

area

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Definition of AREA

- 1 : the surface included within a set of lines; *specifically* : the number of unit squares equal in measure to the surface — see [METRIC SYSTEM TABLE](#), [WEIGHTS AND MEASURES TABLE](#)
- 2 : the scope of a concept, operation, or activity : [FIELD](#) • the whole *area* of foreign policy
- 3 : [AREAWAY](#)
- 4 : a particular extent of space or surface or one serving a special function: such as
 - a : a part of the surface of the body
 - b : a geographic region
- 5 : a level piece of ground
- 6 : a part of the cerebral cortex having a particular function

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Examples of AREA in a Sentence

Settlers came to this *area* from the east.

The group visited the *area* during a hunting trip.

in the *area* surrounding the lake

The storm caused damage in many *areas* along the coast.

a bird found only in remote *areas* of the U.S.

in many *areas* of the world

He is the metropolitan *area's* most popular politician.

He lived in an unfashionable *area* of the city.

She set aside a work *area* in the kitchen.

The dining *area* has extra windows.

This past season, Temple had two scholarship players from the Philadelphia *area* on its roster: guard Shizz Alston (Haverford School) and center Ernest Afklapui (Archbishop Carroll).

— [Marc Narducci, *Philly.com*, "Aaron McKie to increase role as Temple starts transition from Fran Dunphy," 22 May 2018](#)

They are separated from the slightly less sterile *areas* by windows streaked with disinfectant.

— [Erika Fry, *Fortune*, "Critical Condition: Inside Pfizer's Drug Supply Problem," 22 May 2018](#)

Others bones are deliberately arranged in bundles with stones brought in from other *areas*, and in one case, fragments of hip bones from four different individuals were threaded on a tree branch.

— [National Geographic, "Thousands of Human Bones Reveal 'Barbarian' Battle Rituals," 21 May 2018](#)

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Origin and Etymology of AREA

Latin, open space, threshing floor; perhaps akin to Latin *arēre* to be dry — more at [ARID](#)

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Synonyms

[arena](#), [bailiwick](#), [business](#), [circle](#), [department](#), [discipline](#), [domain](#), [element](#), [fief](#), [fiefdom](#), [field](#), [firmament](#), [front](#), [game](#), [kingdom](#), [line](#), [precinct](#), [province](#), [realm](#).

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Definition of AREA for English Language Learners

: a part or section within a larger place

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Definition of AREA for Students

- 1 : REGION 1 • a farming *area*
- 2 : the amount of surface included within limits • the *area* of a triangle
- 3 : a part of the surface of something
- 4 : a field of activity or study • the *area* of medicine

Medical Dictionary

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Medical Definition of AREA

: a part of the cerebral cortex having a particular function — see ASSOCIATION AREA, MOTOR AREA, SENSORY AREA

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