

item

1 Adjective + item

Complete the sentences with these adjectives:

bulky faulty essential important
main next missing valuable

- The police arrived soon after the break-in and asked us to do our best to make a list of all the items.
- During the emergency, people stocked up on items like food and candles.
- I think the item on the agenda for this afternoon's meeting is going to be the resignation of our secretary. I wonder why she's leaving.
- Most modern hotels provide a safe in your room where you can keep items. For a small charge they will keep more expensive items in the hotel safe at Reception.
- Please note that the most items are listed in bold type in the booklet.
- Heavy and items are expensive to transport by air. That's why it's cheaper using surface post.
- Now, let's move on to the item on the agenda.
- Our policy is to replace items without question.

2 Expressions with nouns

Match the two halves of these sentences:

- Most people today see their PC just like a television set,
 - All items for the agenda for our next meeting
 - I remember when a fridge was considered a luxury item,
 - Please note that this insurance policy doesn't cover you for loss or damage
 - Old clocks like this one have become collectors' items
 - Several items of clothing
- a. to household items such as towels and bedding.
b. because they're becoming increasingly rare.
c. were found at the scene of the crime.
d. a consumer item just like anything else in their home.
e. but for most people today it's a necessity.
f. must be with me at least one week in advance.

Go back and underline the noun collocations.

3 Items as single things

Complete the sentences below with these words:

each individual ten
particular single

- Can I pay for item separately?
- For many people their house is their largest item of expenditure.
- That item is not for sale, I'm afraid.
- items of furniture have a price tag on them.
- This checkout is for customers with items or less.



"It's now a collector's item!"

Notes

- Note that item can refer to a report on TV:
The 9 o'clock news carried an item about an old age pensioner who'd starved to death.
The programme featured an item on one-parent families.
- Note the following expression:
The management cannot accept liability for items stolen from your car while it is in the car park.
- This is a common expression:
The customs official checked through the contents of my suitcase, item by item.
- Note these common expressions using 'of':
A watch is the main item of jewellery worn by men.
A maximum of three items of clothing is allowed into the changing rooms.
The local museum has a number of items of great historical interest.