

Bolshevik /'bɒlʃɪvɪk/ *n.* & *a.* E20. [Russ. *bol'shevik* = member of the majority, *f. bol'she*

greater f. *bol'shoi* big.] A *n.* 1 *Hist.* A member of the majority faction of the Russian Social-Democratic Party, which in 1903 favoured extreme measures; an advocate of proletarian dictatorship in Russia by soviets; a Russian Communist. Cf. MENSHEVIK *n.* E20. 2 *gen.* A socialist revolutionary. E20. B *adj.* Of or pertaining to Bolsheviks or Bolshevism. E20.

Bolshevism *n.* the doctrine and practices of the Bolsheviks; revolutionary communism: E20.

Bolshevist *n. & a.* = BOLSHEVIK E20. **Bolshevize** *v.t.* make Bolshevik; convert (a country etc.) to Bolshevik government: E20.