

# focus

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**noun plural -cuses or -ci**

1. a point of convergence of light or other electromagnetic radiation, particles, sound waves, etc., or a point from which they appear to diverge.
2. another name for **focal point (1)**, **focal length**.
3. **Optics** the state of an optical image when it is distinct and clearly defined or the state of an instrument producing this image: *the picture is in focus; the telescope is out of focus*.
4. a point upon which attention, activity, etc., is directed or concentrated.
5. **Geometry** a fixed reference point on the concave side of a conic section, used when defining its eccentricity.
6. the point beneath the earth's surface at which an earthquake or underground nuclear explosion originates. Compare **epicentre**.
7. **Pathol** the main site of an infection or a localized region of diseased tissue.

**verb -cuses, -cusing, -cused or -cusses, -cussing, -cussed**

8. to bring or come to a focus or into focus.
9. (**tr**; often followed by **on**) to fix attention (on); concentrate.

[C17: via New Latin from Latin: hearth, fireplace].

**Derived words:** **focusable** *adjective*, **focuser** *noun*.

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