

**condescend**

[ˌkɒndɪ'send] *v*

- 1) **снизойти, удостоить; соизволить**  
 he seemed to be condescending all the time he was speaking to his staff - он, казалось, снисходил до своих подчинённых, когда говорил с ними
- 2) **вести себя покровительственно важничать**  
 Mrs. Smith condescends to all her neighbours - миссис Смит смотрит свысока на всех своих соседей  
 she doesn't like to be condescended to - ей не нравится, когда до неё снисходят
2. **амер. унижаться (до чего-л.)**  
 to condescend to trickery [to bribery] - дойти до мошенничества [до взяточничества]

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**con-des-cend** [condescend condescends condescended condescending] *BrE*

[ˌkɒndɪ'send] *NAmE* [ˌkɑːndɪ'seɪnd] *verb*

1. **transitive ~ to do sth (often disapproving)** to do sth that you think it is below your social or professional position to do  
**Syn:** ↑deign  
 • We had to wait almost an hour before he condescended to see us.
2. **intransitive ~ to sb** to behave towards sb as though you are more important and more intelligent than they are  
 • When giving a talk, be careful not to condescend to your audience.

Derived Word ↑condescension

Verb forms: verb forms

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| present simple               |                         |
| I / you / we / they          | condescend              |
|                              | BrE / ˌkɒndɪ 'send/     |
|                              | NAmE / ˌkɑːndɪ 'send/   |
| he / she / it                | condescends             |
|                              | BrE / ˌkɒndɪ 'sendz/    |
|                              | NAmE / ˌkɑːndɪ 'sendz/  |
| past simple, past participle | condescended            |
|                              | BrE / ˌkɒndɪ 'sendɪd/   |
|                              | NAmE / ˌkɑːndɪ 'sendɪd/ |
| -ing form                    | condescending           |
|                              | BrE / ˌkɒndɪ 'sendɪŋ/   |
|                              | NAmE / ˌkɑːndɪ 'sendɪŋ/ |

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'give way, defer'): from Old French *condescendre*, from ecclesiastical Latin *condescendere*, from *con-* 'together' + *descendere* 'descend'.

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**con-de-scend** /ˌkɒndɪ'send \$ ˌkɑːn- *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [intransitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: *condescendre*, from Late Latin *condescendere*, from Latin *com-* (⇒ *COM-*) + *descendere* 'to go down']

1. to behave as if you think you are better, more intelligent, or more important than other people – used to show disapproval  
**condescend to**  
 \* Take care not to condescend to your readers.
  2. to do something in a way that shows you think it is below your social or professional position – used to show disapproval  
**condescend to do something**  
 \* 'Yes. I know,' Clara said, condescending to look at Rose for the first time.
- condescension** /-ˈsenʃən/ *noun* [uncountable]

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