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adj. **full·er, full·est**

1. Containing all that is normal or possible: *a full pail*.
2. Complete in every particular: *a full account*.
3. *Baseball*
 - a. Amounting to three balls and two strikes. Used of a count.
 - b. Having a base runner at first, second, and third base: *The bases were full when the slugger stepped up to bat*.
4.
 - a. Of maximum or highest degree: *at full speed*.
 - b. Being at the peak of development or maturity: *in full bloom*.
 - c. Of or relating to a full moon.
5. Having a great deal or many: *a book full of errors*.
6. Totally qualified, accepted, or empowered: *a full member of the club*.
7.
 - a. Rounded in shape; plump: *a full figure*.
 - b. Having or made with a generous amount of fabric: *full draperies*.
8.
 - a. Having an appetite completely satisfied, especially for food or drink: *was full after the Thanksgiving dinner*.
 - b. Providing an abundance, especially of food.
9. Having depth and body; rich: *a full aroma; full tones*.
10. Completely absorbed or preoccupied: *"He was already pretty full of himself" (Ron Rosenbaum)*.
11. Possessing both parents in common: *full brothers; full sisters*.
12. Of or relating to a full-size bed: *full sheets; a full bed skirt*.

adv.

1. Exactly; directly: *full in the path of the moon*.
2. To a complete extent; entirely. Sometimes used in combination: *knew full well; full blown; full-fledged*.

v. **fulled, full-ing, fuls**

v. tr.

To make (a garment) full, as by pleating or gathering.

v. intr.

To become full. Used of the moon.

n.

1. The maximum or complete size or amount: *repaid in full*.
2. The highest degree or state: *living life to the full*.
3. A full-size bed.

[Middle English *ful*, from Old English *full*; see **pelə**-¹ in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

full **ness**, **ful** **ness** *n.*

tr.v. **fulled**, **full·ing**, **fulls**

To increase the density and usually the thickness of (cloth) by shrinking and beating or pressing.

[Middle English *fullen*, from Old French *fouler*, from Vulgar Latin **fullāre*, from Latin *fullō*, fuller; see [bhel-](#)² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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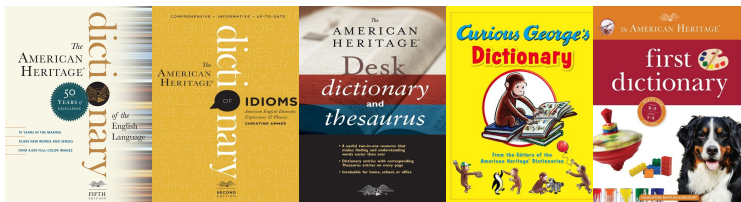
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