

meaning**1. [ˈmiːnɪŋ] n****1. значение; смысл**

the meaning of a word - значение слова

a word with six meanings - слово, имеющее шесть значений

multiple meaning - многозначность

double meaning - двоякое значение; двусмысленность

what is the meaning of all this? - что всё это значит?

to understand smb.'s meaning - понять, что кто-л. хочет сказать

their conversation had not the remotest meaning for him - он совершенно не понимал, о чём они говорят

you haven't got my meaning - вы меня не поняли

with meaning - многозначительно

full of meaning - многозначительный

there is a central core of meaning in every novel - в каждом романе имеется центральная тема

2. *арх.* намерение, цель, замысел**2. [ˈmiːnɪŋ] a****1. (много)значительный выразительный**

meaning look - многозначительный/выразительный взгляд

2. имеющий намерение**meaning**

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mean·ing [meaning meanings] **noun, adjective** *BrE* [ˈmiːnɪŋ] *NAme* [ˈmiːnɪŋ]

noun

OF SOUND/WORD/SIGN**1. uncountable, countable ~ (of sth)** the thing or idea that a sound, word, sign, etc. represents

- What's the meaning of this word?
- Words often have several meanings.
- 'Honesty'? He doesn't **know the meaning of the word** !

OF WHAT SB SAYS/DOES**2. uncountable, countable** the things or ideas that sb wishes to communicate to you by what they say or do

- I don't quite **get your meaning** (= understand what you mean to say) .
- What's the meaning of this? I explicitly told you not to leave the room.

OF FEELING/EXPERIENCE**3. uncountable** the real importance of a feeling or experience

- With Anna he learned the meaning of love.

OF BOOK/PAINTING**4. uncountable, countable** the ideas that a writer, artist, etc. wishes to communicate through a book, painting, etc

- several **layers of meaning**
- There are, of course, deeper meanings in the poem.

SENSE OF PURPOSE**5. uncountable** the quality or sense of purpose that makes you feel that your life is valuable

- Her life seemed to have lost all meaning.
- Having a child gave new meaning to their lives.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: verbal noun from ↑**mean** (verb).

Thesaurus:

meaning noun

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- Words often have several meanings.

sense • • **significance** •

the **original/exact/precise/general/true** meaning/sense/significance

the **accepted/wide/narrow/literal/figurative/metaphorical/legal/technical** meaning/sense

have a meaning/sense/significance

grasp/understand the meaning/significance of sth

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- Her life seemed to have lost all meaning.

value • • **worth** • • **merit** •

without meaning/value/worth/merit

great/real meaning/value/worth/merit

have meaning/value/worth/merit

Example Bank:

- As parents, our lives acquired new meaning.
- Falling in love gave meaning to his life.
- For him, art held little intrinsic meaning.
- He explores the deeper cultural meaning of 'home'.
- He found spiritual meaning through religion.
- Her work no longer had any meaning for her.
- Historians are trying to decipher the meaning of the documents.
- I am using the word with its original meaning.
- I can't grasp the meaning of this quotation.
- I think you misunderstood my meaning.
- I'm sure there's no hidden meaning in what he says.
- It is difficult for a non-Italian to grasp all the nuances of meaning.
- She assigns a meaning to his words they just didn't have.
- She's searching for the deeper meaning of life.
- Some of the symbols carry meaning and some just represent sounds.
- That night redefined the meaning of the word 'love' to him.
- The context largely determines the meaning.
- The context makes the meaning clear.
- The copy editor uses her skill to clarify the meaning.
- The movie ends with scenes that are supposed to leave us pondering its meaning.
- The word 'gay' took on its modern meaning in the 1960s.
- There's often a double meaning in jokes and riddles.
- These translation errors alter the meaning of the sentence.
- What is the exact meaning of this phrase?
- You can't sit around contemplating the meaning of life all day.
- Young people can feel that life is without meaning.
- a word that has more than one meaning
- ambiguity in the meaning of a phrase
- the meaning behind an event
- I don't quite get your meaning.
- The text manages to convey multiple layers of meaning.
- What's the meaning of this? I explicitly told you not to leave the room.

adjective usually before noun = ↑meaningful (2)

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[Word Family: adjective: ↑meaningful, ↑meaningless; verb: ↑mean; noun: ↑meaning; adverb: ↑meaningfully]

1. OF A WORD/SIGN ETC [uncountable and countable] the thing or idea that a word, expression, or sign represents
meaning of

" I don't know the precise meaning of the word 'gleaned'.

2. IDEAS IN SPEECH/BOOK ETC [uncountable and countable] the thoughts or ideas that someone wants you to understand from what they say, do, write etc
meaning of

" The meaning of her words was clear. We'd lost our jobs.

meaning behind

" She hardly dared to understand the meaning behind his statement.

3. what's the meaning of this? *spoken* used to demand an explanation:

" What's the meaning of this? I asked you to be here an hour ago!

4. PURPOSE/SPECIAL QUALITY [uncountable] the quality that makes life, work etc seem to have a purpose or value:

" Life seemed to have lost its meaning since Janet's death.

" Her studies no longer seemed to have any meaning.

" For many people it is religion that gives meaning to their existence.

5. TRUE NATURE [uncountable] the true nature and importance of something
meaning of

" We seem to have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas.

6. (not) know the meaning of something to have, or not have, experience and understanding of a particular situation or feeling:

" Living in a war zone, the children knew the meaning of fear.

" Guilty! She doesn't know the meaning of the word!

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

■ verbs

- **have a meaning** The same word may have several different meanings.
- **take on a meaning** (=begin to have a new meaning) The word 'chaos' has taken on a special scientific meaning.

- **understand the meaning** The pictures help the children understand the meanings of the words.
- **know the meaning** Do you know the meaning of the word 'paraphrase'?
- **get sb's meaning** (also **take sb's meaning** *British English*) (=understand what someone is saying in an indirect way) He's not like other people, if you get my meaning.
- **grasp the meaning** (=begin to understand the meaning) She suddenly grasped the meaning of his frantic gestures.
- **carry meaning** (also **bear a meaning** *formal*) (=have a meaning) In conversation, even a pause may carry meaning.
- **convey meaning** (=express a meaning) the use of hand signals to convey meaning

■ adjectives

- **precise/specific/exact** The term 'stress' has a precise meaning to an engineer.
- **a hidden meaning** She felt there was a hidden meaning behind his words.
- **a double meaning** (=two meanings at the same time) Everything he said had a double meaning.
- **the literal meaning** The literal meaning of 'telephone' is 'far-away sound'.
- **the ordinary meaning** They are a 'nuisance' in the ordinary meaning, not the legal meaning, of that word.
- **the figurative/metaphorical meaning** (=different from its usual or basic meaning) The expression has a metaphorical meaning.
- **sb's/sth's true meaning** Children understand the true meaning of these words.
- **a symbolic meaning** (=representing an idea) Colours often have symbolic meanings; for example, black signifies grief in Western cultures.

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■ Sense 2

- **meaning** the thoughts or ideas that someone wants you to understand from what they say, do, write etc: What do you think is the meaning of the poem?
- **the gist** the main idea and meaning of something such as an article or a speech: Read the story quickly first, just to get the gist of it. | I think I understand the gist of what you're saying.
- **the drift/your drift** the main set of ideas involved in something such as an explanation, argument, or account of something – often used when the ideas are not stated directly: The drift of his letter is that he wants to come back. | I don't quite follow your drift.
- **the essence** the most important meaning of something such as an argument or piece of writing: The essence of what he is saying is that human character is formed by society.
- **the thrust** the most important message of an argument, explanation etc, especially when it consists of a set of connected ideas leading to a final answer or idea: The overall thrust of her argument is that we need to do more to protect our environment.
- **the substance** *formal* the most important ideas contained in an argument or piece of writing: The substance of Marx's views is the same in both of these books. | His article lacks substance (=there are no interesting or important ideas in it).
- **the implication** the meaning of what someone says, writes etc that is not stated directly, but that people are expected to understand: The implication was that they did not consider Harrison to be trustworthy.

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