

observance

[əb'zɜ:v(ə)ns] *n*

1. **соблюдение (обычая, закона)**
 observance of birthdays - празднование дней рождения
 observance of a treaty - соблюдение договора
 observance of traffic laws /rules/ - следование дорожным правилам /правилам уличного движения/
2. **празднование, соблюдение праздника**
 observance of Lent - соблюдение поста
 observance of Christmas - празднование рождества
3. **обряд, обычай, ритуал, *pl* празднества**
 strict observance - строгое соблюдение обычаев
 patriotic observance - национальные празднества
 to maintain the customary observances - соблюдать установленные обряды
4. **церк. (обыкн. Observance)**
 1) устав ордена *или* прихода
 2) орден *или* приход (*в римско-католической церкви*)
5. **арх.** внимание, забота; любезность; услуга

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ob·ser·vance [observance observances] *BrE* [əb'zɜ:vəns] *NAmE* [əb'zɜ:rvəns]

n noun

1. **uncountable, singular** the practice of obeying a law, celebrating a festival or behaving according to a particular custom
 - ~ (of sth) observance of the law
 - a strict observance of the Sabbath**Opp:** ↑non-observance
2. **countable, usually plural** an act performed as part of a religious or traditional ceremony
 - religious observances

Word Origin:

Middle English: via Old French from Latin *observantia*, from *observant* 'watching, paying attention to', from the verb *observare* 'to watch', from *ob-* 'towards' + *servare* 'attend to, look at'.

Example Bank:

- observance of traditional practices

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1. **[uncountable]** when someone obeys a law or does something because it is part of a religion, custom, or ceremony
observance of
 - the observance of a peace agreement
 - the strict observance of Islam
 - the Memorial Day observance
2. **[countable]** something you do as part of a ceremony, especially a religious ceremony:
 - religious observances

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