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See also: half- and hálf- English numbers (edit) ← 1 2 3 → Cardinal: two Ordinal: second Abbreviated ordinal: 2nd Latinate ordinal: secondary Reverse order ordinal: second to last, second from last, last but one Latinate reverse order ordinal: penultimate Adverbial: two times, twice Multiplier: twofold Latinate multiplier: double Distributive: doubly Germanic collective: pair, twosome Collective of n parts: doublet, couple, couplet Greek or Latinate collective: dyad Metric collective prefix: double- Greek collective prefix: di-, duo- Latinate collective prefix: bi- Fractional: half Metric fractional prefix: demi- Latinate fractional prefix: semi- Greek fractional prefix: hemi- Elemental: twin, doublet Greek prefix: deutero- Number of musicians: duo, duet, duplet Number of years: biennium 'arf, ha'f halfe (obsolete) From Middle English half, halfe from Old English healf ("half"); as a noun, 'half', 'side', 'part', from Proto-West Germanic *halb, from Proto-Germanic *halbaz. Rhymes: -ɑːf Rhymes: -æf half (plural halves) One of two usually roughly equal parts into which anything may be divided, or considered as divided. I ate the smaller half of the apple. You don't know the half of it. Of the passengers on the plane, half were English. The cake was delicious: half was vanilla and half was chocolate. Half (of) my friends live abroad. I've bought some chocolate. You can have half. One and a half miles equals a mile and a half. 1634 October 9 (first performance), [John Milton], edited by H[enry] Lawes, A Maske Presented at Ludlow Castle, 1634: […] [Comus], London: […] [Augustine Matthews] for Hvmphrey Robinson, […], published 1637, →OCLC; reprinted as Comus: […] (Dodd, Mead & Company's Facsimile Reprints of Rare Books; Literature Series; no. I), New York, N.Y.: Dodd, Mead & Company, 1903, →OCLC:Not half his riches known, and yet despised. 1842, Alfred Tennyson, "The Gardener's Daughter; or, The Pictures", in Poems. […], volume II, London: Edward Moxon, […], →OCLC, page 19:I and he, / Brothers in Art; a friendship so complete / Portion'd in halves between us, […] 2024 April 10, Jen Christiensen, "Biden administration sets first national standard to limit 'forever chemicals' in drinking water", in CNN[1]:The Biden administration finalized the first national standard to limit dangerous "forever chemicals" found in nearly half of the drinking water in the United States. (sports) One of two equal periods into which a game is divided. Coordinate term: quarter An association football match usually consists of two halves of 45 minutes each. (sports) One of the two opposite parts of the playing field of various sports, in which each starts the game. 2011 September 16, Ben Dirs, "Rugby World Cup 2011: New Zealand 83-7 Japan", in BBC Sport[2]:However, the hosts hit back and hit back hard, first replacement hooker Andrew Hore sliding over, then Williams careering out of his own half and leaving several defenders for dead before flipping the ball to Nonu to finish off a scintillating move. Half of a standard measure, chiefly: (British) half a pint of beer or cider. (Refusing a pint) Just a half, thank you. (Offering to top up a pint glass) Do you want a half in that? (Minimizing the amount of drink taken) A swift half at the Pear Tree. 1968, John Braine, The Crying Game, Houghton Mifflin, page 11:He came back with a pint of Guinness for me and a half of bitter for Wendy. 1974, James Herriot, All Things Bright and Beautiful, St. Martin's Press,, →ISBN:I accepted a half of bitter from him. 2006, Bill Appleton, Wide Boy, Pegasus Elliot Mackenzie, →ISBN, page 168:I went to the bar where I bought a pint and two large brandies. ... "Not brandy," she replied, "but I could use a long drink - maybe a half of lager." (liquor trade) A barrel measure of 27 gallons (half a hogshead). 1987, Keith Dunstan, The Amber Nectar, Ringwood: Vicking O'Neil, page 81:Barrels came in firkins, nine gallons; kilderkins, eighteen gallons; halves, twenty-seven gallons; barrels, thirty-six gallons and hogsheads, fifty-four. (preceded by "a" or a number) The fraction obtained by dividing 1 by 2. Synonym: ½ Three-quarters minus a quarter is a half. Any of the three terms at Eton College, for Michaelmas, Lent, and summer. (slang) A half sibling. 2016, Robert M. Herzog, A World Between:So for Richard and Barbara, Jeff and Kari, the impossibly varied collection of steps and halves that is another legacy of my father. (UK, dated) A child ticket. Two and a half to Paddington. (sports) abbreviated form for half marathon. (numismatic slang) Clipping of half-dollar. 2002 August 15, Fred A. Murphy, "FA: Last of the Walkers", in rec.collecting.coins[3] (Usenet), retrieved 2023-01-03:Tonight, we're offering the last of the Walking Liberty Halves for awhile.[sic] half (not comparable) Consisting of a half (½, 50%). Synonyms: semi-, hemi-, demi- Consisting of some indefinite portion resembling a half; approximately a half, whether more or less; partial; imperfect. (of a sibling) Having one parent (rather than two) in common. A half brother or half sister (of a relative other than a sibling) Related through one common grandparent or ancestor rather than two. A half uncle or half aunt or half cousin (consisting of a half): The adjective and noun are often united to form a compound, half-hour. See also those listed at Category:English terms prefixed with half-. half (not comparable) In two equal parts or to an equal degree. In some part approximating a half. Partially; imperfectly. He does sometimes half wish to change his life, but it is too difficult. 1690, [John] Dryden, Don Sebastian, King of Portugal: […], London: […] Jo. Hindmarsh, […], →OCLC, (please specify the page number):Half loth and half consenting. Practically, nearly. c. 1587–1588, [Christopher Marlowe], Tamburlaine the Great. […] The First Part […], 2nd edition, part 1, London: […] [R. Robinson for] Richard Iones, […], published 1592, →OCLC; reprinted as Tamburlaine the Great (A Scolar Press Facsimile), Menston, Yorkshire, London: Scolar Press, 1973, →ISBN, Act II, scene v:To be a King, is halfe to bee a God. (approximating a half): The phrase half again expresses an amount in addition to the amount being compared to. E.g., half as many people refers to 50% of the original number, while half again as many people refers to 150% of the original number. (partially; imperfectly): halfly (obsolete) half (third-person singular simple present halves, present participle halving, simple past and past participle halved) (transitive, obsolete) To halve. Synonyms: see Thesaurus:bisect half In English, the first sense (half past) is the only sense in current use. The second sense (half-hour before) is almost exclusively used in reference to other cultural or linguistic backgrounds where a similar usage exists. half From Middle Dutch half, from Old Dutch half, from Proto-West Germanic *halb, from Proto-Germanic *halbaz. Cognate with English healf, German halb, West Frisian heal, Danish halv. IPA(key): /ɦɑlf/ Hyphenation: half Rhymes: -ɑlf half (not comparable) half (with numbers) half before the next whole half tien half past nine (i.e. half of the tenth hour) anderhalf one and a half (half before two, with ander originally meaning second) (with months) the middle of that month half maart mid-March half first/third-person singular preterite of helfen From Old English healf, half, from Proto-West Germanic *halb, from Proto-Germanic *halbaz. half (plural halves or halfes or halven) half part; side; behalf 1387–1400, Geoffrey Chaucer, "The Myllers Tale", in The Canterbury Tales, [Westminster: William Caxton, published 1478], →OCLC; republished in [William Thynne], editor, The Workes of Geffray Chaucer Newlye Printed, […], [London]: […] [Richard Grafton for] Iohn Reynes […], 1542, →OCLC: (Can we find and add a quotation of Wyclif to this entry?) halfe, halph, alf, alfe, hælf, healf, healfe, elf, haf, hafe, halve, alve, hælve, helve half heaif (Early Middle English) half "half, n.", in MED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University of Michigan, 2007. "half, adj.", in MED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University of Michigan, 2007. "half, adv.", in MED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University of Michigan, 2007. half alternative form of healf half first/third-person singular past indicative of hëlfan From Proto-West Germanic *halbu, from Proto-Germanic *halbō. half f side 9th c. Heliand, verse 4389-4390 ...an thea winistron hand sô duot hê ôk thea sâligon an thea swîderon half.....in the left hand so put he as well the blessed in the right side... Anomalous, O-stem from Proto-West Germanic *halb, from Proto-Germanic *halbaz. half Positive forms of half Strong declension singular plural masculine feminine neuter masculine feminine neuter nominative half half half halfe, halfa halfa half, halfa accusative halfan, halfen halfa half halfa, halfe halfa half, halfa genitive halfes, halfas halfara, halfaro halfes, halfas halfaro, halforo, halfero halfaro, halforo, halfero halfaro halforo, halfero halfero halfaro, halfero halfero halfaro halfun, halfun, halfen, halfan halfaro, halfaru, halfara halfumu, halfum, halfun, halfun, halfun, halfon, halfen, halfan halfun, halfon, halfum halfun, halfon halfun, halfon, halfum Weak declension singular plural masculine feminine neuter masculine feminine neuter nominative halfo, halfa halfa, halfe halfa, halfe halfon, halfun halfon, halfun, halfon, halfun halfon, halfun accusative halfon, halfan halfun, halfon, halfan halfun, halfe halfon, halfun halfon, halfun, halfan halfon, halfun genitive halfen, halfan halfun, halfan, halfen halfen, halfan halfono, halfeno halfono halfono, halfeno dative halfon, halfen, halfan halfun, halfun halfon, halfun halfon, halfun Köbler, Gerhard, Altsächsisches Wörterbuch (5th edition 2014) Also found in: Thesaurus, Medical, Legal, Financial, Acronyms, Idioms, Encyclopedia, Wikipedia. (hāf, hăf)n. pl. halves (hāvz, hăvz) 1. a. One of two equal parts that together constitute a whole.b. One part approximately equal to the remaining part.2. Informal A 50-cent piece.3. Sports a. One of the two playing periods into which certain games are divided.4. Chiefly British A school term; a semester.5. Half an hour: a half past one.adj.1. a. Being one of two equal parts.b. Being approximately a half.2. Partial or incomplete: gave me a half smile.adv.1. To the extent of exactly or nearly 50 percent: The tank is half empty.2. Not completely or sufficiently; partly: only half right.Idioms: by half1. By a considerable extent.2. By an excessive amount: too clever by half. by halves In a reluctant manner; unenthusiastically.half again as many/much One-and-a-half times as much or as many; 50 percent more. not half Not at all: "Fancy housing? Not half likely, ma'am" (Russell Baker). not the half of Only a fraction or a small part of.[Middle English, from Old English healf; see skel- in Indo-European roots.]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. (hɑːf) n, pl halves (hɑːvz) 1. a. either of two equal or corresponding parts that together comprise a wholeb. a quantity equalling such a part: half a dozen. 2. (Units) half a pint, esp of beer3. (Brewing) Scot a small drink of spirits, esp whisky4. (General Sporting Terms) sport the half of the pitch regarded as belonging to one team5. (Golf) golf an equal score on a hole or round with an opponent6. (Team Sports, other than specified) (in various games) either of two periods of play separated by an interval (the first half and second half)7. a half-price ticket on a bus, train, etc9. (Currencies) short for halfpenny110. (Soccer) sport short for halfback11. (Rugby) sport short for halfback12. obsolete a half-year period13. better half jocular a person's wife or husband14. by half by an excessive amount or to an excessive degree: he's too arrogant by half. 15. by halves (used with a negative) without being thorough or exhaustive: we don't do things by halves. 16. go halves a. to share the expenses (of something with one other person)b. to share the whole amount (of something with another person): to go halves on an orange. determinera. being a half or approximately a half: half the kingdom. b. (as pronoun; functioning as sing or plural): half of them came. adjnot perfect or complete; partial: he only did a half job on it. adv17. to the amount or extent of a half18. to a great amount or extent19. partially; to an extent20. half one half two half three, etc informal 30 minutes after one o'clock, two o'clock, three o'clock, etc21. have half a mind to to have the intention of22. not half informal a. not in any way: he's not half clever enough. b. Brit really; very; indeed: he isn't half stupid. c. certainly; yes, indeed[Old English healf; related to Old Norse halfr, Old High German halb, Dutch half]Collins English Dictionary – Complete and Unabridged, 12th Edition 2014 © HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014 (hæf, hɑf) n., pl. halves (havz, hăvz), adj., adv. n. 1. one of two equal or approximately equal parts, as of an object, unit of measure or time, or other divisible whole; a part of a whole equal or almost equal to the remainder. 2. a quantity or amount equal to such a part (½). 3. either of two equal periods of play in a game, usu. with an intermission separating them. Compare quarter (def. 10). 4. one of two; a part of a pair. 6. adj. 7. being one of two equal or approximately equal parts of a divisible whole: a half quart. 8. being half or about half of anything in degree, amount, length, etc.: at half speed; a half sleeve. 9. partial or incomplete. adv. 10. in or to the extent or measure of half: half full. 11. in part; partly; incompletely. 12. to some extent; almost. Idioms: 1. by half, by a great deal; by far. 2. half again as much or as many, 50 percent more: This mug holds half again as much coffee as the smaller one. 3. in half, into halves or two approximately equal parts: The vase broke in half. 4. not (the) half of it, a relatively minor part of the matter under discussion. [before 900; Middle English; Old English h(e)alf, c. Old Frisian, Old Saxon half, Old High German halb, Old Norse halfr, Gothic halbs] Random House Kernerman Webster's College Dictionary, © 2010 K Dictionaries Ltd. Copyright 2005, 1997, 1991 by Random House, Inc. All rights reserved. – half of1. used in front of noun phrasesHalf or half of an amount or object is one of the two equal parts that together make up the whole amount or object.You use half or half of in front of a noun phrase beginning with a determiner. Half is more common.He had finished about half his drink.She is allowed to keep half of her tips.She'd known me half her life.For half of his adult life he has lived in Tokyo.Be Careful!Don't say 'the half of'.In front of measurement words like metre, kilogram, or hour, you always use half, not 'half of'.They were nearly half a mile away.The fault was fixed in half an hour.They had been friends for about half a century.Use half of in front of pronouns. Don't use 'half'.The waitress brought the drink, and Ellen drank half of it immediately.More than half of them have gone back to their home towns.Be Careful!Don't use 'they' or 'we' after half of. Instead use them or us.Half of them have had no education at all.If production goes down by half, half of us lose our jobs.When you use half or half of in front of a singular noun or pronoun, you use a singular form of a verb after the noun or pronoun.Half her property belongs to him.Half of it was destroyed in a fire.When you use half or half of in front of a plural noun or pronoun, you use a plural form of a verb after the noun or pronoun.Half my friends have children.Half of them were still married.2. used as a pronounHalf can be a pronoun.Roughly half are French and roughly half are from North America.Half of the money is for you, half is for me.3. used as a nounYou can also use half as a noun to talk about a particular part of something.The house was built in the first half of the eighteenth century.Philip rented an apartment in the top half of a two-storey house.Collins COBUILD English Usage © HarperCollins Publishers 1992, 2004, 2011, 2012 Noun1.half - one of two equal parts of a divisible whole; "half a loaf"; "half an hour"; "a century and one half"common fraction, simple fraction - the quotient of two integersfifty percent - a half expressed as a percentagemediety, moiety - one of two (approximately) equal parts2.half - one of two divisions into which some games or performances are divided: the two divisions are separated by an intervalfootball, football game - any of various games played with a ball (round or oval) in which two teams try to kick or carry or propel the ball into each other's goalbasketball, basketball game, hoops - a game played on a court by two opposing teams of 5 players; points are scored by throwing the ball through an elevated horizontal hoopdivision, section, part - one of the portions into which something is regarded as divided and which together constitute a whole; "the written part of the exam"; "the finance section of the company"; "the BBC's engineering division"first half - the first of two halves of playlast half, second half - the second of two halves of playAdj.1.half - consisting of one of two equivalent parts in value or quantity; "a half chicken"; "lasted a half hour"fractional - constituting or comprising a part or fraction of a possible whole or entirety; "a fractional share of the vote"; "a partial dose"2.half - partial; "gave me a half smile"; "he did only a half job"incomplete, uncomplete - not complete or total; not completed; "an incomplete account of his life"; "political consequences of incomplete military success"; "an incomplete forward pass"3.half - (of siblings) related through one parent only; "a half brother"; "half sister"whole - (of siblings) having the same parents; "whole brothers and sisters"Adv.1.half - partially or to the extent of a half; "he was half hidden by the bushes"Based on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. © 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.noun1. fifty per cent, equal part A half of the voters have not made up their minds.by half excessively, very much, considerably He's just too clever by half.Related wordsprefixes bi-, hemi-, demi-, semi-Proverbs"The half is better than the whole""Half a loaf is better than no bread"Collins Thesaurus of the English Language – Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 © HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002 نصفنصفنصّف وَقت المُباراهنِصْفَهَنِصْفِيّ napůlpoločaspolovičatýpolovičnípolovinahalbHälfteHalbzeitbeinahemoitiédemià moitiédemieà demiaî hálfu, hálf-hálf-hálfleikurhálfpartinnhálfurmetàmezzomezzo dollaropagare ognuno la propria met...per met...atlikti darbą ne iki galodalinisdar kaipgerokaiiki pusėsdaļējidaļējsgandrīznepilnspus-halvhalvthalvveishalvparthalvpartenpołowapołówkov половинанаполовинупол-половинныйполу-yarı yarıyayarımhemen hemenkısmenyarı [hɑːf] N (halves (pl))Collins Spanish Dictionary - Complete and Unabridged 8th Edition 2005 © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1971, 1988 © HarperCollins Publishers 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2005 [ˈhɑːf] [halves] [ˈhɑːvz] (pl) n [amount, object] → moitié fhalf of it → la moitiéhalf of, half → la moitié dehalf of the cake; half the cake → la moitié du gâteauShe ate half the orange.; She ate half of the orange → Elle a mangé la moitié de l'orange.the two halves of the brainBUT les deux hémisphères du cerveau.half the amount of → la moitié deto cut sth in half → couper qch en deuxthe first half [play, performance] → la première partiethe first half of the year → le premier semestre de l'annéethe second half [play, performance] → la deuxième partiethe second half of the year → le deuxième semestre de l'annéehalf the time (= most of the time)He was drunk half the time → Il était ivre la moitié du temps.to go halves with sb → se mettre de moitié avec qnto go halves with sb on sth → partager le coût de qch avec qnLet's go halves → On partage.to do things by halvesShe never does things by halves → Elle ne fait jamais les choses à moitié.too ... by halfHe's too clever by half! → Il est un peu trop malin! [sports ground] → moitié f (du terrain) (= half pint) → demi-pinte fa half of lager → une demi-pinte de bière blonde n → demi-heure fa half-hour later → une demi-heure plus tard modifa half-hour TV programme → un programme d'une demi-heurehalf-life half life [ˈhɑːflaɪf] n (radioactive substance] → demi-vie fhalf-mast [,hɑːfˈmɑːst] nat half-mast [flag] → en berne, à mi-mâtto fly at half-mast [flag] → être en bernehalf measure half-measure n → demi-mesure fhalf moon half-moon n → demi-lune fhalf note half-note n (US) → blanche fhalf pay half-pay nto be on half pay → toucher un demi-salaireCollins English/French Electronic Resource. © HarperCollins Publishers 2005 n pl (= husband etc) my better (hum) or other half → meine bessere Hälfte : half-a-crown half-a-dozen half-arsed, (US) half-assed adj (vulgar) → bescheuert (inf); (= incompetent) → unfähig halfback n (Sport) → Läufer(in) m(f) half-baked adj (fig) person, plan, idea → unausgegoren half-binding half board half bottle n → kleine Flasche; a half of wine → eine kleine Flasche Wein half-bred half-brother half-circle half-closed half-cocked adj pistol → in Vorderraststellung; to go off half (fig inf: person) → voreilig handeln, einfach drauflosmachen (inf) half-cooked half-crown n (in old Brit system) → Half Crown f, → Zweieinhalbschillingstück nt half-cup brassière n → Büstenhalter m → mit Halbschalen half-cut adj (Brit inf: = drunk) → besoffen (inf) half-day half-dead adj (lit, fig) → halb tot (→ with vor +dat) half-dollar half-dozen half-dressed half-empty vt → zur Hälfte leeren or leer machen half face n (in painting, photography) → Profil nt half-fare half-fill half-forgotten half-frame camera half-full half-hourly adv → jede or alle halbe Stunde, halbstündlich half landing half-length adj half portrait → Brustbild nt half-life n (Phys) → Halbwertszeit f half-light n → Dämmerlicht nt, → Halbdunkel nt half-mast n at half (also hum) → (auf) halbmast; with his trousers at half (Brit: = too short) → mit Hochwasserhosen half-moon n (of fingernails) → Mond m half-naked half-note half-open vt → halb öffnen or aufmachen halfpence halfpenny (Brit old) n → halber Penny, Halfpenny m attr → Halfpenny-; half stamp/coin → Halfpennymarke/-münze f half-pipe half-rest half seas over adj (dated inf) → bezecht, leicht hinüber (inf) half-sister half-timbered adj → Fachwerk-; half building/house → Fachwerkbau m → /-haus nt half-timbering half-title halftone n (Art, Phot, US Mus) → Halbton m; (Phot: = process) → Halbtonverfahren nt; (= picture) → Halbtonbild nt halftone screen half-track n (= vehicle) → Halbkettenfahrzeug nt half-truth half volley n (Tennis) → Halfvolley m, → Halbflugball m half-volley vt (Tennis) ball → als Halfvolley schlagen: halfwit n → Schwachsinnige(r) mf; (fig) → Schwachkopf m halfwitted half-year half-yearly adv → halbjährlich, jedes halbe

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