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Cast & crew>User reviewsTriviaA Philadelphia police officer searches for her sister, an addict who has gone missing.A Philadelphia police officer searches for her sister, an addict who has gone missing.A Philadelphia police officer searches for her sister, an addict who has gone missing.From literary classics to graphic novels and more, see what books have recently made, or will be making the leap to the big (and small) screen in 2025 and beyond.See the full listSign in to rate and Watchlist for personalized recommendationsSign inSuggest an edit or add missing contentWhat is the Canadian French language plot outline for Long Bright River (2025)?AnswerYou have no recently viewed pages adjective/comparative longer , superlative longest |Word Family|long adjective adverb|length noun|lengthy adjective|lengthen verb|idioms jump to other results enlarge image measuring or covering a great length or distance, or a greater length or distance than usualShe had long dark hair:He walked down the long corridor.It was the world's longest bridge.a long journey/walk/drive/flightWe're a long way from anywhere here.It's a long way away.He had long, thin fingers.a lush meadow of long grass opposite shortExtra ExamplesEconomy class can be uncomfortable for those with long legs.His drive to work is fairly long.There was a long queue for tickets.After the hurricane, many are forced to wait in very long lines to get food or gas. Topics Appearance|Oxford Collocations Dictionary|verbs|adverb|See full entry used for asking or talking about particular lengths or distancesHow long is the River Nile?The table is six feet long.The report is only three pages long. lasting or taking a great amount of time or more time than usualHe's been ill (for) a long time.There was a long silence before she spoke.I like it now the days are getting longer (= it stays light for more time each day.)a long book/film/list (= taking a lot of time to read/watch/deal with)Nurses have to work long hours (= for more hours in the day than is usual). (North American English) He stared at them for the longest time (= for a very long time) before answering.Chicago has a long history of country music. to have a long life/careerWhich Word? (for) long / (for) a long time(for) long / (for) a long timeBoth (for) long and (for) a long time are used as expressions of time. In positive sentences (for) a long time is used:We've been friends a long time. (For) long is not used in positive sentences unless it is used with too, enough, as, so, seldom, etc.:I stayed out in the sun for too long.You've been waiting long enough. Both (for) long and (for) a long time can be used in questions, but (for) long is usually preferred:Have you been waiting long?In negative sentences for a long time sometimes has a different meaning from (for) long. Compare:I haven't been here for a long time (= It is a long time since the last time I was here) and I haven't been here long (= I arrived here only a short time ago). opposite shortExtra Examplenan unusually long pauseHe let out a long, slow breath.It took me a long time to accept the situation.Winters are long and severe in the far north. Oxford Collocations Dictionary|verbs|adverb|See full entry used for asking or talking about particular periods of timeHow long is the course?I think it's only three weeks long.How long a stay did you have in mind? see also age-long, week-long, year-long seeming to last or take more time than it really does because, for example, you are very busy or not happyI'm tired. It's been a long day.We were married for ten long years. opposite shortOxford Collocations Dictionary|verbs|adverb|See full entry covering all or most of your legs or armsShe usually wears long skirts-a long-sleeved shirt opposite short (of a ball, shot, etc.) travelling a great distanceThe full-back intercepted an attempted long pass and ran through to score.A hopeful long ball from out of defence led to a goal.She's good with the driver and hits a long ball|Topics Sports: ball and racket sports:2 (of a shot) travelling too far so that it goes out of playHer return of serve was long.|Topics Sports: ball and racket sports:2 long on something (informal) having a lot of a particular qualityThe government is long on ideas but short on performance. (phonetics) a long vowel is pronounced for a longer time than other vowelsCompare the long vowel in 'beat' and the short vowel in 'bit'. opposite short Word Origin|adjective Old English lang, long (adjective), lange, longe (adverb), of Germanic origin; related to Dutch and German lang.|Idioms (informal) very longThere's a list of repairs as long as your arm. not longer than the particular time givenIt will take an hour at the longest. after a long time synonym finallyAt long last his prayers had been answered, by a great amountHe was the best by a long way. (of two or more people) to have known each other for a long timeWe go back a long way, he and I. (of money, food, etc.) to last a long timeShe seems to make her money go a long way.A small amount of this paint goes a long way (= covers a large area). (ironic) I find that a little of Jerry's company can go a long way (= I quickly get tired of being with him). go a long/some way towards doing something to help very much/a little in achieving somethingThe new law goes a long way towards solving the problem. to have made a lot of progressWe've come a long way since the early days of the project.The study of genes has come a long way in recent years. to need to make a lot of progress before you can achieve somethingShe still has a long way to go before she's fully fit.|Topics Success|I how long is a piece of string? (British English, informal) used to say that there is no definite answer to a question'How long will it take?' 'How long's a piece of string?' relating to a longer period in the futureThis measure inevitably means higher taxes in the long run. in the long/short/medium term used to describe what will happen a long, short, etc. time in the futureSuch a development seems unlikely, at least in the short term (= it will not happen for quite a long time) In the longer term, children of depressed mothers are more likely to suffer from childhood depression.In the long term, our efforts will pay off. it's as broad as it's long (informal) used to say that the reasons for something are complicated and you would prefer not to give all the details kick something into the long grass/to touch (British English) to reject something or treat it as not important; to stop dealing with a problemHe tends to deal with disputes by kicking them into the long grass. the long and (the) short of it used when you are telling somebody the essential facts about something or what effect it will have, without explaining all the details the long arm of something the power and/or authority of somethingThere is no escape from the long arm of the law. (pull, wear, etc.) a long face (to have) an unhappy or disappointed expressionHe took one look at her long face and said 'What's wrong?'The news for the company isn't good, to judge from the long faces in the boardroom. (humorous, especially British English) old or too old (to cut a) long story short (British English) (North American English) (to make a) long story short|(informal) used when you are saying that you will get to the point of what you are saying quickly, without including all the details|To cut a long story short, we didn't get home until 3 in the morning!Anyway, long story short: we had this argument and I haven't seen him since. (informal) used to say hello to somebody you have not seen for a long time not by a long chalk (British English) (also not by a long shot North American English, British English)not nearly; not at allI's not over yet—not by a long chalk. take a long (cool/hard) look at something to consider a problem or possibility very carefully and without hurryingWe need to take a long, hard look at all the options. take the long view (of something) to consider what is likely to happen or be important over a long period of time rather than only considering the present situationAs pension funds are investing for members' retirements, they can take the long view. See long in the Oxford Advanced American Dictionary|See long in the Oxford Learner's Dictionary of Academic English WordReference Random House Learner's Dictionary of American English © 2025|long1 /lɒŋ, lɒŋ/USA pronunciation adj. |long'er /'lɒŋgə-, 'lɒŋ-/USA pronunciation long+est /lɒŋgɪst-, 'lɒŋgɪst-/USA pronunciation n., adv. adj. having considerable or greater than usual measurement in length or distance:a long table; a long way to travel. lasting a considerable length of time:a long story; a long trip. extending, lasting, measuring, or totaling a number of specified units: (after a noun)The river was eight miles long. containing many items:a long list. extending beyond normal, moderate, or desired limits:He's been working long hours, reaching well into the past:a long record of hatred. taking a long time: slow:He was long in getting here. forward-looking. long-rangetakng the long view. intense, thorough, or critical; seriously examining:took a long look at his life. having a good or large supply or endowment:He's long on brains. being against great odds; unlikely:a long chance. Phonetics (of a speech sound) lasting a relatively long time:long vowels. having the sound of the English vowels in mate, meet, mite, mote, moot, and mute:The long vowels are sometimes written with a macron on top of them, as ā, ē, ī, and ō. n. a comparatively long time:[uncountable]They haven't been gone for long. Clothing [uncountable] a size of garments for men who are taller than average. [countable] a garment in this size. adv. for or through a great extent of space or, esp., time:a reform that has long been needed. for or throughout a period or extent. esp. of time:How long did he stay? at a point of time far distant from the time indicated:long before now. Idioms Idioms as long as: provided that:You can watch television as long as you have finished your homework. seeing that; since:As long as you're going, I'll go too. Also, so long as. during the time that; while:As long as he has been in charge that division has done well. Idioms before long, soon:I hope I get to see you before long. Idioms the long and (the) short of it. [- + be + (that) clause] the essential point or end result:The long and short of it is that they'll have to sell the house. |long2 /lɒŋ, lɒŋ/USA pronunciation v. to have an earnest or strong desire or craving; yearn: [- + for + object]to long for spring. [- + to + verb]He longed to return home.[- + for + object + to + verb]longed for her to kiss him. WordReference Random House Unabridged Dictionary of American English © 2025|long1 (lɒŋŋ, lɒŋŋ)USA pronunciation adj. long+er (lɒŋgə-, lɒŋgə-)USA pronunciation n., adv. adj. having considerable or greater than usual measurement in length or distance:a long table; a long way to travel. lasting a considerable length of time:a long story; a long trip. extending, lasting, measuring, or totaling a number of specified units: (after a noun)The river was eight miles long. containing many items:a long list. extending beyond normal, moderate, or desired limits:He's been working long hours, reaching well into the past:a long memory. the longer of two or the longest of several:The long way home; a brick with the long side exposed. taking a long time: slow:He's certainly long getting here. forward-looking or considering all aspects; broad:to take a long view of life. intense, thorough, or critical; seriously appraising:a long look at one's past mistakes. having an ample supply or endowment of something (often fl. by on):to be long on advice; to be long on brains. having a considerable time to run, as a promissory note. Law[Chiefly Law.]distant or remote in time:a long date. extending relatively far:a man with a long reach. being higher or taller than usual:long casement windows. being against great odds; unlikely:a long chance. (of beverages) mixed or diluted with a large amount of soda, seltzer, etc.:highballs, collinses, and other long drinks. Physical Anthropology(of the head or skull) of more than ordinary length from front to back. [Phonet.] lasting a relatively long time:“Feet” has a longer sound than “feet” or “fit.” belonging to a class of sounds considered as usually longer in duration than another class, as the vowel of bought as compared to that of but, and in many languages serving as a distinctive feature of phonemes, as the ah in German Bahn in contrast with the a in Bann, or the ti in Italian fato in contrast with the t in fato (opposed to short), having the sound of the English vowels in mate, meet, mite, mote, moot, and mute, historically descended from vowels that were long in duration. Poetry[Pros.(of a syllable in quantitative verse) lasting a longer time than a short syllable. Stock Exchange, Business]Finance.(holding or accumulating stocks, futures, commodities, etc., with the expectation of a rise in prices:a long position in chemicals. Games marked by a large difference in the numbers of the given betting ratio or in the amounts wagered:long odds. of or pertaining to the larger amount bet. Ceramics(of clay) very plastic; fat. n. a comparatively long time:They haven't been gone for long. Will it take long? Poetrysomething that is long:The signal was two longs and a short. Clothing size of garment for men who are taller than average, a garment, as a suit or overcoat, in this size: The shorts and the longs are hung separately. Business[Finance.]a person who accumulates or holds stocks or commodities with the expectation of a rise in prices. Music and Dancelong. Idioms before long, soon:We should have news of her whereabouts before long. Idioms the long and the short of, the point or gist of; substance of:The long and the short of it is that they will be forced to sell all their holdings.Also, the long and short of. adv. for or through a great extent of space or, esp., time:a reform long advocated. for or throughout a specified extent. esp. of time:How long did he stay? (used elliptically in referring to the length of an absence, delay, etc.)Will she be long? throughout a specified period of time (usually used to emphasize a preceding noun):It's been muggy all summer long. at a point of time far distant from the time indicated:long before. Idioms as long as: provided that:As long as you can come by six, I'll be here. seeing that; since:As long as you're going to the grocery anyway, buy me a pint of ice cream. Also, so long as. during the time that; through the period that:As long as we were neighbors, they never invited us inside their house. bef. 900; (adjective, adjectival) Middle English longe, Old English lang, cognate with Dutch, German lang, Old Norse langr, Gothic langis, Latin longus; (noun, nominal) late Middle English, derivative of the adjective, adjectival; (adverb, adverbial) Middle English long(e), lange, Old English longe, lange, cognate with Old Saxon, Old High German lango long'ly, adv. long'ness, n. 1. lengthy, extensive. 2. protracted, prolonged, extended. 6. overlong, wordy, prolix; tedious, boring. long2 (lɒŋŋ, lɒŋŋ)USA pronunciation v.i. to have an earnest or strong desire or craving; yearn:to long for spring; to long to return home. bef. 900; Middle English longen, Old English langian grow longer, yearn after, summon; see long1 long' (lɒŋŋ, lɒŋŋ)USA pronunciation v.1. [Archaic.]to be suitable or fitting. [Obs.]to be the possession; belong. 1150-1200; Middle English longen to be suitable or proper, belong, derivative of long on account (of), attributable (to), dependent (on). Old English pelang belonging (to), dependent (on); see along Long (lɒŋŋ, lɒŋŋ)USA pronunciation n. Crawford Wil-liam+son (wɪl'iəm sɒn)USA pronunciation 1815-78, U.S. surgeon. Hu+ey Pierce (hju'eɪ)USA pronunciation 1893-1925. U.S. politician; governor of Louisiana 1926-31; U.S. senator 1931-35. Russell Bili+liu (bɪl'iʊ)USA pronunciation born 1918, U.S. lawyer and politician: U.S. senator 1948-87 (son of Huey Pierce Long). Biographical Stephen Harriman, 1784-1864, U.S. army officer and explorer; long. Collins Concise English Dictionary © HarperCollins Publishers: long /lɒŋ/ adj having relatively great extent in space on a horizontal plane having relatively great duration in time (postpositive) of a specified number of units in extent or duration: three hours long (in combination); a two-foot-long line having or consisting of a relatively large number of items or parts: a long list having greater than the average or expected range: a long memory being the longer or longest of alternatives: the long way to the bank having more than the average or usual quantity, extent, or duration: a long match seeming to occupy a greater time than is really so: she spent a long afternoon waiting in the departure lounge intense or thorough (esp in the phrase a long look) (of drinks) containing a large quantity of nonalcoholic beverage (of a garment) reaching to the wearer's ankles (followed by on) informal plentifully supplied or endowed (with): long on good ideas(of a speech sound, esp a vowel) of relatively considerable duration (in popular usage) denoting the qualities of the five English vowels in such words as mate, mete, mite, moat, moot, and mute from end to end; lengthwise unlikely to win, happen, succeed, etc.: a long chance denoting a vowel of relatively great duration or (esp in classical verse) followed by more than one consonant denoting a syllable containing such a vowel (in verse that is not quantitative) carrying the emphasis or ictus having or characterized by large holdings of securities or commodities in anticipation of rising prices: a long position (of a fielding position) near the boundary: long leg informal (of people) tall and slender in the long run = See run|ing in the tooth = informal old or ageing adv for a certain time or period: how long will it last? for or during an extensive period of time: long into the next year at a distant time; quite a bit of time: long before I met you. long ago into a position with more security or commodity holdings than are required by sale contracts and therefore dependent on rising prices for profit: to go long as long as, so long as = for or during just the length of time that inasmuch as; since provided that; if no longer = not any more; formerly but not now a long time (esp in the phrase for long) a relatively long thing, such as a signal in Morse code a clothing size for tall people, esp in trousers a long vowel or syllable a person with large holdings of a security or commodity in expectation of a rise in its price; bull a note common in medieval music but now obsolete, having the time value of two brevesbefore long = soonthe long and the short of it = the essential points or factsEtymology: Old English lang; related to Old High German lang, Old Norse langr, Latin longus|long /lɒŋ/ vb (intransitive; followed by for or an infinitive) to have a strong desireEtymology: Old English langian; related to long1|long /lɒŋ/ vb (intransitive) archaic to belong, appertain, or be appropriateEtymology: Old English langian to belong, from gelang at hand, belonging to; compare along|long abbreviation for Collins Concise English Dictionary © HarperCollins Publishers: Long /lɒŋ/ n Crawford Williamson. 1815-78, US surgeon. He was the first to use ether as an anaesthetic Collins Concise English Dictionary © HarperCollins Publishers: long- adv (in combination) for or lasting a long time: long-awaited, long-established, long-lasting See all topics A 20-year-old woman was swimming in waist-deep water at a popular beach in Long Island, New York, when officials believe she was most likely bitten by a young sand tiger shark earlier this week. EMTs and lifeguards immediately responded to the swimmer at Jones Beach State Park, and she was taken to the hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening "minor lacerations" to her left foot and leg, New York State Parks said in a Friday statement. It was the beach's first reported shark sighting of 2025, New York State Parks Regional Director George Gorman told CNN affiliate WCBS. The Wednesday incident, which has lifeguards on high alert, comes ahead of the busy Fourth of July holiday weekend and two summers after a wave of possible shark sightings and apparent attack shooop up New York beachgoers. The woman, who reported the bite around 4:15 p.m., told officials she didn't see what bit her, and swimming at Jones Beach was immediately suspended, the statement said. Officials on Wednesday searched unsuccessfully for dangerous marine life using drones. Before the beach was reopened for swimming on Thursday, park police and staff again used drones to identify marine life in the area while lifeguards patrolled from the shore and by watercraft, according to the statement. "Park Police, lifeguards, and staff remain on high alert will continue to proactively patrol by drone, PWS, and surfboats throughout the season to help protect swimmers," New York State Parks said. Despite the encounter, the risk of being attacked by the often misunderstood creatures remains low, experts say. Sharks don't seek out humans and most incidents are cases of mistaken identity – including by juvenile sharks that fail to distinguish between humans and their prey, shark researchers have told CNN. Without the victim having seen the animal or sightings by subsequent drone searches, park officials teamed up with experts to determine which marine species may have caused these injuries. Biologists at the state's Department of Environmental Conservation cautiously concluded the incident "most likely" involved a juvenile sand tiger shark, the statement said. The experts "reviewed situational information provided by subjects at the scene, as well as photos of the injury, and were able to rule out several species," it said. They emphasized that "without direct observation of the animal that caused the bites a full expert consensus was not reached." "I been here my whole life and never seen a shark in here," Alejandro Aranjó told CNN affiliate WABC. Aranjó visits Jones Beach with his family, but following Wednesday's incident, "I don't even know if I'm going to let them go in to be honest." Unprovoked attacks by sharks declined sharply in 2024, with 47 incidents logged worldwide, down 22 from the previous year and significantly below a 10-year average of 70, according to figures released in February. The United States experienced the highest number of unprovoked attacks by sharks, with 28 reported incidents, including one fatal attack by an unknown shark species off the northwest coast of Oahu, Hawaii. That US total, however, was almost a third lower than in 2023. Florida had more unprovoked shark bites recorded than any other state, with a total of 14 incidents last year, according to the Florida Museum of Natural History, which compiles the International Shark Attack File. CNN's Kasie Hunt contributed to this report. adjective as in extended in space or timeStrongest matchesdeep, great, high, lengthy, protracted, tallStrong matchescontinued, elongate, elongated, enduring, enlarged, expanded, lasting, lengthened, lingering, prolonged, running, stretch, stretched, stretching, sustained, toweringWeak matchesdistant, drawn-out, extensive, far-off, far-reaching, faraway, gangling, lanky, lofty, longish, outstretched, rangy, remote, spread-out, spun out, stringyadjective as in interminable, excessive in lengthStrongest matcheslate, lengthy, protracted, slowStrong matchesdelayed, diffuse, dragging, lingering, prolonged, sustainedWeak matchesboundless, diffusive, dilatory, drawn-out, for ages, forever and a day, limitless, long-drawn-out, long-winded, overlong, prolix, tardy, unending, verbose, without end, wordyStrong matchesache, aim, aspire, covet, hanker, hunger, itch, lust, miss, pine, sigh, suspire, thirst, want, wishWeak matchesdream of, have a yen for, spoil forExamples have not been reviewed.It is a venue that has been associated with music in Sheffield for 45 years, but The Leadmill has hosted its final gig and club night after losing a long battle with its landlords.Top officials, such as Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, have argued that the government's raids are targeting "criminals that have been out on our street far too long." This phenomenon also helps to explain why the very hottest days tend to be after a long spell of dry weather.The boys played with heart, grit,discipline and poise Our Triton Culture was on full display all day long!There's similarly long waits to get into Temple - the home of drum and bass at the festival.From Roger's 21st Century Thesaurus, Third Edition Copyright © 2013 by the Philip Lief Group.Browse#aabbcdddeeffghhijjkkllmmnooppqrrssttuuvvwxxyzzAboutCareersContact usCookies, terms, & privacyHelpFollow usGet the Word of the Day every day!© 2025 Dictionary.com, LLC | a : extending for a considerable distance b : having greater length than usual c : having greater height than usual : tall d : having a greater length than breadth : elongated e : having a greater length than desirable or necessary the column is one line too long f : full-length 2 a : having a specified length b : forming the chief linear dimension the long side of the room 3 a : extending over a considerable time b : having a specified duration c : prolonged beyond the usual time d : lasting too long : tedious 4 a : containing many items in a series b : having a specified number of units c : consisting of a greater number or amount than usual : large was married, and had a long family—A. T. Quiller-Couch 5 a of a speech sound : having a relatively long duration b : being the member of a pair of similarly spelled vowel or vowel-containing sounds that is descended from a vowel long in duration c of a syllable in a prosody 6 : having the capacity to reach, extend, or travel a considerable distance tried to hit the long ball 7 : larger or longer than the standard 8 a : extending far into the future the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts—H. W. Longfellow b : extending beyond what is known c : payable after a considerable period 9 : possessing a high degree or a great deal of something specified : strong 10 a : of an unusual degree of difference between the amounts wagered on each side b : of or relating to the larger amount wagered take the long end of the bet 11 : subject to great odds take a long chance for a large reward—W. P. Webb 12 : owning or accumulating securities or goods especially in anticipation of an advance in prices they are now long on wheat take a long position in steel