



# expansion

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Simple Definition

**1** : **EXPANSE****2** : the act or process of [expanding](#)territorial *expansion*economic *expansion**expansion* of the universe**3** : the quality or state of being [expanded](#)**4** : the increase in volume of working fluid (such as steam) in an engine cylinder after cutoff or in an internal combustion engine after explosion**5 a** : an expanded part**b** : something that results from an act of expandingThe book is an *expansion* of a lecture series.**6** : the result of carrying out an indicated mathematical operation : the expression of a function in the form of a seriesik-'span(t)-sh(ə)-nəl adjective

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The league is undergoing **expansion**.

the **expansion** of a lecture series into a book

This book is an **expansion** of a lecture series.

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– Naman Ramachandran, *Variety*, 16 June 2026

When announcing its Ohio manufacturing **expansion**, Joby explicitly invoked the Wright brothers' legacy in Dayton.

– Randy Tucker, *USA Today*, 15 June 2026

Congolese health authorities have previously said contact tracing has been hampered by community resistance in some areas and by the rapid **expansion** of the outbreak into new health zones, increasing the workload for surveillance teams.

– *ABC News*, 15 June 2026

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– Beatrice Nolan, *Fortune*, 15 June 2026

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- 3 : something expanded or a result of expanding
- 4 : the result of carrying out indicated mathematical operations  
the *expansion* of  $(a + b)^2$  is  $a^2 + 2ab + b^2$

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