

ap·pre·ci·ate

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verb

- 1 [transitive not in progressive] UNDERSTAND to understand how serious or important a situation or problem is or what someone's feelings are

SYN realize:

appreciate the significance/importance/value of something

He did not fully appreciate the significance of signing the contract.

appreciate that

We appreciate that caring for children is an important job.

appreciate what/how/why

It is difficult to appreciate how bad the situation had become.

- 2 [transitive] THANK used to thank someone in a polite way or to say that you are grateful for something they have done:

Thanks ever so much for your help, I really appreciate it.

*I **appreciate** your **concern**, but honestly, I'm fine.*

*I'd **appreciate it if** you let me get on with my job.*

- 3 [transitive] UNDERSTAND to understand how good or useful someone or something is:

Her abilities are not fully appreciated by her employer.

I'm not an expert, but I appreciate fine works of art.

- 4 [intransitive] (technical) VALUE to gradually become more valuable over a period of time

OPP

Most investments are expected to appreciate at a steady rate.

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