

Business, noun

buying and selling of goods

BUSINESS COLLOCATIONS

BUSINESS big | profitable | private | core

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Business, noun	adj. big profitable private core retail, wholesale catering, computer, investment <i>It's time to focus on the company's core business</i>
<u>VERB + BUSINESS</u>	carry on (<i>often law</i>), conduct, do, transact <i>a company that has ceased to carry on business</i> <i>He's someone I can do business with</i> (= that I find it easy/pleasant to do business with). work in <i>She works in the computer business.</i> go into, set up in go out of <i>The firm went out of business during the recession.</i> put sb/sth out of <i>The new regulations will put many small firms out of business.</i>
<u>BUSINESS + NOUN</u>	deal, transaction meeting lunch trip community executive, manager, partner contact affairs, interests, matters investment secret <i>protecting business secrets</i> plan acumen card hours <i>You can call the helpline during normal business hours.</i> school studies park <i>The company's offices are located in the new business park out of town.</i>
<u>PREPOSITION, in</u>	<i>He's in business. What business are you in? (figurative)</i> <i>All we need is a car and we'll be in business</i> (= we'll have everything we need to start what we want to do). on ~ <i>going to Paris on business</i>
<u>PHRASES</u>	business as usual (= things will continue as normal in spite of a difficult situation) <i>It's business as usual at the factory, even</i>

	<p>while investigators sift through the bomb wreckage. business or pleasure Is the trip to Rome business or pleasure? mix business with pleasure When I travel abroad I like to mix business with pleasure. a place of business ² amount of trade done</p>
<u>ADJ.</u>	<p>brisk, good Business was brisk and they had sold out by midday. bad, slack, slow</p>
<u>VERB + BUSINESS</u>	<p>drum up, generate She's in Europe drumming up business for her new company. tout for insurance salesmen touting for business lose We're losing business to our main rivals.</p>
<u>BUSINESS + VERB</u>	<p>Boom Business is booming for estate agents in the south as the property market hots up. pick up After a slack period business is now picking up. ³ firm/shop</p>
<u>ADJ.</u>	<p>large, medium-sized, small family international, local private state-owned profitable, successful mail order, retail, wholesale</p>
<u>VERB + BUSINESS</u>	<p>have, own manage, run It was always my dream to run my own business. set up, start They decided to start their own business. build up We built up the business from nothing. work in He works in the family business. take over expand, grow We are looking to grow the business over the next couple of years. join, leave</p>
<u>BUSINESS + VERB</u>	<p>do/go well, take off After six months the business really took off. expand, grow The business is expanding fast. collapse, fail</p>
<u>BUSINESS + NOUN</u>	<p>assets, premises failure > Note at ORGANIZATION ⁴ work/responsibility</p>
<u>ADJ. daily</u>	
<u>VERB + BUSINESS</u>	<p>go about market traders going about their daily business make sth I shall make it</p>

	<i>my business to find out who is responsible.</i>
<u>PHRASES</u>	<p>have no business doing sth/to do sth <i>You have no business (= no right) being here.</i> </p> <p>mind your own business (= think about your own affairs and not try to get involved in other people's) <i>'What are you reading?' 'Mind your own business!' I was just sitting there, minding my own business, when a man started shouting at me.</i> </p> <p>none of your business/no business of yours <i>My private life is none of your business (= does not concern you).</i></p> <p>⁵ important matters</p>
<u>ADJ.</u>	<p>private important, pressing, urgent </p> <p>unfinished <i>We've got some unfinished business to discuss.</i></p>
<u>VERB + BUSINESS</u>	<p>get down to <i>OK, let's get down to business.</i> </p> <p>deal with, discuss, talk <i>I'm not going to talk business tonight.</i></p>
<u>PHRASES</u>	<p>any other business (= items discussed at the end of a meeting) <i>I think we've finished item four. Now, is there any other business?</i></p> <p>⁶ situation/event</p>
<u>ADJ.</u>	<p>Whole <i>I'll be glad when the whole business is over and done with.</i> </p> <p>awful, bad, dreadful, terrible <i>It was an awful business?he couldn't work for months.</i> </p> <p>funny, strange</p>

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