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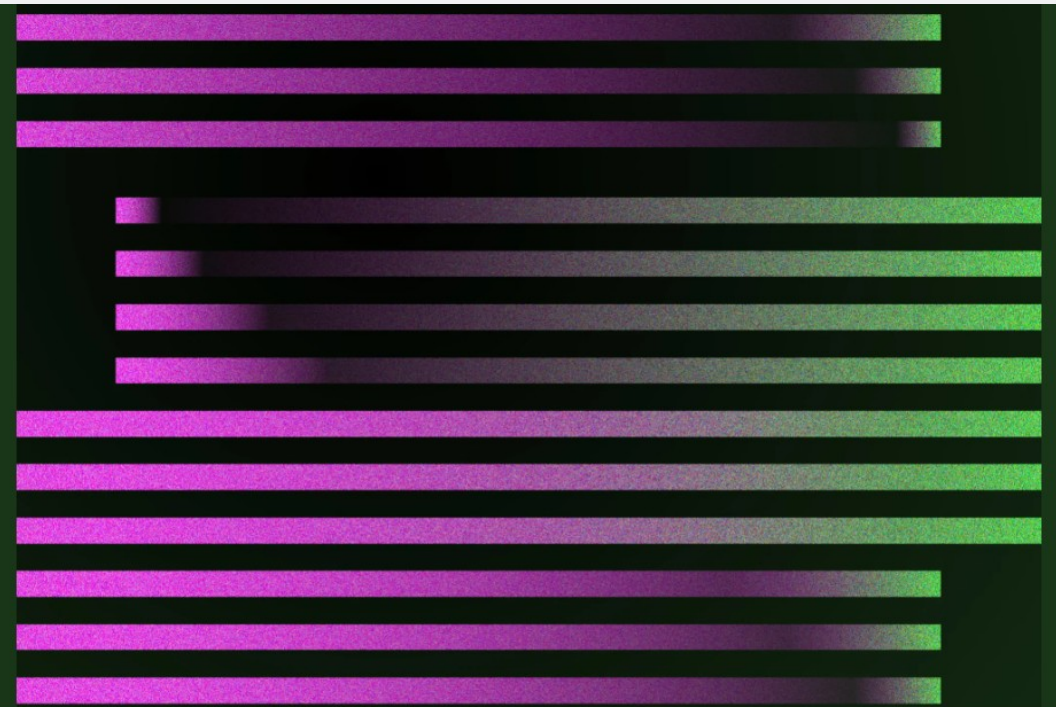
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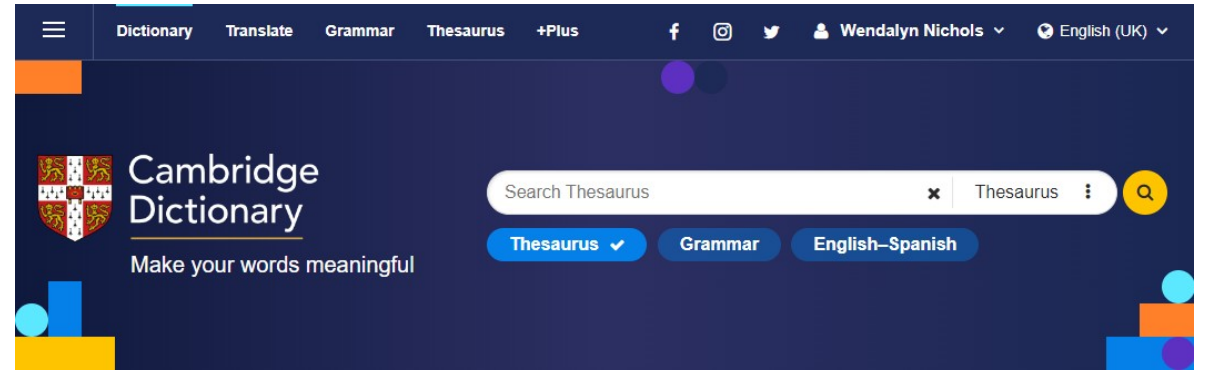
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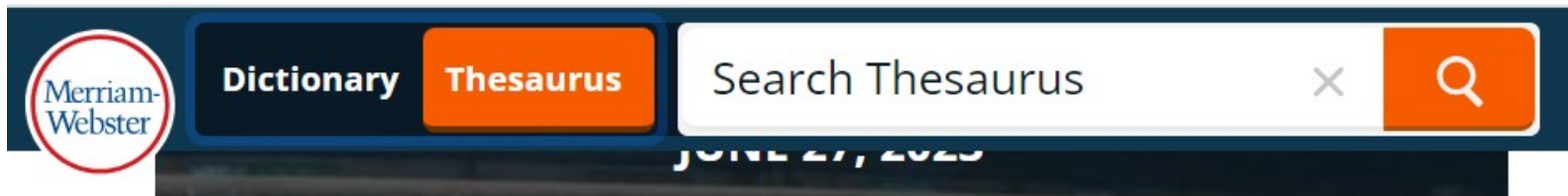
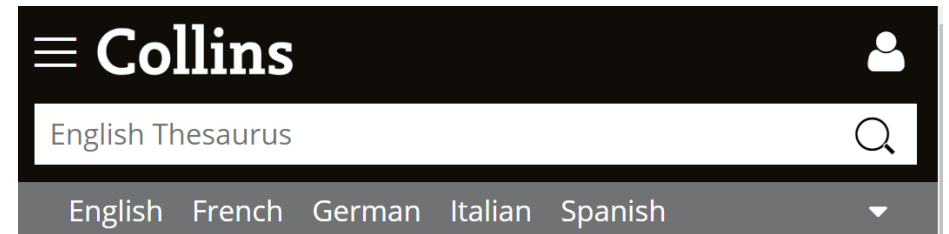
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verb

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"the Home Office finally admitted that several prisoners had been injured"

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2. allow (someone) to enter a place.
"old-age pensioners are admitted free to the museum"

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What does "admission" mean in "We want to encourage greater age diversity in admissions."



In the context you provided, "admissions" refers to the process of accepting or admitting individuals into a particular institution, program, or organization. "Admission" in this context refers to the act of granting entry or acceptance to individuals who meet the required criteria or qualifications.



The phrase "encourage greater age diversity in admissions" suggests that the speaker or organization wants to promote a wider range of ages among the individuals being accepted into a particular institution or program. They aim to increase the diversity of age groups among the admitted individuals, potentially to create a more inclusive and representative community.



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What does "admission" mean in "How much is admission?"



In the context you provided, "admission" refers to the cost or fee associated with gaining entry or access to a particular place or event. When someone asks, "How much is admission?" they are inquiring about the price or fee required to enter a specific venue, such as a museum, theme park, concert, movie theater, or any other place that requires a ticket or entry fee. The response to this question would typically provide the price or fee that needs to be paid in order to gain entry.



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What does "admission" mean in "Admission is by invitation only."



In the context you provided, "admission" refers to the act of allowing or granting entry to a specific event, place, or organization. When it is stated that "admission is by invitation only," it means that only individuals who have received an invitation are allowed to enter or be a part of the event, place, or organization. In this case, access is restricted to those who have been specifically invited, and others without invitations would not be permitted to attend or join.



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Which is correct, "by his own admission" or "at his own admission"?



The correct phrase is "by his own admission."

The phrase "by his own admission" is used to indicate that something is confirmed or acknowledged by the person themselves. It implies that the information or statement being referred to is explicitly stated or admitted by the individual. For example: "He said, by his own admission, that he made a mistake."

The phrase "at his own admission" is not a commonly used expression. It does not convey the same meaning as "by his own admission."



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OK, then how is "at his own admission" different from "by his own admission"?



The phrase "by his own admission" indicates that someone has confessed or acknowledged something about themselves willingly and openly. It suggests that the information being referenced is confirmed directly by the person themselves. For example: "He, by his own admission, admitted to being the one who broke the vase."

On the other hand, the phrase "at his own admission" is not a standard expression in English and is not commonly used. It does not convey a specific meaning or convey the same sense of self-confession as "by his own admission." Therefore, it is advised to use "by his own admission" when expressing that someone has acknowledged or confessed something about themselves.



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Please use simpler language to explain that.



Certainly! I apologize for any confusion. Let me explain it using simpler language.

The phrase "by his own admission" means that someone has openly said or admitted something about themselves. It shows that the information is confirmed directly by the person themselves. For example: "He himself said that he made a mistake."

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synonyms of admit



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verb

- confess to be true or to be the case.

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acknowledge confess reveal make known disclose divulge make public
 avow declare profess own up to make a clean breast of bring into the open
 bring to light give away blurt out leak concede accept accede grant
 agree allow own concur assent recognize realize be aware of
 be conscious of appreciate get something off one's chest spill the beans about
 tell all about blow the lid off squeal about blow the gaff on discover

Opposite

deny conceal



- confess to (a crime or fault, or one's responsibility for it).





Synonyms and antonyms of admit in English

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These are words and phrases related to **admit**. Click on any word or phrase to go to its thesaurus page. Or, [go to the definition of admit](#).

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- *Why don't you just admit you got it wrong?*

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What's the difference between admit, accept, recognize, and appreciate?

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Certainly! Here's a breakdown of the differences between the verbs "admit," "accept," "recognize," and "appreciate":

1. **Admit:** When you admit something, you acknowledge or confess to a fact, truth, or wrongdoing. It involves accepting or acknowledging the reality or truthfulness of a situation. For example: "He admitted that he was wrong."
2. **Accept:** Acceptance refers to the act of receiving or agreeing to something willingly. It involves embracing or approving of an idea, proposal, or situation. For example: "She accepted the job offer."
3. **Recognize:** To recognize means to identify, acknowledge, or be aware of someone or something based on familiarity or memory. It can also involve giving credit or showing appreciation for someone's achievements or qualities. For example: "I recognized her from the photograph" or "They recognized her efforts and awarded her the prize."
4. **Appreciate:** Appreciation involves recognizing the value, significance, or quality of someone or something. It is about having a positive perception or understanding and expressing gratitude or admiration. For example: "I appreciate your help" or "She appreciates art and enjoys visiting museums."

In summary, "admit" is about confessing or acknowledging the truth, "accept" is about embracing or agreeing to something, "recognize" is about identifying or giving credit, and "appreciate" is about recognizing value or expressing gratitude.



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Certainly! Here's an explanation of the differences between the words "admit," "accept," "recognize," and "appreciate":

1. **Admit:** To admit means to acknowledge, confess, or accept the truth or existence of something. It often involves acknowledging a mistake, fault, or wrongdoing. For example, "He admitted that he was wrong."
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In summary, while these words can have overlapping meanings, they differ in terms of acknowledging the truth, receiving or agreeing to something, identifying or being aware of something, and valuing or showing gratitude for someone or something.



**In the following sentence, what other words would work instead of “admit,” and what would be the difference in meaning for each?
“He admitted that mistakes were made.”**



In the sentence, "He admitted that mistakes were made," the word "admitted" indicates that the person acknowledged or confessed the existence of mistakes. However, there are alternative words that could be used, each with a slightly different nuance in meaning. Here are some examples:

1. **Acknowledged:** This would convey that the person recognized or accepted the fact that mistakes were made. It suggests an honest admission without explicitly assuming personal responsibility.
2. **Confessed:** This would imply that the person openly admitted or took responsibility for the mistakes. It suggests a level of personal culpability or fault in the situation.
3. **Accepted:** This would indicate that the person willingly received or agreed to the fact that mistakes were made. It implies a sense of understanding and agreement without necessarily admitting personal involvement.
4. **Recognized:** This would suggest that the person became aware or realized that mistakes had occurred. It implies understanding and acknowledgement without explicitly addressing personal responsibility.

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Give me some example sentences that show how these words convey differences in meaning.



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Certainly! Here are example sentences that illustrate how different words convey nuances in meaning in the context of admitting mistakes:

1. Acknowledged:

- He acknowledged that mistakes were made, but he did not specify who was responsible.
- The team leader acknowledged that mistakes had occurred during the project.

2. Confessed:

- She confessed that mistakes were made and took full responsibility for them.
- The CEO confessed that mistakes were made under his leadership and vowed to make amends.

3. Accepted:

- They accepted that mistakes were made and focused on finding solutions to prevent them in the future.
- The committee accepted that mistakes had been made in the decision-making process.

4. Recognized:

- He recognized that mistakes were made, and he committed to learning from them.
- The auditor recognized that mistakes had been made in the financial records and initiated an investigation.



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In these sentences, each word subtly alters the meaning and the implications of how mistakes are acknowledged. "Acknowledged" implies recognition without assuming personal responsibility. "Confessed" suggests a personal admission of fault. "Accepted" indicates agreement without necessarily addressing personal involvement. "Recognized" implies awareness and understanding without explicitly assigning blame.



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1. Admit (verb):

- Definition: To acknowledge or confess the truth, existence, or one's own wrongdoing.
- Example: He admitted that he made a mistake.
- Synonyms: Acknowledge, confess, concede.

2. Accept (verb):

- Definition: To receive or take something willingly, to agree to or approve of something, or to come to terms with a situation.
- Example: She accepted the job offer.
- Synonyms: Receive, agree to, approve, embrace.

3. Recognize (verb):

- Definition: To identify, acknowledge, or be aware of something or someone, often based on previous knowledge or familiarity.
- Example: I recognized her from the photograph.
- Synonyms: Identify, acknowledge, be aware of, perceive.

4. Appreciate (verb):

- Definition: To value, understand, or recognize the worth or significance of someone or something, often expressing gratitude.
- Example: We appreciate your hard work.
- Synonyms: Value, understand, recognize, be grateful for.



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That's not like a definition for learners.



I apologize for any confusion. Here's a revised explanation in a learner-friendly dictionary style:



1. Admit (verb):

- Definition: To honestly acknowledge or confess something is true, often including one's own mistakes or faults.
- Example: He admitted that he was wrong about the answer.
- Synonyms: Acknowledge, confess, own up to.

2. Accept (verb):

- Definition: To willingly receive, agree to, or believe in something or someone.
- Example: She accepted the invitation to the party.
- Synonyms: Receive, agree to, believe in.

3. Recognize (verb):

- Definition: To identify, acknowledge, or realize someone or something based on previous knowledge or familiarity.
- Example: I recognized him from his distinctive voice.
- Synonyms: Identify, acknowledge, realize.

4. Appreciate (verb):

- Definition: To understand and value the worth, importance, or kindness of someone or something.
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Please note that these explanations are simplified for learners, and there may be additional meanings and usages for each word in different contexts.



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Thesaurus article: *to accept that something is true*

to accept that something is true

These words mean to come to believe that something is true.

Accept is used when you come to believe that something is true, usually after not believing it for a time.

- *I fully accept that I was wrong.*

If you acknowledge something, you accept it or admit it, especially publicly.

- *I acknowledge that the project has faced delays, but we will do all we can to make up time.*

Recognize has a similar meaning.

- *I do recognize that mistakes were made.*

Admit can also be used when you accept that you have done something wrong.

- *Why don't you just admit you got it wrong?*

If you want to tell someone that you understand that something is true and that it is important to them, you can say you **appreciate** that thing.

- *I appreciate that it was difficult for you to come today, and I am grateful.*

For more words related to this use of **appreciate**, see the article at understand.

For more words related to accepting that something is true, see the article at believe.

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- **Unabridged Dictionary:** Virus - a submicroscopic infectious agent that is unable to grow or reproduce outside a host cell. **Biology Online** Viruses are typically not considered living organisms **American Heritage Dictionary, 5e** but are a type of biological entity. They cause various diseases in humans, animals, and plants.” **“Important Topics of Class 8 Science NCERT – Physics, Chemistry, Biology”**
- **Scientific Dictionary:** Virus - an ultramicroscopic (20 to 300 nm in diameter), metabolically inert, infectious agent that replicates only within the cells of living hosts, mainly bacteria, plants, and animals. Composed of an RNA or DNA core, a protein coat, and, in more complex types, a surrounding envelope. **Random House Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary, 2e**

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A bit of advice

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- Don't take on AI head-on. Identify a problem your customer or user has, and ask how AI could help you solve it better.
- Use a flanking strategy while you can: play to your own strengths where the competitor is weakest.
- Recognize when you need partners.



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