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WordReference Random House Learner's Dictionary of American English © 2025large /lɑrdʒ/USA pronunciation adj., larg•er, larg•est, n. adj. of more than average size, quantity, degree, etc.; big; great:a large house;a large number;a large shirt. on a great scale, scope, or range; extensive; broad:a large variety of interests. n. Clothing [uncountable] a size of clothing for persons who are heavier or broader than average. [countable] a piece of clothing in this size. Idioms Idioms at large: [be + ~] not in jail or prison; free:The criminals were still at large. [after a noun] as a whole; in general:The country at large feared war. [after a noun] Also at-'large. representing the whole of a political division or similar body:a representative at-large. large•ness, n. 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Idioms at large: free from restraint or confinement; at liberty:The murderer is still at large. to a considerable extent; at length:to treat a subject at large. as a whole; in general:the country at large. GovernmentAlso, at-large. representing the whole of a state, district, or body rather than one division or part of it:a delegate at large. Idioms in large, on a large scale; from a broad point of view:a problem seen in large.Also, in the large. adv. Nautical, Naval Termswith the wind free or abaft the beam so that all sails draw fully. Latin larga, feminine of largus ample, generous Old French Middle English 1125–75 large´ness, n. 1. huge, enormous, immense, gigantic, colossal; massive; vast. See great. Collins Concise English Dictionary © HarperCollins Publishers:: large /lɑːdʒ/ adj having a relatively great size, quantity, extent, etc; big of wide or broad scope, capacity, or range; comprehensive having or showing great breadth of understanding n at large ⇒ (esp of a dangerous criminal or wild animal) free; not confined roaming freely, as in a foreign country as a whole; in general in full detail; exhaustivelyambassador-at-large ⇒ See ambassadorEtymology: 12th Century (originally: generous): via Old French from Latin largus ample, abundant'largeness n Large is used as an "Adjective" in the English grammar. Meaning: Large refers to something that has considerable size, extent, or magnitude. It can describe physical dimensions, amounts, or quantities that are greater than average. Definition: The word "large" describes something that is big in size, amount, or degree compared to others. It can be used for tangible objects or abstract concepts like time, quantity, or importance. Example Sentences: They live in a large house on the outskirts of town. He made a large donation to the charity. The cake was too large to fit in the oven. Large Synonyms: Big Huge Enormous Gigantic Colossal Large Antonyms: Small Tiny Little Petite Minor Explore more positive words that start with L Also found in: Thesaurus, Medical, Legal, Acronyms, Idioms, Encyclopedia, Wikipedia.Related to large: large cap, Large numbers (lärj) adj. larg·er, larg·est 1. Of greater than average size, extent, quantity, or amount; big. 2. Of greater than average scope, breadth, or capacity; comprehensive. 3. Important; significant: had a large role in the negotiations; a large producer of paper goods. 4. a. Understanding and tolerant; liberal: a large and generous spirit. b. Of great magnitude or intensity; grand: "a rigid resistance to the large emotions" (Stephen Koch). 5. a. Pretentious; boastful. Used of speech or manners. b. Obsolete Gross; coarse. Used of speech or language. 6. Nautical Favorable. Used of a wind. n. pl. large Slang A thousand dollars: bought a speedboat for 50 large. Idioms: at large 1. Not in confinement or captivity; at liberty: a convict still at large. 2. As a whole; in general: the country at large. 3. Representing a nation, state, or district as a whole. Often used in combination: councilor-at-large. 4. Not assigned to a particular country. Often used in combination: ambassador-at-large. live large To indulge freely in a luxury or luxuries: For a few years, the nation lived large on its new-found oil wealth. [Middle English, from Old French, from Latin largus, generous.] Synonyms: large, big, great These adjectives mean being notably above the average in size or magnitude: a large sum of money; a big red barn; a great ocean liner. American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright © 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. 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Great is used in stories to show that something is very impressive because of its size.'Where is Mark?' – 'Over there, by that big tree.'The driver swerved to avoid a large tree.A great tree had fallen across the river.2. describing amountsWhen you are describing amounts, you usually use large.She made a very large amount of money.They export large quantities of corn.Be Careful!Don't use 'big' to describe amounts. Don't say, for example, 'She made a very big amount of money'.3. describing feelingsWhen you are describing feelings or reactions, you usually use great.He has great hopes for the future.It was a great relief when we finally got home.When surprise is a countable noun, you can use either big or great in front of it.The announcement was a big surprise.It will be no great surprise if Ryan wins.Don't use 'large' to describe feelings or reactions.4. describing problemsWhen you are describing a problem or danger, you use big or great.The biggest problem at the moment is unemployment.Many species are in great danger.Don't use 'large' to describe a problem or danger.5. showing importanceGreat is used to say that a person or place is important or famous.He was one of the greatest engineers of this century.We visited the great cities of Europe.6. used with other adjectivesIn conversation, you can use great and big together in order to emphasize the size of something. You always put great first.There was a great big hole in the road.Be Careful!You can say that someone is in great pain, but you don't usually use 'big', 'large', or 'great' to describe an illness. Instead you use adjectives such as bad, terrible, or severe.He's off work with a bad cold.I started getting terrible headaches. – largeThe following adjectives are used to indicate how small or large something is. They are arranged from 'smallest' to 'largest'.microscopic, infinitesimal...microscopic fibres of protein....mineral substances present in infinitesimal amounts in the soil.tiny, minute, miniature, diminutive, minusculeThough she was tiny, she had a very loud voice.Only a minute amount is needed.He looked like a miniature version of his handsome and elegant big brother.She noticed a diminutive figure standing at the entrance.Rolls Royce are still British-owned their sales are miniscule.small, littleThe window was far too small for him to get through.We sat around a little table, eating and drinking wine.medium-sized, average-sized...a medium-sized saucepan.Most average-sized women just aren't born to be ultra tiny.large, big, greatHe was a large man with thick dark hair.The car was too big to fit into our garage....a great hall as long and high as a church.huge, enormous, massive...a tiny little woman with huge black glasses.The main bedroom is enormous.There was evidence of massive fraud.vast, immense, gigantic, colossal...farmers who own vast stretches of land....an immense cloud of smoke.Britain faces a gigantic problem over the disease.There has been a colossal waste of public money.Collins COBUILD English Usage © HarperCollins Publishers 1992, 2004, 2011, 2012 Noun1.large - a garment size for a large person size - the property resulting from being one of a series of graduated measurements (as of clothing); "he wears a size 13 shoe"Adj.1.large - above average in size or number or quantity or magnitude or extent; "a large city"; "set out for the big city"; "a large sum"; "a big (or large) barn"; "a large family"; "big businesses"; "a big expenditure"; "a large number of newspapers"; "a big group of scientists"; "large areas of the world"little, small - limited or below average in number or quantity or magnitude or extent; "a little dining room"; "a little house"; "a small car"; "a little (or small) group"2.large - fairly large or important in effect; influential; "played a large role in the negotiations"significant, important - important in effect or meaning; "a significant change in tax laws"; "a significant change in the Constitution"; "a significant contribution"; "significant details"; "statistically significant"3.large - ostentatiously lofty in style; "a man given to large talk"; "tumid political prose"bombastic, declamatory, orotund, tumid, turgidrhetorical - given to rhetoric, emphasizing style at the expense of thought; "mere rhetorical frippery"4.large - generous and understanding and tolerant; "a heart big enough to hold no grudges"; "that's very big of you to be so forgiving"; "a large and generous spirit"; "a large heart"; "magnanimous toward his enemies"generous - not petty in character and mind; "unusually generous in his judgment of people"5.large - conspicuous in position or importance; "a big figure in the movement"; "big man on campus"; "he's very large in financial circles"; "a prominent citizen"conspicuous - obvious to the eye or mind; "a tower conspicuous at a great distance"; "wore conspicuous neckties"; "made herself conspicuous by her exhibitionistic preening"6.large - having broad power and range and scope; "taking the large view"; "a large effect"; "a large sympathy"comprehensive - including all or everything; "comprehensive coverage"; "a comprehensive history of the revolution"; "a comprehensive survey"; "a comprehensive education"7.large - in an advanced stage of pregnancy; "was big with child"; "was great with child"enceinte, gravid, with child, expectant, great, big, heavypregnant - carrying developing offspring within the body or being about to produce new lifeAdv.1.large - at a distance, wide of something (as of a mark)2.large - with the wind abaft the beam; "a ship sailing large"3.large - in a boastful manner; "he talked big all evening"boastfully, vauntingly, bigBased on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. © 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.adjective1. big, great, huge, heavy, giant, massive, vast, enormous, tall, considerable, substantial, strapping, immense (informal), hefty, gigantic, monumental, bulky, chunky, burly, colossal, hulking, goodly, man-size, brawny, elephantine, thickset, ginormous (informal), humongous or humungous (U.S. slang), sizable or sizeable He was a large man with a thick square head. big little, small, minute, short, tiny, slight, slim, slender, inconsiderable, infinitesimal2. massive, great, big, huge, giant, vast, enormous, considerable, substantial, immense, tidy (informal), jumbo (informal), gigantic, monumental, mammoth, colossal, gargantuan, stellar (informal), king-size, ginormous (informal), humongous or humungous (U.S. slang), sizable or sizeable In a large room about a dozen children are sitting on the carpet. massive little, small, minute, tiny, inconsiderable, infinitesimal3. plentiful, full, grand, liberal, sweeping, broad, comprehensive, extensive, generous, lavish, ample, spacious, abundant, grandiose, copious, roomy, bountiful, capacious, profuse The gang finally left with a large amount of cash and jewellery. plentiful scarce, sparse, scanty4. serious, important, difficult, worrying, pressing, deep, significant, crucial, urgent, far-reaching, momentous, weighty, of moment or consequence the already large problem of under-age drinkingby and large on the whole, generally, mostly, in general, all things considered, predominantly, in the main, for the most part, all in all, as a rule, taking everything into consideration By and large, the papers greet the government's new policy with scepticism.Collins Thesaurus of the English Language – Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 © HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002adjective2. Covering a wide scope:all-around, all-inclusive, all-round, broad, broad-spectrum, comprehensive, expansive, extended, extensive, far-ranging, far-reaching, general, global, inclusive, overall, sweeping, wide-ranging, wide-reaching, widespread. The American Heritage® Roget's Thesaurus. Copyright © 2013, 2014 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. grandenumerosobuenocorpulentoextensograndegrossoin generalein libert...vastodidelisdidžia dalimilaisvėje [lɑːdʒ]A. ADJ (larger (compar) (largest (superl)))B. Nat large2. (= on the loose) to be at large [dangerous person, animal] → andar sueltoD. CPD the large intestine N (Anat) → el intestino gruesoCollins Spanish Dictionary - Complete and Unabridged 8th Edition 2005 © William Collins Sons & Co. 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Link to this page: During the whole of the Reconstruction period two ideas were constantly agitating in the minds of the coloured people, or, at least, in the minds of a large part of the race.On the belief that this is a law of nature, we can, I think, understand several large classes of facts, such as the following, which on any other view are inexplicable.When you reach the bottom of the tree you will find yourself in a large hall; it is light there, for there are more than three hundred lamps burning.The day was powerfully hot, and as we passed through the woods, everything was motionless, excepting the large and brilliant butterflies, which lazily fluttered about.It was entered by a large iron gate, at which stood the first lodge, and then you trotted along on a smooth road between clumps of large old trees; then another lodge and another gate, which brought you to the house and the gardens.It was opened by another footman in livery, with a round face, and large eyes like a frog; and both footmen, Alice noticed, had powdered hair that curled all over their heads.Every one knows that a large floor may have a covering of large figures, and that a small one must have a covering of small - yet this is not all the knowledge in the world.All day long he had been watching from the forest that skirted the highroad a large French convoy of cavalry baggage and Russian prisoners separated from the rest of the army, which- as was learned from spies and prisoners- was moving under a strong escort to Smolensk.It was a fairly large house of yellow brick, with a red roof, built about five and twenty years before in an ecclesiastical style.But two winters were past, and in the third the Tree was so large that the hare was obliged to go round it.The first species of oligarchy is, when the generality of the state are men of moderate and not too large property; for this gives them leisure for the management of public affairs: and, as they are a numerous body, it necessarily follows that the supreme power must be in the laws, and not in men; for as they are far removed from a monarchical government, and have not sufficient fortune to neglect their private affairs, while they are too many to be supported by the public, they will of course determine to be governed by the laws, and not by each other.MY BELOVED BARBARA ALEXIEVNA,--I hasten to let you know that Rataziaev has found me some work to do for a certain writer--the latter having submitted to him a large manuscript. See also: larĝe and Large English Wikipedia has an article on:Wikipedia From Middle English large, from Old French large, from Latin larga, feminine of largus ("abundant, plentiful, copious, large, much"), of uncertain ultimate origin; see there for more. Mostly displaced Middle English stoor, stour ("large, great") (from Old English stōr), and muchel ("large, great") (from Old English myċel), which has survived under a different meaning as much . large (comparative larger, superlative largest) Of considerable or relatively great size or extent. Russia is a large country. The fruit-fly has large eyes for its body size. He has a large collection of stamps. 1917, Michigan Film Review, page 347:Hal Smith, manager of the Ferry Field theatre, Detroit, one of the largest and prettiest outskirt houses in town, played Metro's "Revelation" for three days last week 1946, Joseph Augustine Cushman, The larger fossil Foraminifera of the Panama Canal Zone:Test large, cylindrical, early portion closely coiled and always completely involute, later and larger portion uncoiled […] 2018 July 19, Thom Patterson, "Stats reveal how many Americans volunteer and where", in CNN[1]:The largest age group for volunteers was 35-44, the CNCS survey said, and volunteers were most likely to be parents with children under 18. (especially clothing, food or drink) That is large (the manufactured size). (obsolete) Abundant; ample. 1667, John Milton, "Book V", in Paradise Lost. […], London: […] [Samuel Simmons], and are to be sold by Peter Parker […]; [a]nd by Robert Boulter […]; [a]nd Matthias Walker, […], ¬OCLC; republished as Paradise Lost in Ten Books: […], London: Basil Montagu Pickering […], 1873, ¬OCLC: 1895, Margaret Naomi MacArthur, Kindergarten Review[2], Finger Play, page 75:He prefers teachers with large experience, but often has positions for beginners who have had a thorough preparation. (archaic) Full in statement; diffuse; profuse. 1485, Thomas Malory, Le Morte Darthur Book XX, Chapter xj, leaf 408r-v:And where hit please yow to saye that I haue holden my lady youre Quene yeres and wynters / vnto that I shal euer make a large ansuer"And where it please you to say that I have holden my lady your queen years and winters, unto that I shall ever make a large answer" 1711, Henry Felton, Dissertation on Reading the Classics:I might be very large upon the importance and advantages of education. (obsolete) Free; unencumbered. 1600, [Torquato Tasso], ("please specify |book=1 to 20)", in Edward Fairefax [i.e., Edward Fairfax], transl., Godfrey of Bulloigne, or The Recouerie of Ierusalem. […], London: […] Ar[nold] Hatfield, for I[saac] Iaggard and M[atthew] Lownes, ¬OCLC:Of burdens all he set the Paynims large. (obsolete) Unrestrained by decorum; said of language. 1598–1599 (first performance), William Shakespeare, "Much Adoe about Nothing", in Mr. William Shakespeares Comedies, Histories, & Tragedies […] (First Folio), London: […] Isaac Iaggard, and Ed[ward] Blount, published 1623, ¬OCLC, [Act II, scene iii]:Some large jests he will make. (nautical) Crossing the line of a ship's course in a favorable direction; said of the wind when it is abeam, or between the beam and the quarter. The terms below need to be checked and allocated to the definitions (senses) of the headword above. Each term should appear in the sense for which it is appropriate. For synonyms and antonyms you may use the templates {{syn|en|...}} or {{ant|en|...}}. large (countable and uncountable, plural larges) (music, obsolete) An old musical note, equal to two longas, four breves, or eight semibreves. Synonyms: maxima, octuple whole note (obsolete) Liberality, generosity. (slang, plural: large) A thousand dollars/pounds. Synonym: grand Getting a car tricked out like that will cost you 50 large. 1991, Stephen King, Needful Things:"We'll call you anything we want," Dave said. "You owe us eighty-five large, Ace, and what we've got for collateral on that money so far is a shitload of Arm & Hammer baking soda worth about a buck-fifty. We'll call you Hubert J. Motherfucker if we want to." (uncountable, especially clothing, food or drink) One of several common sizes to which an item may be manufactured. Synonym: L (countable, especially clothing, food or drink) An item labelled or denoted as being that size. One small coffee and two larges, please. (countable, especially with respect to clothing) One who fits an item of that size. large (nautical) Before the wind. "large", in Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary, Springfield, Mass.: G. & C. Merriam, 1913, ¬OCLC. William Dwight Whitney, Benjamin E[li] Smith, editors (1911), "large", in The Century Dictionary […], New York, N.Y.: The Century Co., ¬OCLC. Agler, Alger, Elgar, Ragle, ergal, glare, lager, regal Inherited from Old French large, from Latin largus, larga, largum ("abundant, plentiful, copious, large, much"). The feminine is inherited and even generalised for both genders, but for the old masculine, Latin largum (the masculine and neuter accusative) developed into Old French larc, which was discarded. IPA(key): /laɾɡɔ/ Homophone: larges Hyphenation: large large (plural larges) wide, broad large generous de long en large en long en large large d'esprit ratisser large large m (plural larges) open sea Synonym: haute mer width Synonym: largeur au largeau large deprendre le large Antillean Creole: laj Haitian Creole: laj Karipúna Creole French: laj Louisiana Creole: laj, larj Alger, grêla, régal, régla largê (comparative largius, superlative largissimê) large vocative masculine singular of largus "large", in Charlton T. Lewis and Charles Short (1879) A Latin Dictionary, Oxford: Clarendon Press "large", in Charlton T. Lewis (1891) An Elementary Latin Dictionary, New York: Harper & Brothers From Old French large, from Latin largus ("abundant, plentiful, copious, large, much"). large m or f large d'bord, large d'run ("broad in the beam")largement ("widely") large m (plural larges) (Jersey, nautical) open sea, deep sea Synonym: plieine mé larc (Roman de Renard, "wide") From Latin largus, larga. large m (oblique and nominative feminine singular large) adjective (9)noun (2)adverb (1) of more than average size, quantity, degree, etc.; exceeding that which is common to a kind or class; big; great:a large house; a large number; in large measure; to a large extent.Synonyms: massive, colossal, gigantic, immense, enormous, huge, vastAntonyms: smalla large producer of kitchen equipment. of great scope or range; extensive; broad.a man given to large, bombastic talk. (of a map, model, etc.) representing the features of the original with features of its own that are relatively large so that great detail may be shown. famous; successful; important:He's very large in financial circles. Obsolete. generous; bountiful; lavish.unrestrained in the use of language; gross; improper.unrestrained in behavior or manner; uninhibited. Nautical. free (def 33). Music. the longest note in mensural notation. Obsolete. generosity; bounty. Nautical. with the wind free or abaft the beam so that all sails draw fully. having a relatively great size, quantity, extent, etc; big of wide or broad scope, capacity, or range; comprehensive having or showing great breadth of understanding nautical (of the wind) blowing from a favourable direction (of manners and speech) gross; rude"Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged" 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012(esp of a dangerous criminal or wild animal) free; not confinedroaming freely, as in a foreign countryin full detail; exhaustively as a totality or on a broad scale"Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged" 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012 nautical with the wind blowing from a favourable directionsentence modifier generally; as a ruleby and large, the man is the breadwinnernautical towards and away from the wind to be very prominent or important"Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged" 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012large·ness nouno·ver·large adjectiveul·tra·large adjectiveun·large adjectiveOrigin of large1First recorded in 1125–75; Middle English, from Old French, from Latin larga, feminine of largus "ample, generous"Origin of large1C12 (originally: generous): via Old French from Latin largus ample, abundantIdiomsfree from restraint or confinement; at liberty:The murderer is still at large.to a considerable extent; at length:to treat a subject at large.as a whole; in general:Also at-large. representing the whole of a state, district, or body rather than one division or part of it:Also at-large. having a general, as opposed to a specific, role in an organization or project:She's the magazine's editor-at-large.in large, on a large scale; from a broad point of view: Also in the large.see at large ; big (large) as life ; by and large ; cog in the (a large) wheel ; in some (large) measure ; loom large ; writ large .Examples have not been reviewed.Video footage shared online showed large fires consuming parts of the school, with graphic images of severely burned victims, including children, and survivors suffering critical injuries.US President Donald Trump has said he is "not happy" with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin, following Moscow's largest aerial attack yet on Ukraine."The US is the largest export market for the whole region. Definitely," he tells me.Some experts feel that if consciousness is to emerge, it is most likely to be from larger, more advanced versions of these living tissue systems.It's also likely to prompt renewed calls for a public inquiry into evidence of much larger interest rate "rigging" – ordered from the top of the financial system by central banks and governments worldwide.Something that is large is of more than average size, quantity, or degree. How does large compare to great and big? Learn more on Thesaurus.com. Definitions and idiom definitions from Dictionary.com Unabridged, based on the Random House Unabridged Dictionary, © Random House, Inc. 2023Idioms from The American Heritage® Idioms Dictionary copyright © 2002, 2001, 1995 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.largandolarge as lifeBrowse#aabbccddeeffgghhiijjkkllmmnnooppqqrrsttuuvvwwxxyyzzAboutCareersContact usCookies, terms, & privacyHelpFollow usGet the Word of the Day every day!© 2025 Dictionary.com, LLC big in size or quantitya large group/city/area/crowd/familya large number of peopleThere were some very large amounts of money involved.Drought hit large parts of the country.A large proportion of older people live alone.The company has grown large enough to employ over 100 people.The kitchen is relatively large for a modern apartment.That's too large to fit in my suitcase!The population is slightly larger than that of Canada.Each company would try to capture a larger share of the market by intensive advertising.Seoul is one of the world's largest cities.Who's the rather large (= fat) lady in the hat?Extra ExamplesHe's a very large child for his age.Brazil is the world's largest producer of coffee.By this time his debt had become extremely large.Its eyes were abnormally large.Isn't that jumper rather large?Our house was not overly large.Some of the clothes looked very large.The plant had grown quite large.The universe is infinitely large.a huge chair behind an equally large deskthe increasingly large numbers of senior citizensI grew up in a large family.It's better value if you buy a large box.Oxford Collocations DictionaryverbsadverbSee full entry (abbreviation L) used to describe one size in a range of sizes of clothes, food, products used in the house, etc.Would you like small, medium or large?Do you have these jeans in a larger size? wide in range and involving many thingsa large and complex issueSome drugs are being used on a much larger scale than previously.The studies are often large in scope, with budgets to match.If we look at the larger picture of the situation, the differences seem slight.Which Word? big / large / greatbig / large / greatThese adjectives are frequently used with the following nouns:big ~large ~great ~mannumberssuccesshousepartmajoritycarareainterestboyroomimportancedogcompanydifficultysmileeyesproblemproblemfamilypleasuresurprisevolumebeautyquestionpopulationartistdifferenceproblemsurpriseLarge is more formal than big and should be used in writing unless it is in an informal style. It is not usually used to describe people, except to avoid saying 'fat'.Great often suggests quality and not just size. Note also the phrases:a large amount ofa large number ofa large quantity ofa great deal ofin great detaila person of great age.Oxford Collocations DictionaryverbsadverbSee full entry Word OriginMiddle English (in the sense 'liberal in giving, lavish, ample in quantity'): via Old French from Latin larga, feminine of largus 'copious'.Idioms (used after a noun) as a whole; in generalthe opinion of the public at large (of a dangerous person or animal) not captured; freeHer killer is still at large. used when you are saying something that is generally, but not completely, trueBy and large, I enjoyed my time at school. (British English, slang) to enjoy yourself, especially by dancing and drinking alcohol in large part | in large measure (formal) to a great extentTheir success is due in large part to their determination. (humorous) used to show surprise at seeing somebody/somethingI hadn't seen her for fifteen years and then there she was, (as) large as life. looking or behaving in a way that is more interesting or exciting than other people, and so is likely to attract attention synonym flamboyantHe's a larger than life character. to be frightening and make you worried because something seems hard to avoidThe prospect of war loomed large.The issue looms large in political campaigns nationwide. easy to see or understandMistrust was writ large on her face. (used after a noun) being a large or obvious example of the thing mentionedThis is deception writ large. See large in the Oxford Advanced American DictionarySee large in the Oxford Learner's Dictionary of Academic English From Longman Dictionary of Contemporary Englishlargelarge1 /lɑːdʒ $ lɑːrdʒ/ ●●● S1 W1 adjective (comparative larger, superlative largest) 1 BIGbig in size, amount, or number OPP small Los Angeles is the second largest city in the US. The T-shirt comes in Small, Medium and Large. a large ovenproof pan large sums of money those who drink large amounts of coffee A large number of students have signed up for the course.► see thesaurus at big2 BIGa large person is tall and often fat OPP small► see thesaurus at fat 3 → be at large4 → the population/public/society/world etc at large5 → the larger issues/question/problem/picture6 → in large part/measure7 → (as) large as life8 → larger than life9 → by and large → loom large, → writ large2Examples from the Corpuslarge• What size shirt do you wear? Medium or Large?• large agricultural corporations• The hotel was quite large and very cold.• The farm buildings are spread over a large area.• Now the stranger was stand