

cornerstone

 (*cor-ner-stone*)

Definition

n. 1 a stone placed at the corner joining two masonry walls 2 something basic and indispensable; foundation

Example Sentence

The **cornerstone** of democratic government is a free press. OR The **cornerstone** of the building was made of cobblestone.

Synonyms

essential; fundamental; backbone

Antonyms

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