

ac·com·pa·ny W2 AC

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verb [transitive]

(**accompanied**, **accompanying**, **accompanies**)

1 WITH to go somewhere with someone:

Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Wherever her husband went, she would accompany him.

In everyday English, people usually say **go with** or **come with** someone rather than **accompany** someone:

*Do you want me to **go with** you to the station?*

*She **came with** me to church.*

2 to play a musical instrument while someone sings a song or plays the main tune:

Daniel wanted Liz to accompany him on violin.

3 [usually passive] WITH to happen or exist at the same time as something else:

The disease is accompanied by sneezing and fever.

4 INSTRUCTIONS if a book, document etc accompanies something, it comes with it:

Please see accompanying booklet for instructions.

Your passport application form should be accompanied by two recent photographs.

Word origin

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Language: Old French

Origin: *acompaignier*, from *compaing* 'companion', from Late Latin *companiono*; →

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