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verb

- 1 **child** LOOK AFTER SOMEBODY [intransitive and transitive] to take someone else's child into your home and legally become its parent → **foster:**

Sally was adopted when she was four.

The couple are unable to have children of their own, but hope to adopt.

- 2 **adopt an approach/policy/attitude etc** DEAL WITH

to start to deal with or think about something in a particular way:

The courts were asked to adopt a more flexible approach to young offenders.

The store recently adopted a drug testing policy for all new employees.

California has adopted a tough stance on the issue.

- 3 **style/manner** USE SOMETHING [transitive] to use a particular style of speaking, writing, or behaving, especially one that you do not usually use:

Kim adopts a southern accent when speaking to family back home.

- 4 **law/rule** ACCEPT [transitive] to formally approve a proposal, AMENDMENT etc, especially by voting:

Congress finally adopted the law after a two-year debate.

- 5 **name/country etc** CHOOSE [transitive] to choose a new name, country, custom etc, especially to replace a previous one:

Stevens became a Muslim and adopted the name Yusuf Islam.

Becoming a member of a society means adopting its values.

- 6 **election** [transitive] (BrE) to officially choose someone to represent a

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political party in an election

— **adopter** noun [countable]

— **adoptee** /əˈdɒpˈtiː \$ əˈdɒp- / noun [countable]

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