

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

a • ban • don / əˈbændən / **verb, noun**

verb

1 abandon someone to leave someone, especially someone you are responsible for, with no intention of returning

The baby had been abandoned by its mother.

People often simply abandon their pets when they go on vacation.

2 to leave a thing or place, especially because it is impossible or dangerous to stay

leave

abandon something Snow forced many drivers to abandon their vehicles.

He gave the order to **abandon ship** (= to leave the ship because it was sinking) .

abandon something to someone/something They had to abandon their lands to the invading forces.

3 to stop supporting or helping someone; to stop believing in something

abandon someone The country abandoned its political leaders after the war.

abandon something By 1930 he had abandoned his Marxist principles.

4 abandon something to stop doing something, especially before it is finished; to stop having something

They abandoned the game because of rain.

She abandoned hope of any reconciliation.

We had to abandon any further attempt at negotiation.

5 abandon yourself to something (literary) to feel an emotion so strongly that you can feel nothing else

He abandoned himself to despair.

noun

[**uncountable**]

(formal)

an uncontrolled way of behaving that shows that someone does not care what other people think

He signed checks with careless abandon.

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ab • stract **adjective, noun, verb**

adjective / əbˈstrækt ; æb- ; ˈæbstrækt /

1 based on general ideas and not on any particular real person, thing, or situation

abstract knowledge/principles

The research shows that preschool children are capable of thinking in abstract terms.

compare **concrete**

2 existing in thought or as an idea but not having a physical reality

We may talk of beautiful things, but beauty itself is abstract.

3 (of art) not representing people or things in a realistic way, but expressing the artist's ideas about them

the work of abstract expressionists like Mark Rothko

compare **figurative** (2) , **representational**

ab • stract • ly **adverb**

noun / ˈæbstrækt /

1 an **abstract** work of art

Kandinsky's first pure abstracts are marked by their wild color.

2 a short piece of writing containing the main ideas in a document

summary

in the abstract

in a general way, without referring to a particular real person, thing, or situation

Legal questions rarely exist in the abstract; they are based on real cases.

I'm just talking in the abstract now.

verb

1 / ˈæbstrækt / **abstract something (from something)** to remove something from somewhere

She abstracted the main points from the argument.

a plan to abstract 8 million gallons of water from the river

2 / əb'strækt ; æb'strækt ; 'æbstrækt / **abstract something** (technical) to make a written summary of a book, etc.

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ac • a • dem • ic / ,ækə'dɛmɪk / **adjective, noun**

adjective

1 [usually before noun] connected with education, especially studying in colleges and universities

The students return in October for the beginning of the new academic year.

high/low academic standards

an academic career

The enrollment criteria are geographical rather than academic.

2 [usually before noun] involving a lot of reading and studying rather than practical or technical skills

academic subjects

3 not connected to a real or practical situation and therefore not important

It is a purely academic question.

The whole thing's academic now—we can't win anyway.

ac • a • dem • i • cally / -kli / **adverb**

You have to do well academically to get into medical school.

He wasn't very well qualified academically but had a lot of experience.

noun

1 [**countable**] a person who teaches and/or does research at a college or university

2 academics [**plural**] subjects that students study in school or college

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a • cad • e • my / ə'kædəmi / **noun**

(pl. **a • cad • e • mies**)

1 a school or college for special training

the United States Naval Academy

a **police/military academy**

2 usually Academy a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop art, literature, science, etc.

the National Academy of Sciences

3 used in the name of some private high schools

Deerfield Academy

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ac • cess / 'æksɛs / **noun, verb**

noun

[**uncountable**]

1 a way of entering or reaching a place

The police **gained access** through a broken window.

There is easy access by road.

access to something The only access to the farmhouse is across the fields.

Disabled visitors are welcome; there is good wheelchair access to most facilities.

compare **egress**

2 access (to something) the opportunity or right to use something or to see someone or something

Students must **have access** to good resources.

You need a password to **get access** to the computer system.

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access to confidential information

Journalists were **denied access** to the president.

verb

1 access something (computing) to open a computer file in order to get or add information

2 access something (formal) to reach, enter, or use something

The loft can be accessed with a ladder.

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ac • com • mo • date / ə'kʌməˌdeɪt / **verb**

1 [transitive] accommodate someone to provide someone with a room or place to sleep, live, or sit

The hotel can accommodate up to 500 guests.

The plane is capable of accommodating 28 passengers.

2 [transitive] accommodate someone/something to provide enough space for someone or something

Over 70 minutes of music can be accommodated on one CD.

The old town hall now accommodates a Folk Museum.

3 [transitive] accommodate something (formal) to consider something, such as someone's opinion or a fact, and be influenced by it when you are deciding what to do or explaining something

Our proposal tries to accommodate the special needs of the disabled.

She modified her views so as to accommodate the objections of feminists.

4 [transitive] accommodate someone (with something) (formal) to help someone by doing what they want

oblige

I have accommodated the press a great deal, giving numerous interviews.

I'm sure the bank will be able to accommodate you.

5 [intransitive , transitive] accommodate (something/yourself) to something (formal) to change your behavior so that you can deal with a new situation better

I needed to accommodate myself to the new schedule.

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ac • com • pa • ny / ə'kʌmpəni / **verb**

(**ac • com • pa • nies** , **ac • com • pa • ny • ing** , **ac • com • pa • nied** , **ac • com • pa • nied**)

1 accompany someone (formal) to travel or go somewhere with someone

His wife accompanied him on the trip.

I'll have to ask you to accompany me to the police station.

Warships will accompany the convoy.

2 accompany something to happen or appear with something else

strong winds accompanied by heavy rain

Each pack contains a book and accompanying CD.

Shouts of protest accompanied this announcement.

The text is accompanied by a series of stunning photographs.

3 accompany someone (at/on something) to play a musical instrument, especially a piano, while someone else sings or plays the main tune

The singer was accompanied on the piano by her sister.

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ac • cu • mu • late / ə'kyʊməˌleɪt / **verb**

1 [transitive] accumulate something to gradually get more and more of something over a period of time

amass

I seem to have accumulated a lot of books.
 By investing wisely she accumulated a fortune.
 We have accumulated a great amount of evidence.

note at **collect**

2 [**intransitive**] to gradually increase in number or quantity over a period of time

build up

Debts began to accumulate.
 Dust and dirt will accumulate if you do not clean regularly.

THESAURUS

collect

gather accumulate amass

These words all mean to get more of something over a period of time, or to increase in quantity over a period of time.

collect to bring things or information together from different people or places; to gradually increase in amount in a place: We've been collecting data from various sources. ◇ Dirt had collected in the corners of the room.

People sometimes **collect** things of a particular type as a hobby: to collect stamps

gather to bring things together that have been spread around; to collect information from different sources: I waited while he **gathered up** his papers. ◇ Detectives have spent months gathering evidence.

COLLECT OR GATHER?

Both **collect** and **gather** can be used in the same way to talk about bringing together data, information, or evidence. When talking about things, **gather** is used with words like things, belongings, or papers when the things are spread around within a short distance. **Collect** is used for getting examples of something from different people or places that are physically separated.

accumulate (somewhat formal) to gradually get more and more of something over a period of time; to gradually increase in number or quantity over a period of time: I seem to have accumulated a lot of books.
 ◇ Debts began to accumulate.

amass (somewhat formal) to collect something in large quantities, especially money, debts, or information: He amassed a fortune from silver mining.

PATTERNS

to collect/gather/accumulate/amass **data/evidence/information**

to accumulate/amass **a fortune/debts**

dirt/dust/debris collects/accumulates

to **gradually/slowly** collect/gather/accumulate (something)

ac • cu • mu • la • tion / əˌkyʊmɪəˈleɪʃn / **noun** [**uncountable** , **countable**]

the accumulation of wealth

an accumulation of toxic chemicals

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ac • cu • rate / ˈækyərət / **adjective**

1 correct and true in every detail

an accurate description/account/calculation

accurate information/data

Accurate records must be kept.

The police are trying to obtain a more accurate picture of crime levels.

2 able to give completely correct information or to do something in an exact way

a highly accurate electronic compass

accurate to within 3 mm

My watch is not very accurate.

Scientists have found a more accurate way of dating cave paintings.

3 an **accurate** throw, shot, weapon, etc. hits or reaches the thing that it was aimed at

inaccurate

ac • cu • rate • ly adverb

The article accurately reflects public opinion.

You need to hit the ball accurately.

AWL COLLOCATIONS**accurate****accurate adjective**

assessment | **diagnosis** | **estimate** , **measurement** | **prediction** | **description** | **reflection** , **representation** | **information** | **record** | **result** | **method**

Firms must acquire accurate information from clients about their needs.

factually | **historically** | **scientifically** | **statistically** | **technically**

Although this book is historically accurate, it is not a history book.

not entirely | **not strictly**

The figures he gave were not strictly accurate.

prove

These predictions proved accurate.

to

Results are accurate to within 0.2 seconds.

inaccurate adjective

perception | **estimate** | **representation** | **information** | **result** | **statement**

Inaccurate estimates can lead to overproduction.

grossly

Errors in methodology can produce grossly inaccurate results.

factually | **historically** | **scientifically** | **technically**

He is technically inaccurate in several of his claims.

prove

These predictions may yet prove inaccurate.

accuracy noun

absolute , **pinpoint** | **unerring**

The needle has to be positioned with pinpoint accuracy.

factual | **historical** | **scientific** | **technical**

Get the manuscript checked for factual accuracy.

confirm | **ensure** | **check** | **test** | **verify**

Great care is taken to ensure the accuracy of research data.

accurately adverb

assess | **describe** | **diagnose** | **estimate** , **gauge** , **measure** | **predict** | **portray** | **reflect** | **reproduce**

Your title must accurately reflect the substance of your paper.

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a • chieve / əˈtʃiv / verb

1 [transitive] **achieve something** to succeed in reaching a particular goal, status, or standard, especially by making an effort for a long time

attain

He had finally achieved success.

They could not achieve their target of less than 3% inflation.

2 [transitive] **achieve something** to succeed in doing something or causing something to happen

accomplish

I haven't achieved very much today.

All you've achieved is making my parents upset.

3 [intransitive] to be successful

Their background gives them little chance of achieving in school.

a • chiev • a • ble / əˈtʃivəbl / adjective

Profits of \$20 million look achievable.

achievable goals

unachievable

AWL COLLOCATIONS

achieve

achieve verb

to succeed in reaching a particular goal, status, or standard, especially by making an effort for a long time

aim , goal , objective | result

Leaders are truly effective in achieving organizational objectives only when they are motivated by a concern for others.

fail to | attempt to , try to , strive to | be able to | be difficult to | be necessary to

Woodward concludes that economic policy broadly failed to achieve its goals of low unemployment and low inflation.

An accurate estimate of their numbers is difficult to achieve.

achievement noun

a thing that someone has done successfully; the act or process of achieving something

academic , educational , scholastic | technological

No significant differences in academic achievement were found.

impressive , notable , remarkable

This agreement is a remarkable achievement from both a scientific and a social perspective.

achievable adjective

easily , readily

Web-based simulations can generate insights not readily achievable by other means.

goal , objective

Self-esteem arises from reaching out for difficult but achievable goals.

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ac • knowl • edge / ək'naɪdʒ / **verb**

ADMIT

1 to accept that something is true

acknowledge something She refuses to acknowledge the need for reform.

Are you prepared to acknowledge your responsibility?

acknowledge that... The government acknowledged that the tax was unfair.

acknowledge something to be, have, etc. something It is generally acknowledged to be true.

THESAURUS

admit

acknowledge recognize concede confess

These words all mean to agree, often unwillingly, that something is true.

admit to agree, often unwillingly, that something is true: It was a stupid thing to do, I admit.

acknowledge (somewhat formal) to accept that something exists, is true, or has happened: She refuses to acknowledge the need for reform.

recognize to admit or be aware that something exists or is true: They recognized the need to take the problem seriously.

concede (somewhat formal) to admit, often unwillingly, that something is true or logical: He was forced to concede that there might be difficulties.

ADMIT OR CONCEDE?

When someone **admits** something, they are usually agreeing that something that is generally considered bad or wrong is true or has happened, especially when it relates to their own actions. When someone **concedes** something, they are usually accepting, unwillingly, that a particular fact or statement is true or logical.

confess (somewhat formal) to admit something that you feel ashamed or embarrassed about: She was reluctant to confess her ignorance.

PATTERNS

to admit/acknowledge/recognize/concede/confess **that...**

to admit/confess **to something**

to admit/concede/confess something **to someone**

to admit/acknowledge/recognize **the truth**

to admit/confess your **mistakes/ignorance**

ACCEPT STATUS

2 to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or status

recognize

acknowledge someone/something The country acknowledged his claim to the presidency.

acknowledge someone/something as something He is widely acknowledged as the best player in the world.

acknowledge someone/something to be, have, etc. something He is widely acknowledged to be the best player in the world.

REPLY TO LETTER

3 acknowledge something to tell someone that you have received something that they sent to you

All applications will be acknowledged.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

SMILE/WAVE

4 acknowledge someone/something to show that you have noticed someone or something by smiling, waving, etc.

I was standing right next to her, but she didn't even acknowledge me.

He waved, acknowledging the applause.

EXPRESS THANKS

5 acknowledge something to publicly express thanks for help you have been given

I gratefully acknowledge financial support from several local businesses.

He is always ready to acknowledge his debt to his teachers.

ac • knowl • edged adjective

a generally acknowledged fact

AWL COLLOCATIONS

acknowledge

acknowledge verb

to accept or admit the existence or truth of something

generally , universally , widely | openly , publicly | implicitly , tacitly | explicitly | readily

Researchers have universally acknowledged the need for more studies in this area.

Frederick Douglass openly acknowledged his Indian heritage.

existence | importance | limitation | mistake

The study's limitations must be acknowledged.

North acknowledges the importance of technological change.

that

The authors acknowledge that some of the results are speculative.

fail to | refuse to | be forced to

Kamps's analysis fails to acknowledge a key distinction.

acknowledged adjective

generally , universally , widely

It is widely acknowledged that the Internet radically alters the commercial environment.

Cézanne is the universally acknowledged father of Cubism.

acknowledgment noun

the act of accepting that something exists or is true

implicit , tacit | grudging , candid , frank

From the beginning, the characters' relationship is marked by a candid acknowledgment of Esther's strength.

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ac • quire / ə'kwɪər / **verb** (formal)

1 acquire something to obtain something by buying or being given it

The company has just acquired new premises.

How did the gallery come to acquire so many Picassos?

I've suddenly acquired a stepbrother.

2 acquire something to gain something by your own efforts, ability, or behavior

She has acquired a good knowledge of English.

How long will it take to acquire the necessary skills?

He has **acquired a reputation for** dishonesty.

I have recently **acquired a taste for** (= started to like) olives.

an acquired taste

a thing that you do not like much at first but gradually learn to like

Abstract art is an acquired taste.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

a • dapt / ə'dæpt / **verb**

1 [transitive] to change something in order to make it suitable for a new use or situation

modify

adapt something These styles can be adapted to suit individual tastes.

adapt something for something Most of these tools have been specially adapted for use by disabled people.

2 [intransitive , transitive] to change your behavior in order to deal more successfully with a new situation

adjust

It's amazing how soon you adapt.

The organisms were forced to adapt in order to survive.

adapt to something We have had to adapt quickly to the new system.

A large organization can be slow to adapt to change.

adapt yourself to something It took him a while to adapt himself to his new surroundings.

3 [transitive] adapt something (for something) (from something) to change a book or play so that it can be made into a play, movie, TV show, etc.

Three of her novels have been adapted for television.

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ad • e • quate / 'ædɛkwət / **adjective**

enough in quantity, or good enough in quality, for a particular purpose or need

an adequate supply of hot water

The room was small but adequate.

There is a lack of adequate access for disabled students.

He didn't give an adequate answer to the question.

adequate for something The space available is not adequate for our needs.

adequate to do something training that is adequate to meet the future needs of the industry

inadequate

ad • e • qua • cy / 'ædɛkwəsi / **noun [uncountable]**

The adequacy of the security arrangements has been questioned.

inadequacy

ad • e • quate • ly **adverb**

Are you adequately insured?

inadequately **at inadequate**

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ad • ja • cent / ə'dʒeɪsnt / **adjective**

(of an area, a building, a room, etc.) next to or near something

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The planes landed on adjacent runways.

adjacent to something Our farmland was adjacent to the river.

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ad • just / əˈdʒʌst / **verb**

1 [**transitive**] to change something slightly to make it more suitable for a new set of conditions or to make it work better

adjust something Watch out for sharp turns and adjust your speed accordingly.

This button is for adjusting the volume.

The brakes need to be adjusted.

adjust something to something Adjust your language to the age of your audience.

2 [**intransitive** , **transitive**] to get used to a new situation by changing the way you behave and/or think

adapt

They'll be fine—they just need time to adjust.

adjust to something After a while, his eyes adjusted to the dark.

adjust to doing something It took her a while to adjust to living alone.

It can be difficult to adjust to being a parent.

adjust yourself to something I had to adjust myself to the idea that he wasn't coming back.

My eyes were still trying to adjust themselves to the strong sunlight.

3 [**transitive**] **adjust something** to move something slightly so that it looks neater or feels more comfortable

He smoothed his hair and adjusted his tie.

see also **well-adjusted**

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ad • min • is • tra • tion / ədˌmɪnəˈstreɪʃn / **noun**

1 often **(the) Administration** [**countable** , **singular**] the government of a country under a particular leader
the Obama administration

The Administration will fight hard for the tax plan.

Successive administrations have failed to solve the country's economic problems.

2 often **the administration** [**countable** , **singular**] the people who plan, organize, and run a business, an institution, etc.

the hospital/university administration

3 (also informal **ad • min**) [**uncountable**] the activities that are done in order to plan, organize, and run a business, school, or other institution

Administration costs are passed on to the customer.

the day-to-day administration of a company

4 [**uncountable**] the process or act of organizing the way that something is done

the administration of justice

5 [**uncountable**] (formal) the act of giving a drug to someone

the administration of antibiotics

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a • dult / əˈdʌlt ; ˈædʌlt / **noun, adjective**

noun

1 a fully grown person who is legally responsible for their actions

grown-up 2

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Why can't you two act like civilized adults?

2 a fully grown animal

The fish return to the river as adults in order to breed.

adjective

1 fully grown or developed

preparing young people for adult life

the adult population

adult monkeys

2 behaving in an intelligent and responsible way; typical of what is expected of an adult

grown-up 1

When my parents split up, it was all very adult and open.

3 [only before noun] intended for adults only, because it is about sex or contains violence

an adult movie

see also **adulthood**

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ad • vo • cate verb, noun

verb / 'ædvə,keɪt /

(formal)

to support something publicly

advocate something The group does not advocate the use of violence.

advocate (someone) doing something Many experts advocate rewarding your child for good behavior.

advocate that... The report advocated that all buildings be equipped with smoke detectors.

THESAURUS

recommend

advise advocate urge

These words all mean to tell someone what you think they should do in a particular situation.

recommend to tell someone what you think they should do in a particular situation; to say what you think the price or level of something should be: We recommend that you buy your tickets early. ◇ a recommended price of \$50

advise to tell someone what you think they should do in a particular situation: She advised me not to tell him.

RECOMMEND OR ADVISE?

Advise is a stronger word than **recommend** and is often used when the person giving the advice is in a position of authority: Police are advising fans without tickets to stay away. ◇ ~~Police are recommending fans without tickets to stay away.~~ I advise you... can suggest that you know better than the person you are advising; this may cause offense if they are your equal or senior to you. I recommend... mainly suggests that you are trying to be helpful and is less likely to cause offense. **Recommend** is often used with more positive advice to tell someone about possible benefits and **advise** with more negative advice to warn someone about possible dangers: ~~He advised reading the book before seeing the movie.~~ ◇ ~~I would recommend against going out on your own.~~

advocate (formal) to support or recommend something publicly: The group does not advocate the use of violence.

urge (formal) to recommend something strongly: The situation is dangerous, and the UN is urging caution.

PATTERNS

to recommend/advise/urge **that...**

It is recommended/advised **that...**

to advise/urge **someone to do something**

to **strongly** recommend/advise/advocate someone/something

noun / 'ædvəkət /

1 a person who supports or speaks in favor of someone or of a public plan or action

advocate (for something/someone) an advocate for hospital workers

advocate (of something/someone) a staunch advocate of free speech

see also **devil's advocate**

2 a person who defends someone in court note at **lawyer**

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af • fect / ə'fɛkt / **verb**

1 [often passive] **affect someone/something** to produce a change in someone or something

How will these changes affect us?

Your opinion will not affect my decision.

The south of the country was worst affected by the drought.

2 [often passive] **affect someone/something** (of a disease) to attack someone or a part of the body; to make someone become sick

The condition affects one in five women.

Rub the ointment into the affected areas.

3 **affect someone** [often passive] to make someone have strong feelings of sadness, anger, etc.

They were deeply affected by the news of her death.

Try not to let his problems affect you too much.

4 **affect (to do) something** (formal) to pretend to be feeling or thinking something

She affected a calmness she did not feel.

5 **affect something** (formal , disapproving) to use or wear something that is intended to impress other people

put on

I wish he wouldn't affect that ridiculous accent.

WHICH WORD?

affect effect

affect verb = "to have an influence on someone or something": Does television affect children's behavior? It is not a noun.

effect noun = "result, influence": Does television have an effect on children's behavior?

effect verb is formal and means "to achieve or produce": The negotiators hope to effect a reconciliation. ◇ Governments have the tools to use to **effect change** .

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ag • gre • gate noun, adjective, verb

noun / 'ægrɪgət /

1 [**countable**] a total number or amount made up of smaller amounts that are collected together
a record aggregate of 285 points

The three smaller parties gained an aggregate of 25 percent of the vote.

2 [**uncountable** , **countable**] (technical) sand or broken stone that is used to make concrete or for building roads, etc.

in (the) aggregate

(formal)

added together as a total or single amount

Businesses are, in the aggregate, deeper in debt than ever before.

adjective / 'ægrɪgət /

[only before noun]

(economics)

made up of several amounts that are added together to form a total number

aggregate demand/investment/turnover

verb / 'ægrɪ,geɪt /

[usually passive]

aggregate something (with something)

Resource: <https://github.com/k-five>

(formal

or technical)

to put together different items, amounts, etc. into a single group or total

The scores were aggregated with the first round totals to decide the winner.

ag • gre • ga • tion / ,ægrɪ'geɪʃn / **noun** [**uncountable** , **countable**]

the aggregation of data

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aid / eɪd / **noun, verb**

noun

1 [**uncountable**] money, food, etc. that is sent to help countries in difficult situations

economic/humanitarian/emergency aid

An extra \$10 million in **foreign aid** has been promised.

aid agencies (= organizations that provide help)

medical aid programs

collocations at **international** , see also **financial aid** , **legal aid**

2 [**uncountable**] help that you need to perform a particular task

He was breathing only **with the aid of** a ventilator.

This job would be impossible **without the aid of** a computer.

3 [**uncountable**] (formal) help that is given to a person

One of the staff saw he was in difficulty and **came to his aid** (= helped him) .

see also **first aid**

4 [**countable**] an object, a machine, etc. that you use to help you do something

a hearing aid

Photos make useful teaching aids.

verb

[**intransitive** , **transitive**]

aid (someone/something) (in something/in doing something) | aid someone (with something)

(formal)

to help someone or something to do something, especially by making it easier

assist

aid in something/in doing something The new test should aid in the early detection of the disease.

aid someone (to do something) This feature is designed to aid inexperienced users.

aid something Aided by heat and strong winds, the fire quickly spread.

Some perfumes aid restful sleep.

They were accused of aiding his escape.

aid someone/something in something/in doing something They were accused of aiding him in his escape.

aid and abet (law) to help someone to do something illegal or wrong

She stands accused of aiding and abetting the crime.

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al • be • it / ɔl'biət ; æl- / **conjunction** (formal)

although

He finally agreed, albeit reluctantly, to help us.

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al • lo • cate / 'ælə'keɪt / **verb**

to give something officially to someone or something for a particular purpose

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allocate something (for something) A large sum has been allocated for buying new books for the library.
allocate something (to someone/something) They intend to allocate more places for older students this year.

More resources are being allocated to the project.

allocate someone/something sth The project is being allocated more resources.

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al • ter / 'ɒltər / **verb**

1 [**intransitive** , **transitive**] to become different; to make someone or something different

Prices did not alter significantly during 2010.

He had altered his looks so much I barely recognized him.

alter someone/something It doesn't alter the way I feel.

Nothing can **alter the fact that** we are to blame.

The landscape has been radically altered, severely damaging wildlife.

This incident altered the whole course of events.

2 [**transitive**] **alter something** to make changes to a piece of clothing so that it will fit you better

We can have the dress altered to fit you.

al • ter • able **adjective** (formal)

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al • ter • na • tive / ɒl'tɜrnətɪv / **noun, adjective**

noun

a thing that you can choose to do or have out of two or more possibilities

You can be paid in cash weekly or by check monthly; those are the two alternatives.

We had **no alternative but to** fire Gibson.

There is a vegetarian alternative on the menu every day.

THESAURUS

option

choice alternative possibility

These are all words for something that you choose to do in a particular situation.

option something that you can choose to have or do; the freedom to choose what you do: We are currently studying all the options available. ◇ He was given one month's imprisonment without the option of a fine.

Option is also the word used in computing for one of the choices you can make when using a computer program: Choose the "Cut" option from the Edit menu.

choice the freedom to choose what you do; something that you can choose to have or do: If I had the choice, I would stop working tomorrow. ◇ She has a number of choices available to her.

alternative something that you can choose to have or do out of two or more possibilities: You can be paid in cash weekly or by check monthly: Those are the two alternatives.

OPTION, CHOICE, OR ALTERNATIVE?

Choice is slightly less formal than **option** , and **alternative** is slightly more formal. **Choice** is most often used for "the freedom to choose," although you can sometimes also use **option** (but not usually **alternative**): If I had the choice/option, I would... ◇ ~~If I had the alternative, I would...~~ ◇ parental choice in education ◇ ~~parental option/alternative in education~~. Things that you can choose are **options** , **choices** , or **alternatives** . However, **alternative** is more frequently used to talk about choosing between two things rather than several.

possibility one of the different things that you can do in a particular situation: We need to explore a wide range of possibilities. ◇ The possibilities are endless. **Possibility** can be used in a similar way to **option** , **choice** , and **alternative** , but the emphasis here is less on the need to make a choice, and more on what is available.

PATTERNS

with/without the option/choice/possibility **of** something
 a(n) **good/acceptable/reasonable/possible** option/choice/alternative
 the **only** option/choice/alternative/possibility **open to** someone
 to **have** a/an/the option/choice **of doing something**
 to **have no** option/choice/alternative **but to** do something
 a **number/range of** options/choices/alternatives/possibilities

adjective

[only before noun]

1 (also **al • ter • nate**) that can be used instead of something else
 an alternative method of doing something

Do you have an alternative solution?

2 different from the usual or traditional way in which something is done

alternative comedy/music/lifestyles/values

alternative energy (= electricity or power that is produced using the energy from the sun, wind, water, etc.)

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

am • big • u • ous / ˌæmˈbɪɡjuəs / **adjective**

1 that can be understood in more than one way; having different meanings

an **ambiguous word/term/statement**

Her account was deliberately ambiguous.

2 not clearly stated or defined

His role has always been ambiguous.

unambiguous

am • big • u • ous • ly **adverb**

an ambiguously worded agreement

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

a • mend / əˈmɛnd / **verb**

amend something

to change a law, document, statement, etc. slightly in order to correct a mistake or to improve it

He asked to see the amended version.

The law has been amended to read as follows:...

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

a • nal • o • gy / əˈnælədʒi / **noun**

(pl. **a • nal • o • gies**)

1 [**countable**] a comparison of one thing with another thing that has similar features; a feature that is similar
analogy (between A and B) The teacher **drew an analogy** between the human heart and a pump.

analogy (with something) There are no analogies with any previous legal cases.

2 [**uncountable**] the process of comparing one thing with another thing that has similar features in order to explain it

learning **by analogy**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

an • a • lyze (CanE also **an • a • lyse**) / ˈænl,aɪz / **verb**

1 to examine the nature or structure of something, especially by separating it into its parts, in order to understand or explain it

analyze something The job involves gathering and analyzing data.

He tried to analyze his feelings.

The first step is to define and analyze the problem.

analyze what, how, etc.... We need to analyze what went wrong.

THESAURUS

examine

consider look at something analyze review study discuss

These words all mean to think about, study, or describe someone or something carefully, especially in order to understand them, form an opinion of them, or make a decision about them.

examine to think about, study, or describe an idea, subject, or piece of work very carefully: These ideas will be examined in more detail in Chapter 10.

consider to think carefully about something, especially in order to make a decision: She carefully considered her options.

look at something (somewhat informal) to consider, think about, or study something, especially in order to learn something useful or important: I'm going to look at the budget estimates on the weekend.

analyze to examine the nature or structure of something, especially by separating it into its parts, in order to understand or explain it: The job involves gathering and analyzing data. ◇ He tried to analyze his feelings.

review to examine something again, especially so that you can decide whether any changes need to be made: The government will review the situation later in the year.

study to examine someone or something in order to understand them or it: We will study the report carefully before making a decision.

EXAMINE OR STUDY?

You **examine** something in order to understand it or to help other people understand it, for example by describing it in a book; you **study** something in order to understand it yourself.

discuss to write or talk about something in detail, showing the different ideas and opinions about it: This topic will be discussed at greater length in the next chapter.

PATTERNS

to examine/consider/look at/analyze/review/study/discuss **what/how/whether...**

to examine/consider/look at/analyze/review/study/discuss the **situation/evidence/implications**

to examine/consider/look at/analyze/review/study/discuss something

carefully/critically/systematically/briefly

2 analyze someone = **psychoanalyze**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

an • nu • al / 'ænyuəl / **adjective, noun**

adjective

[usually before noun]

1 happening or done once every year

an **annual meeting/event/report**

2 relating to a period of one year

an **annual income/subscription/budget**

an average annual growth rate of 8%

annual rainfall

compare **biannual**

noun

1 any plant that grows and dies within one year or season

compare **biennial** , **perennial**

2 a book that is published once a year, with the same title each time, but different contents

the museum's design annual

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

an • tic • i • pate / ænˈtɪsɪˌpeɪt / **verb**

1 to expect something

anticipate something We don't anticipate any major problems.

Our anticipated arrival time is 8:30.

The eagerly anticipated movie will be released next month.

anticipate doing something They anticipate moving to bigger premises by the end of the year.

anticipate something doing something I don't anticipate it being a problem.

anticipate that... We anticipate that sales will rise next year.

it is anticipated that... It is anticipated that inflation will stabilize at 3%.

compare **unanticipated**

2 to see what might happen in the future and take action to prepare for it

anticipate something We need someone who can anticipate and respond to changes in the fashion industry.

anticipate what, how, that, etc.... Try to anticipate what the interviewers will ask.

3 anticipate (doing) something | anticipate (something doing) something to think with pleasure and excitement about something that is going to happen

We eagerly anticipated the day we would finish school.

4 anticipate someone (doing something) (formal) to do something before it can be done by someone else
forestall

When Scott reached the South Pole, he found that Amundsen had anticipated him.

an • tic • i • pa • to • ry / ænˈtɪsɪpəˌtɔːri / **adjective** (formal)

a fast anticipatory movement by the goaltender

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

ap • par • ent / əˈpærənt ; əˈpær- / **adjective**

1 [not usually before noun] easy to see or understand

obvious

Their devotion was apparent.

Then, **for no apparent reason** , the train suddenly stopped.

apparent (from something) (that...) It was apparent from her face that she was really upset.

apparent (to someone) (that...) It soon **became apparent** to everyone that he couldn't sing.

THESAURUS

clear

obvious apparent evident plain

These words all describe something that is easy to see or understand and leaves no doubts or confusion.

clear easy to see or understand and leaving no doubts: Her instructions were very clear.

obvious easy to see or understand: I don't understand how you missed such an obvious error.

apparent [not usually before noun] (somewhat formal) easy to see or understand: It soon became apparent that everything had gone wrong.

evident (somewhat formal) easy to see or understand: The orchestra played with evident enjoyment.

plain easy to see or understand: He **made it** very **plain** that he wanted us to leave.

WHICH WORD?

These words all have almost exactly the same meaning. There are slight differences in register and patterns of use. If you make something clear/plain , you do so deliberately because you want people to understand something; if you make something obvious , you usually do it without meaning to: ~~I hope I make myself obvious.~~ ◇ ~~Try not to make it so clear/plain.~~ In the expressions clear majority , for obvious reasons , for no apparent reason, and plain to see , none of the other words can be used instead. You can have a clear/an obvious/a plain case of something but not: ~~an evident case of something.~~

PATTERNS

clear/obvious/apparent/evident/plain **to** someone/something

clear/obvious/apparent/evident/plain **that/what/who/how/where/why...**

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to **seem/become/make something** clear/obvious/apparent/evident/plain
perfectly/quite/very clear/obvious/apparent/evident/plain

language bank at **illustrate**

2 [usually before noun] that seems to be real or true but may not be

seeming

My parents were concerned at my apparent lack of enthusiasm for school.

Their affluence is more apparent than real (= they are not as rich as they seem to be) .

see also **appear**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

ap • pend / əˈpɛnd / **verb**

append something (to something)

(formal)

to add something to the end of a piece of writing

Footnotes have been appended to the document.

The principal has the right to append comments to the final report.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

ap • pre • ci • ate / əˈprɪʃi, eɪt / **verb**

1 [**transitive**] (not used in the progressive tenses) **appreciate someone/something** to recognize the good qualities of someone or something

You can't really appreciate foreign literature in translation.

His talents are not **fully appreciated** in that company.

Her family doesn't appreciate her.

2 [**transitive**] (not usually used in the progressive tenses) to be grateful for something that someone has done; to welcome something

appreciate something I'd appreciate some help.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thanks for coming. I **appreciate it** .

I would appreciate any comments you might have.

I would appreciate it if you paid in cash.

appreciate doing something I don't appreciate being treated like a second-class citizen.

appreciate someone doing something We would appreciate you letting us know of any problems.

3 [**transitive**] (not used in the progressive tenses) to understand that something is true

realize

appreciate something What I failed to appreciate was the distance between the two cities.

appreciate how, what, etc.... I don't think you appreciate how expensive it will be.

appreciate that... We didn't **fully appreciate** that he was seriously ill.

4 [**intransitive**] to increase in value over a period of time

Their investments have appreciated over the years.

depreciate

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

ap • proach / əˈproʊtʃ / **verb, noun**

verb

MOVE NEAR

1 [**intransitive , transitive**] to come near to someone or something in distance or time

We heard the sound of an approaching car/a car approaching.

Winter is approaching.

The time is fast approaching when we will have to make a decision.

approach someone/something As you approach the town, you'll see the college on the left.

OFFER/ASK

2 [transitive] to speak to someone about something, especially to ask them for something or to offer to do something

approach someone We have been approached by a number of companies that are interested in our product.

I'd like to ask his opinion but I find him difficult to approach (= not easy to talk to in a friendly way) .

approach someone for something/about (doing) something She approached the bank for a loan.

AMOUNT/QUALITY

3 [transitive] approach something to come close to something in amount, level, or quality

profits approaching 30 million dollars

Few writers approach his richness of language.

PROBLEM/TASK

4 [transitive] approach something to start dealing with a problem, task, etc. in a particular way

What's the best way of approaching this problem?

noun

TO PROBLEM/TASK

1 [countable] a way of dealing with someone or something; a way of doing or thinking about something such as a problem or a task

She took the wrong approach in her dealings with them.

approach to something The school has decided to adopt a different approach to discipline.

MOVEMENT NEARER

2 [singular] movement nearer to someone or something in distance or time

She hadn't heard his approach and jumped as the door opened.

the approach of spring

They felt apprehensive about the approach of war.

OFFER/REQUEST

3 [countable] the act of speaking to someone about something, especially when making an offer or a request

The club has **made an approach** to a local company for sponsorship.

She resented his persistent approaches.

PATH/ROAD

4 [countable] a path, road, etc. that leads to a place

All the approaches to the palace were guarded by troops.

a new approach road to the port

OF AIRCRAFT

5 [countable] the part of an aircraft's flight immediately before landing

to begin the final approach to the runway

SOMETHING SIMILAR

6 [singular] a thing that is like something else that is mentioned

That's the **nearest approach** to an apology you'll get from him.

see **carrot**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

ap • pro • pri • ate adjective, verb

adjective / əˈproʊpriət /

suitable, acceptable, or correct for the particular circumstances

an appropriate response/measure/method

Now that the problem has been identified, appropriate action can be taken.

Is now an appropriate time to make a speech?

These definition have collected by Shakib, (Kurdistan of Iran) September 2nd 2016

Please charge my Mastercard/Visa/American Express card (**delete as appropriate**).

appropriate for something Jeans are not appropriate for a formal party.

This movie is appropriate for children over 13.

appropriate to something The book was written in a style appropriate to the era.

inappropriate

ap • pro • pri • ate • ly adverb

The government has been accused of not responding appropriately to the needs of the homeless.

The chain of volcanoes is known, **appropriately enough** , as the “Ring of Fire.”

ap • pro • pri • ate • ness noun [**uncountable**]

He questioned the appropriateness of their methods.

verb / əˈproʊpri,eɪt /

(formal)

1 appropriate something to take something, someone's ideas, etc. for your own use, especially illegally or without permission

He was accused of appropriating club funds.

Some of the opposition party's policies have been appropriated by the government.

2 appropriate something (for something) to take or give something, especially money for a particular purpose

Five million dollars have been appropriated for research into the disease.

compare **misappropriate**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

ap • prox • i • mate adjective, verb

adjective / əˈprɒksəmət / (abbr. **approx.**)

almost correct or accurate, but not completely so

an **approximate number/total/cost**

The cost given is only approximate.

Use these figures as an approximate guide in your calculations.

exact

verb / əˈprɒksəˌmeɪt /

(formal)

1 [transitive , intransitive] to be similar or close to something in nature, quality, amount, etc., but not exactly the same

approximate something The animals were reared in conditions that approximated the wild as closely as possible.

The total cost will approximate \$15 billion.

2 [transitive] approximate something to calculate or estimate something fairly accurately
a formula for approximating the weight of a horse

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

ar • bi • trar • y / ˈɑrbəˌtrɛri / **adjective**

1 (of an action, a decision, a rule, etc.) not seeming to be based on a reason, system, or plan and sometimes seeming unfair

The choice of players for the team seemed completely arbitrary.

He makes unpredictable, arbitrary decisions.

2 (formal) using power without restriction and without considering other people
the arbitrary powers of officials

ar • bi • trar • i • ly / ˌɑrbəˈtrɛrəli / **adverb**

The leaders of the groups were chosen arbitrarily.

The political frontiers in Africa were often arbitrarily drawn up by the old colonial powers.

ar • bi • trar • i • ness / 'ɑrbə, trɛrɪnəs / **noun** [**uncountable**]
Court officials were suspected of arbitrariness and personal bias.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

ar • e • a / 'ɛrɪə / **noun**

PART OF PLACE

1 [**countable**] part of a place, town, etc., or a region of a country or the world

mountainous/desert areas

rural/urban/inner-city areas

There is heavy traffic in the downtown area tonight.

She knows the **local area** very well.

John is the Cleveland area manager.

Wreckage from the plane was scattered over a **wide area** .

The farm and **surrounding area** were flooded.

see also **catchment area** , **conservation area** , **development area**

2 [**countable**] a part of a room, building, or particular space that is used for a special purpose

the hotel reception area

a play/parking/dining area

see also **penalty area** , **rest area** , **service area**

THESAURUS

place

site area position point location scene spot venue

These are all words for a particular area or part of an area, especially one used for a particular purpose or where something is situated or happens.

place a particular point, area, city, town, building, etc., especially one used for a particular purpose or where a particular thing happens: This would be a good place for a picnic.

site the place where something, especially a building, is or will be situated; a place where something happened or that is used for a particular purpose: They've chosen a site for the new school.

area a part of a room, building, or particular space that is used for a special purpose; a particular place on an object: the hotel reception area ◇ Move the cursor to a blank area on the screen.

position the place where a person or thing is situated; the place where someone or something is meant to be: From his position at the top of the hill, he could see the harbor. The **position** of someone or something is often temporary: the place where the person or thing is at a particular time.

point a particular place within an area, where something happens or is supposed to happen: the point at which the river divides

location a place where something happens or exists, especially a place that is not named or not known: The company is moving to a new location.

scene a place where something happens, especially something unpleasant: the scene of the accident

spot a particular point or area, especially one that has a particular character or where something particular happens: I proposed to your mother **on this very spot** 50 years ago.

venue the place where people meet for an organized event such as a performance or a sports event: Please note the change of venue for this event.

PATTERNS

at a/the place/site/position/point/location/scene/spot/venue

in a(n) place/area/position/location/venue

the place/site/point/location/spot/venue **where...**

the **right** place/site/position/location/spot/venue

a **central** site/position/location/venue

the/something's **exact/precise** place/site/position/point/location/spot

PARTICULAR PLACE

3 [**countable**] a particular place on an object

Move the cursor to a blank area of the computer screen.

The tumor had not spread to other areas of the body.

SUBJECT/ACTIVITY

4 [countable] area (of something) a particular subject or activity, or an aspect of it
the areas of training and development
Finance is Mark's area.

The big **growth area** of recent years has been in health clubs.

see also **gray area**

MEASUREMENT

5 [countable , uncountable] the amount of space covered by a flat surface or piece of land, described as a measurement

the area of a triangle

The room is 120 square feet in area.

Minnesota occupies a total area of 86,943 square miles.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

as • pect / 'æspɛkt / **noun**

1 [countable] a particular part or feature of a situation, an idea, a problem, etc.; a way in which it may be considered

The book aims to cover all aspects of city life.

the most important aspect of the debate

She felt she had looked at the problem from every aspect.

This was one aspect of her character he hadn't seen before.

The consultancy gives advice to manufacturers on the health and safety aspects of their products.

2 [uncountable , singular] (formal) the appearance of a place, a situation, or a person

Events began to take on a more sinister aspect.

the dirty and seedy aspect of the bar

3 [countable , usually singular] (formal) the direction in which a building, window, piece of land, etc. faces; the side of a building that faces a particular direction

orientation

Our room had a western aspect.

The southern aspect of the school was dominated by the mountain.

4 [uncountable , countable] (grammar) the form of a verb that shows, for example, whether the action happens once or repeatedly, is completed or still continuing

see also **perfect , progressive**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

as • sem • ble / ə'sɛmbl / **verb**

1 [intransitive , transitive] to come together as a group; to bring people or things together as a group
All the students were asked to assemble in the main hall.

She then addressed the **assembled company** (= all the people there) .

assemble something to assemble evidence/data

The manager has assembled a world-class team.

He tried to assemble his thoughts.

2 [transitive] assemble something to fit together all the separate parts of something, for example a piece of furniture

The shelves are easy to assemble.

disassemble

THESAURUS

build

construct assemble put something together erect put something up establish

These words all mean to make or create something, especially by putting different parts together.

build to make something, especially a building, by putting parts together: a house built of stone ◇ They're going to build a museum on the site of the old power plant.

construct [often passive] (somewhat formal) to build something such as a road, building, or machine

assemble (somewhat formal) to fit together all the separate parts of something, such as a piece of furniture or a machine: The cupboard is easy to assemble.

put something together to make or prepare something by fitting or collecting parts together: to put together a model plane

erect (formal) to build something; to put something in position and make it stand upright: Police had to erect barriers to keep crowds back.

put something up to build something or place something somewhere: I put up a fence so that my dog would have somewhere to exercise.

establish to create an organization or place that is meant to last for a long time: President Roosevelt established the first national park at Yellowstone.

PATTERNS

to build/construct/erect/put up a **house/wall**

to build/construct/erect/put up some **shelves**

to build/construct/erect/put up a **barrier/fence/shelter**

to build/assemble a(n) **engine/machine**

to build/construct a **road/railway/railroad/tunnel**

to erect/put up a **tent/statue/monument/memorial**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

as • sess / əˈsɛs / **verb**

1 to make a judgment about the nature or quality of someone or something

assess someone/something It's difficult to assess the effects of these changes.

to assess a patient's needs

Interviews allow you to assess the appropriateness of candidates.

assess someone/something as something The young men were assessed as either safe or unsafe drivers.

I'd assess your chances as low.

assess whether, how, etc.... The committee assesses whether a building is worth preserving.

We are trying to assess how well the system works.

2 to calculate the amount or value of something

estimate

assess something They have assessed the amount of compensation to be paid.

assess something at something Damage to the building was assessed at \$40,000.

as • sess • able / əˈsɛsəbl / **adjective**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

as • sign / əˈsaɪn / **verb**

1 to give someone something that they can use, or some work or responsibility

assign something (to someone) The two large classrooms have been assigned to us.

The teacher assigned a different task to each of the children.

assign someone something We have been assigned the two large classrooms.

The teacher assigned each of the children a different task.

2 to provide a person for a particular task or position

assign someone (to something/as something) They've assigned their best man to the job.

assign someone to do something U.S. forces have been assigned to help with peacekeeping.

3 [usually passive] **assign someone to someone/something** to send a person to work under the authority of someone or in a particular group

I was assigned to B platoon.

4 to say that something has a particular value or function, or happens at a particular time or place

assign something to something Assign a different color to each different type of information.

assign something sth The painting cannot be assigned an exact date.

5 assign something to someone (law) to say that your property or rights now belong to someone else

The agreement assigns copyright to the publisher.

She has assigned the lease to her daughter.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

as • sist / əˈsɪst / **verb, noun**

verb

1 [**intransitive, transitive**] to help someone to do something

Anyone willing to assist can contact this number.

assist in/with something Would someone be willing to assist with child care today?

assist someone We'll do all we can to assist you.

The play was directed by Mike Johnson, assisted by Sharon Gale.

assist someone in doing something We will assist you in finding somewhere to live.

assist someone in/with something I will be assisting Mrs. Jones with her class today.

assist someone to do something We want to assist students to take more responsibility for their work.

2 [**transitive**] **assist something** to help something to happen more easily

activities that will assist the decision-making process

noun

an action in **hockey**, baseball, etc. in which a player helps another player on the same team to score a goal or point

He had two goals and an assist in his first game of the season.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

as • sume / əˈsum / **verb**

1 to think or accept that something is true but without having proof of it

assume (that)... **It is reasonable to assume (that)** the economy will continue to improve.

Let us assume for a moment that the plan succeeds.

She would, he assumed, be home at the usual time.

it is assumed (that)... It is generally assumed that stress is caused by too much work.

assume something Don't always **assume the worst** (= that something bad has happened) .

In this example we have assumed a unit price of \$10.

assume someone/something to be/have something I had assumed him to be foreign.

2 assume something (formal) to take or begin to have power or responsibility

take

The court assumed responsibility for the girl's welfare.

Rebel forces have assumed control of the capital.

3 assume something (formal) to take financial responsibility for something; to agree to pay for something

Corporations are assuming more and more debt as they are forced to invest and innovate.

Students must assume their own healthcare costs and buy their own equipment.

4 assume something (formal) to begin to have a particular quality or appearance

take on

This matter has assumed considerable importance.

In the story, the god assumes the form of an eagle.

5 assume something (formal) to pretend to have a particular feeling or quality

put on

He assumed an air of concern.

AWL COLLOCATIONS

assume**assume verb**

commonly , **generally** | **erroneously** , **incorrectly** , **mistakenly** | **safely** | **implicitly** , **tacitly**

Contrary to what is generally assumed by theoretical models, our results demonstrate that...

We can safely assume that emissions from developing countries will keep rising as economic activity grows.

This approach implicitly assumes that medication use is constant during the assessment period.

be reasonable to , **be safe to** | **be unreasonable to**

It is reasonable to assume that those with a continuous work history should have a higher commitment to the labor market.

On the basis of available evidence, it would not be unreasonable to assume that Chinese writing began in the seventeenth century B.C.

assumption noun

implicit , **underlying** | **valid**

This implicit assumption is rarely tested.

There seem to be some underlying assumptions, but there does not seem to be any evidence.

reexamine , **test** | **satisfy** , **validate** | **challenge** , **question** | **contradict** , **violate**

The first experiment was designed to test the assumptions of these hypotheses.

Our findings challenge an important assumption shared by all of the theories we have examined.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

as • sure / əˈʃʊr / **verb**

1 to tell someone that something is definitely true or is definitely going to happen, especially when they have doubts about it

assure someone (that)... You think I did it deliberately, but I assure you (that) I did not.

We were assured that everything possible was being done.

She's perfectly safe, **I can assure you** .

assure someone (of something) We assured him of our support.

I won't let you down, I can assure you of that.

assure someone + speech "He'll come back," Susan assured her.

2 to make something certain to happen

guarantee

assure something Victory would assure a place in the finals.

assure someone something Victory would assure them a place in the finals.

This achievement has assured her a place in the history books.

3 to make yourself certain about something

assure yourself of something He assured himself of her safety.

assure yourself that... She assured herself that the letter was still in the drawer.

see **rest assured (that...)** at **rest** v.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

at • tach / əˈtætʃ / **verb**

1 to fasten or join one thing to another

attach something I attach a copy of my notes for your information.

I attach a copy of the spreadsheet (= send it with an e-mail) .

attach something to something Attach the coupon to the front of your letter.

(figurative) They have attached a number of conditions to the agreement (= said that the conditions must be part of the agreement) .

compare **detach**

2 attach importance, significance, value, weight, etc. (to something) to believe that something is important or worth thinking about

I attach great importance to this research.

I wouldn't attach too much weight to these findings.

3 attach yourself to someone to join someone for a time, sometimes when you are not welcome or have not been invited

He attached himself to me at the party and I couldn't get rid of him.

4 (formal) to be connected with someone or something; to connect something to something

attach something to someone/something This does not attach any blame to you.

No blame is attached to you.

No one is suggesting that any health risks are attached to this product.