people are going through in Los Angeles right now.What are other ways to saypositive?To be positive of something is to be fully assured of its truth or accuracy. How is positive different from certain, confident, and sure? Find out on Thesaurus.com.position paperpositive casterBrowse#aabbccddeeffgghhiijjkkllmmnnooppqqrrsstuuvvwwxxyyzzAboutCareersContact usCookies, terms, & privacyHelpFollow usGet the Word of the Day every day! 2025 Dictionary.com, LLCas in definite, certainas in beneficial, helpfulBrowse#aabbccddeeffgghhiijjkkllmmnnooppqqrrsstuuvvwwxxyyzzAboutCareersContact usCookies, terms, & privacyHelpFollow usGet the Word of the Day every day! 2025 Dictionary.com, LLC adjective jump to other results good or usefulThe tests have so far yielded positive results.The contributions have a positive impact on the lives of hundreds of children.Overseas investment has had a positive effect on exports.His family have been a very positive influence on him.The only positive outcome of that day was that our country came together. to make a positive contribution to a discussion opposite negative expressing agreement or supportIt's always nice to get positive feedback.We've had a very positive response to the idea.The company expects a positive reaction to these new products. There were some overwhelmingly positive reviews. I should probably say something positive. opposite negativeExtra ExamplesMost of his remarks were positive, but there were a few criticisms.The feedback from the public was very positive.Topics Opinion and argumenta2 directed at dealing with something or producing a successful resultWe must take positive steps to deal with the problem.In the last few years, positive changes have been made. It will require positive action by all in the industry. opposite negativeTopics Successb1 thinking about what is good in a situation; feeling confident and sure that something good will happena positive attitude/outlookthe power of positive thinking positive about something She tried to be more positive about her new job.On the positive side, profits have increased.The report ended on a positive note.There were times when it was difficult to remain positive. Analysts remain positive on the outlook for the shares over the long term. Another positive sign is that many companies have recently raised their dividend payouts. The goal was to create a positive image of older workers. opposite negativeExtra ExamplesHe sounded very positive about his chances.He took a highly positive view of the matter.Topics Personal qualitiesb1Oxford Collocations DictionaryverbsadverbprepositionSee full entry showing clear evidence that a particular substance or medical condition is presenta positive pregnancy testThe athlete tested positive for steroids.If your test results are positive, it means that blood was detected. to be HIV positiveThe test proved positive. opposite negativeOxford Collocations DictionaryverbsadverbprepositionSee full entry [not before noun] (of a person) completely sure that something is correct or true positive about something I can't be positive about what time it happened. positive (that) She was positive that he had been there.I'm absolutely positive it was him.Are you sure? Positive.Synonyms suresureconfident convinced certain positive clearThese words all describe somebody who knows without doubt that something is true or will happen.sure [not before noun] without any doubt that you are right, that something is true, that you will get something or that something will happen:Is that John over there? Im not sure.Are you sure about that?England must win this game to be sure of qualifying. Sure is often used in negative statements and questions, because there is some doubt or worry over the matter. If there is no doubt, people often say quite sure: Im quite sure (that) I left my bag here (= I have no doubt about it). confident completely sure that something will happen in the way that you want or expect:Im quite confident that youll get the job.The team feels confident of winning. Confident is a stronger and more definite word than sure and is more often used in positive statements, when you feel no worry.convinced [not before noun] completely sure that something is true or right, especially because the evidence seems to prove it or somebody else has persuaded you to believe it:Im convinced that shes innocent.certain [not usually before noun] sure that you are right or that something is true:Are you absolutely certain about this? sure or certain?Like sure, certain is often used in negative statements and questions. It is slightly more formal than sure; sure is more frequent, especially in spoken English.positive [not before noun] (rather informal) completely sure that something is true:She was positive that hed been there.Are you sure? Positive.clear (often used in negative statements and questions) having no doubt or confusion about something:My memory isnt really clear on that point.Patternssure/confident/convinced/certain/positive/clear about somethingsure/confident/convinced/certain of somethingsure/confident/convinced/certain/positive/clear thatsure/certain/clear who/what/how, etc.to feel sure/confident/convinced/certain/positivequite/absolutely/completely/fairly/pretty sure/confident/convinced/certain/positive/clearnot altogether sure/confident/convinced/certain/clearTopics Doubt, guessing and certaintyb2Oxford Collocations DictionaryverbsadverbprepositionSee full entry giving clear and definite proof or information synonym conclusiveThe results show a positive correlation between exercise and self-esteem.We have no positive evidence that she was involved. (formal) This is proof positive that he stole the money. [only before noun] (informal) complete and definite synonym absoluteHe has a positive genius for upsetting people.It was a positive miracle that we survived. (of a statement) expressing something that is true, did happen, etc.; not containing words such as no, not, never, etc.A positive statement has a negative question tag. opposite negative (2)Topics Languagea1 greater than zero opposite negativeTopics Maths and measurementb2 (specialist) containing or producing the type of electricity that is carried by a protona positive chargethe positive terminal of a battery opposite negative Word Originlate Middle English: from Old French positif, -ive or Latin positivus, from posit- placed, from the verb ponere. The original sense referred to laws