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firm ¹ (fûrm)

adj. **firm·er, firm·est**

1. Resistant to externally applied pressure.
2. Marked by or indicating the tone and resiliency of healthy tissue: *firm muscles*.
3. Securely fixed in place: *Despite being hit by the car, the post was still firm*.
4. Indicating or possessed of determination or resolution: *a firm voice*.
5. Constant; steadfast: *a firm ally*.
6.
 - a. Not subject to change; fixed and definite: *a firm bargain; a firm offer*.
 - b. Unfluctuating; steady: *Stock prices are still firm*.
7. Strong and sure: *a firm grasp*.

tr. & intr.v. **firmed, firm·ing, firms**

To make or become firm. Often used with *up*.

adv. **firmer, firmest**

Without wavering; resolutely: *stand firm*.

[Middle English *ferm*, from Old French, from Latin *firmus*; see [dher-](#) in [Indo-European roots](#).]

firm'ly *adv.*

firm'ness *n.*

firm ² (fûrm)

n.

1. A business enterprise.
2. An unincorporated business, particularly a partnership.
3. The name or designation under which a company transacts business.

[Italian *firma*, from *firmare*, *to ratify by signature*, from Medieval Latin *firmāre*, from Latin, *to confirm*, from *firmus*, *firm*; see [dher-](#) in [Indo-European roots](#).]

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firm (fɜ:m)

adj

1. not soft or yielding to a touch or pressure; rigid; solid
2. securely in position; stable or stationary
3. definitely established; decided; settled
4. enduring or steady; constant

5. having determination or strength; resolute
6. (Commerce) (of prices, markets, etc) tending to rise

adv

7. in a secure, stable, or unyielding manner: *he stood firm over his obligation to pay.*

vb

8. (sometimes foll by *up*) to make or become firm
9. (Horse Racing) *horse racing (intr) Austral* (of a horse) to shorten in odds

[C14: from Latin *firmus*]

'firmly *adv* 'firmness *n*

firm (fɜ:m)

n

1. (Commerce) a business partnership
2. (Commerce) any commercial enterprise
3. (Medicine) a team of doctors and their assistants
4.
 - a. a gang of criminals
 - b. a gang of football hooligans

[C16 (in the sense: signature): from Spanish *firma* signature, title of a partnership or business concern, from *firmar* to sign, from Latin *firmāre* to confirm, from *firmus* firm]

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firm¹ (fɜ:m)

adj. and

adv. firm•er, firm•est,

v. *adj.*

1. not soft or yielding when pressed; comparatively solid, hard, stiff, or rigid: *firm ground.*
2. securely fixed in place.
3. not shaking or trembling; steady: *a firm voice.*
4. unyielding to change: *a firm belief.*
5. indicating firmness or determination: *a firm expression.*
6. not fluctuating much or falling, as prices, values, etc.

v.t., v.i.

7. to make or become firm (often fol. by *up*).

adv.

8. firmly.

[1300–50; Middle English *ferm* < Middle French < Latin *firmus*]

firm'ly, *adv.*

firm'ness, *n.*

firm² (fɜ:m)

n.

1. a commercial company.
2. the title under which associated parties transact business: *the firm of Smith & Jones.*

[1565–75; < Sp *firma* signature < Latin *firmāre* to confirm]

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Past participle: firmed

Gerund: firming

Imperative

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Thesaurus

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Noun 1. **firm** - the members of a business organization that owns or operates one or more establishments; "he worked for a brokerage house"

≡ **business firm, house**

↔ **corp, corporation** - a business firm whose articles of incorporation have been approved in some state

↔ **business, business concern, business organisation, business organization, concern** - a commercial or industrial enterprise and the people who constitute it; "he bought his brother's business"; "a small mom-and-pop business"; "a racially integrated business concern"

↔ **accounting firm** - a firm of accountants who provide accounting and auditing services for a fee

↔ **consulting company, consulting firm** - a firm of experts providing professional advice to an organization for a fee

↔ **publisher, publishing company, publishing firm, publishing house** - a firm in the publishing business

↔ **dealer** - a firm engaged in trading

↔ **law firm** - a firm of lawyers

↔ **auction house** - a firm that conducts auctions

Verb 1. **firm** - become taut or tauter; "Your muscles will firm when you exercise regularly"; "the rope tautened"

≡ **tauten**

↔ **tighten** - become tight or tighter; "The rope tightened"



2. **firm** - make taut or tauter; "tauten a rope"

≡ **tauten**

↔ **tighten, fasten** - make tight or tighter; "Tighten the wire"

Adj. 1. **firm** - marked by firm determination or resolution; not shakable; "firm convictions"; "a firm mouth"; "steadfast resolve"; "a man of unbendable perseverance"; "unwavering loyalty"

≡ **unbendable, unfaltering, unshakable, unwavering, steadfast, steady, stiff**

↔ **resolute** - firm in purpose or belief; characterized by firmness and determination; "stood resolute against the enemy"; "faced with a resolute opposition"; "a resolute and unshakeable faith"



2. **firm** - not soft or yielding to pressure; "a firm mattress"; "the snow was firm underfoot"; "solid ground"

≡ **solid**

↔ **hard** - resisting weight or pressure

3. **firm** - strong and sure; "a firm grasp"; "gave a strong pull on the rope"

≡ **strong**

↔ **forceful** - characterized by or full of force or strength (often but not necessarily physical); "a forceful speaker"; "a forceful personality"; "forceful measures"; "a forceful plan for peace"

4. **firm** - not subject to revision or change; "a firm contract"; "a firm offer"

↔ **settled** - established or decided beyond dispute or doubt; "with details of the wedding settled she could now sleep at night"

5. **firm** - (of especially a person's physical features) not shaking or trembling; "his voice was firm and confident"; "a firm step"

↔ **steady** - not subject to change or variation especially in behavior; "a steady beat"; "a steady job"; "a steady breeze"; "a steady increase"; "a good steady ballplayer"

6. **firm** - not liable to fluctuate or especially to fall; "stocks are still firm"

≡ **unfluctuating, steady**

↔ **stable** - resistant to change of position or condition; "a stable ladder"; "a stable peace"; "a stable relationship"; "stable prices"



7. **firm** - securely established; "holds a firm position as the country's leading poet"

↔ **secure** - free from danger or risk; "secure from harm"; "his fortune was secure"; "made a secure place for himself in his field"

8. **firm** - possessing the tone and resiliency of healthy tissue; "firm muscles"

↔ **healthy** - having or indicating good health in body or mind; free from infirmity or disease; "a rosy healthy baby"; "staying fit and healthy"

9. **firm** - securely fixed in place; "the post was still firm after being hit by the car"

≡ **immobile, fast**

↔ **fixed** - securely placed or fastened or set; "a fixed piece of wood"; "a fixed resistor"

10. **firm** - unwavering in devotion to friend or vow or cause; "a firm ally"; "loyal supporters"; "the true-hearted soldier...of Tippecanoe"- Campaign song for William Henry Harrison; "fast friends"



≡ **truehearted, loyal, fast**

↔ **faithful** - steadfast in affection or allegiance; "years of faithful service"; "faithful employees"; "we do not doubt that England has a faithful patriot in the Lord Chancellor"

Adv. 1. **firm** - with resolute determination; "we firmly believed it"; "you must stand firm"

≡ **firmly, steadfastly, unwaveringly**



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firm¹

adjective

1. ≡ **hard, solid, compact, dense, set, concentrated, stiff, compacted, rigid, compressed, inflexible, solidified, unyielding, congealed, inelastic, jelled, close-grained, jellified** *Fruit should be firm and excellent in condition.*

hard ≠ **soft, limp, flabby, flaccid**

2. ≡ **secure, strong, fixed, secured, rooted, stable, steady, anchored, braced, robust, cemented, fast, sturdy, embedded, fastened, riveted, taut, stationary, motionless, immovable, unmoving, unshakable, unfluctuating** *use a firm platform or a sturdy ladder*

secure ≠ **loose, unstable, shaky, insecure, unreliable, flimsy, unsteady**

3. ≡ **strong, close, tight, steady** *The quick handshake was firm and cool.*

4. ≡ **strict, unwavering, unswerving, unshakable, constant, stalwart, resolute, inflexible, steadfast, unyielding, immovable, unflinching, unbending, obdurate, unalterable, unfaltering** *They needed the guiding hand of a firm father figure.*

5. ≡ **determined, true, settled, fixed, resolved, strict, definite, set on, adamant, stalwart, staunch, resolute, inflexible, steadfast, unyielding, unwavering, immovable, unflinching, unswerving, unbending, obdurate, unshakable, unalterable, unshaken, unfaltering** *He held a firm belief in the afterlife.*

determined ≠ **wavering, irresolute, inconstant**

6. ≡ **definite, hard, clear, confirmed, settled, fixed, hard-and-fast, cut-and-dried (informal)** *firm evidence*

7. ≡ **close, good, devoted, inseparable, loving, dear, familiar, attached, intimate, confidential** *They met two years ago and soon became firm friends.*

firm something up

1. ≡ **tone, shape up**, get in shape, get into condition *Firm up muscles and tighten the skin.*

2. ≡ **confirm, establish, settle, fix, clinch, substantiate** *The government will firm up their plans for a safer Britain.*

firm²

noun ≡ **company, business, concern, association, organization, house, corporation, venture, enterprise, partnership, establishment, undertaking, outfit (informal), consortium, conglomerate** *The firm's employees were expecting large bonuses.*

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firm¹ *adjective*

1. Unyielding to pressure or force:

≡ **hard, incompressible, solid.**

2. Firmly settled or positioned:

≡ **fast, secure, stable, steady, strong, sure.**

3. Not easily moved or shaken:

≡ **secure, solid, sound, stable, strong, sturdy, substantial, sure, unshakable.**

4. Indicating or possessing determination, resolution, or persistence:

≡ **constant, determined, resolute, steadfast, steady, stiff, tough, unbending, uncompromising, unflinching, unwavering, unyielding.**

5. Not hesitating or wavering:

≡ **decided, decisive, determined, resolute.**

6. Adhering firmly and devotedly, as to a person, a cause, or a duty:

≡ **allegiant, constant, faithful, fast, liege, loyal, staunch, steadfast, true.**

7. In a definite and final form; not likely to change:

≡ **certain, fixed, flat, set.**

8. Persistently holding to something:

≡ **clinging, fast, secure, tenacious, tight.**

firm² *noun*

A commercial organization:

≡ **business, company, concern, corporation, enterprise, establishment, house.**

≡ *Informal:* **outfit.**

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Translations

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firm¹ [fɜ:m]

A. ADJ (**firmer (compar)** (firmest (**superl**)))

1. (= *solid*) [*base*] → **firme, sólido**; [*mattress, stomach, thighs*] → **duro**; (= *secure*) [*hold*] → **firme, seguro**
these legends have a firm basis in fact → estas **leyendas** están **sólidamente basadas** en **hechos reales**
to be on firm ground (fig) → **pisar terreno firme**
as firm as a rock → (tan) **firme** como una **roca**

2. (= *staunch*) [*belief, support*] → **firme**; [*friends*] → **íntimo**; [*friendship*] → **sólido**
she's a firm believer in justice/discipline → **creo firmemente en la justicia/la disciplina**

3. (= *resolute, decisive*) [*decision, measures*] → **firme**; [*voice*] → **seguro, firme**; [*steps*] → **decidido, resuelto**
he was very firm about it → se **mostró muy firme** or **decidido**
we are taking a firm stand on this issue → **mantenemos** una **postura firme** con respecto a esta **cuestión**

4. (= severe) → **estricto, firme**

to be firm with sb → ser **estricto** or **firme** con algn

a firm hand: this horse needs a firm hand → a este **caballo** hay que tratarlo con **firmeza**

this child needs a firm hand → este **niño necesita mano dura**

he governed the country with a firm hand → **dirigió el país** con **mano dura**

5. (= definite) [offer, order] → en **firme**; [evidence] → **concluyente, contundente**

they won't go ahead without a firm commitment from us → no **van** a **seguir adelante hasta que** no les **demos** una **garantía** en **firme**

they are firm favourites to win the trophy → son los **grandes favoritos** para **llevarse** el **trofeo**

chocolate is a firm favourite with children → el **chocolate siempre tiene** el **éxito asegurado** con los **niños**

6. (= set) → **firme**

beat the egg whites until firm → **bata** las **claras a punto de nieve**

7. (Fin) (= not subject to change) [price] → **estable**

B. ADV to **stand firm** → **mantenerse firme**

firm up

A. VT + ADV

1. (= reinforce) [+ structure] → **fortalecer, reforzar**; [+ thighs, muscles] → **endurecer**

2. (= make more specific) [+ proposal, deal] → **concretar**

3. (Culin) [+ mixture] → **dar consistencia** a

4. (Fin) [+ prices] → **consolidar**

B. VI + ADV (Culin) [mixture] → **hacerse consistente**

firm² [fɜ:m] *N* → **firma** *f*, **empresa** *f*

a firm of accountants → una **firma** or **empresa** de **contabilidad**

she joined a law firm → se **incorporó** a un **bufete** de **abogados**

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firm¹ (fɜ:m) *adjective*

1. (fixed) strong and steady. *a firm handshake.*

firme ; **sólido**

2. decided; not changing one's mind. *a firm refusal.*

firme

'firmly *adverb*

firmemente

firm² (fɜ:m) *noun*

a business company. *an engineering firm.*

empresa

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firm →

duro , **empresa** , **firme**

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firm

a. firme, fijo-a, consistente.

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