

according to

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preposition

1 SAY/STATE as shown by something or stated by someone:

According to the police, his attackers beat him with a blunt instrument.

There is now widespread support for these proposals, according to a recent public opinion poll.

⚠ Do not say 'according to me' or 'according to my opinion/point of view'. Say **in my opinion**: *In my opinion his first book is much better.*

2 DEPEND/IT DEPENDS in a way that depends on differences in situations or amounts:

You will be paid according to the amount of work you do.

3 in a way that agrees with a system or plan, or obeys a set of rules:

The game will be played according to rules laid down for the 1992 Cup.

*Everything **went according to plan**, and we arrived on time.*

Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English

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