

observe

[əb'zɜ:v] *v*

1. 1) **наблюдать, следить (за чем-л.)**
 to observe the habits of ants [the behaviour of birds] - наблюдать за поведением муравьёв [птиц]
 to observe a surgical operation - присутствовать на хирургической операции
 we can observe better from above - нам лучше будет наблюдать /видно/ сверху
- 2) **замечать**
 did you observe her reaction? - вы заметили /обратили внимание/, как она реагировала на это?
 I didn't observe the colour of his eyes - я не заметил цвета его глаз
 he observed that it had suddenly grown colder - он почувствовал, что внезапно похолодало
2. (on, upon) **сделать замечание; высказаться**
 allow me to observe - позвольте мне заметить
 I have very little to observe on what has been said - мне остаётся очень мало добавить к сказанному
 he observed that we should probably have rain - он заметил, что, вероятно, будет дождь
 it will be observed... - следует отметить...
3. 1) **соблюдать, следовать (чему-л.)**
 to observe laws [rites, ceremonies] - соблюдать законы [обряды, церемонии]
 to observe silence - соблюдать тишину
 to observe common decencies - не преступать границ приличия
 to observe the time - быть пунктуальным
 to observe good manners /the nicest decorum/ - быть исключительно вежливым и предупредительным
 to observe discipline - соблюдать дисциплину
- 2) **отмечать, праздновать**
 to observe anniversaries [birthdays, holiday] - отмечать годовщины [дни рождения, праздник]
4. **вести (научные) наблюдения; изучать (с помощью наблюдения)**

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ob·serve [observe observes observed observing] *BrE* [əb'zɜ:v] *NAmE*

[əb'zɜ:v] *v* **verb transitive**

1. (formal) **to see or notice sb/sth**
 - ~ **sb/sth** Have you observed any changes lately?
 - All the characters in the novel are closely observed (= seem like people in real life) .
 - I want you to observe all the details.
 - ~ **sb/sth do sth** The police observed a man enter the bank.
 - ~ **sb/sth doing sth** They observed him entering the bank.
 - ~ **that...** She observed that all the chairs were already occupied.
 - **be observed to do sth** He was observed to follow her closely. This pattern is only used in the passive.
2. **transitive, intransitive (formal) to watch sb/sth carefully, especially to learn more about them**
Syn: ↑monitor
 - ~ **(sb/sth)** I felt he was observing everything I did.
 - The patients were observed over a period of several months.
 - He observes keenly, but says little.
 - ~ **how, what, etc...** They observed how the parts of the machine fitted together.
3. **transitive ~ that... | + speech (formal) to make a remark**
Syn: ↑comment
 - She observed that it was getting late.
4. **transitive ~ sth to obey rules, laws, etc**
 - Will the rebels observe the ceasefire?
 - The crowd **observed a minute's silence** (= were silent for one minute) in memory of those who had died.
5. **transitive ~ sth (formal) to celebrate festivals, birthdays, etc**
 - Do they observe Christmas?

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	observe
	<i>BrE</i> /əb'zɜ:v/
	<i>NAmE</i> /əb'zɜ:rɪv/
he / she / it	observes
	<i>BrE</i> /əb'zɜ:vz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /əb'zɜ:rɪvz/
past simple, past participle	observed
	<i>BrE</i> /əb'zɜ:vd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /əb'zɜ:rɪvd/
-ing form	observing
	<i>BrE</i> /əb'zɜ:vɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /əb'zɜ:rɪvɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in sense 5): from Old French **observer**, from Latin **observare** 'to watch', from **ob-** 'towards' + **servare** 'attend to, look at'.

Thesaurus:

observe verb

1. **T** (not used in the progressive tenses) (formal)

- Have you observed any changes lately?

notice • • **note** • • **take sth in** • • **see** • • **witness** • • **detect** • | formal **perceive** •

observe/notice/note/see/detect/perceive **that...**

observe/notice/note/see/detect/perceive **how/what/where/who...**

observe/notice/witness **sth happen/sb do sth**

2. **T, I** (not used in the progressive tenses) (formal)

- The patients were observed over several months.

watch • • **look** • | formal **contemplate** • • **regard** • • **view** •

observe/watch/look/contemplate/regard/view (sb/sth) **from** somewhere

observe/watch **what/who/how...**

observe/watch/look/contemplate/regard/view (sb/sth) **with** amazement/surprise/disapproval etc.

Synonyms:

comment

note • remark • observe

These words all mean to say or write a fact or opinion.

comment • to express an opinion or give facts about sth: ▫ He refused to comment until after the trial.

note • (rather formal) to mention sth because it is important or interesting: ▫ He noted in passing that the company's record on safety issues was not good.

remark • to say or write what you have noticed about a situation: ▫ Critics remarked that the play was not original.

observe • (formal) to say or write what you have noticed about a situation: ▫ She observed that it was getting late.

comment, remark or observe?

If you **comment on** sth you say sth about it; if you **remark on** sth or **observe** sth, you say sth about it that you have noticed: there is often not much difference between the three. However, while you can **refuse to comment** (without **on**), you cannot 'refuse to remark' or 'refuse to observe' (without **on**): He refused to remark/observe until after the trial.

to comment/note/remark/observe **that...**

to comment on/note/remark/observe **how...**

to comment/remark **on** sth

to comment/remark/observe **to** sb

'**It's long,**' he commented/noted/remarked/observed

Synonyms:

look

watch • see • view • observe

These words all mean to turn your eyes in a particular direction.

look • to turn your eyes in a particular direction: ▫ If you look carefully you can just see our house from here. ◇ ▫ She ▫ looked at ▫ me and smiled.

watch • to look at sb/sth for a time, paying attention to what happens: ▫ to watch television ◇ ▫ Watch what I do, then you try.

see • to watch a game, television programme, performance, etc: ▫ In the evening we went to see a movie.

view • (formal) to look at sth, especially when you look carefully; to watch television, a film/movie, etc: ▫ People came from all over the world to view her work.

watch, see or view?

You can **see/view a film/movie/programme** but you cannot: see/view television. **View** is more formal than **see** and is used especially in business contexts.

observe • (formal) to watch sb/sth carefully, especially to learn more about them or it: ▫ The patients were observed over a period of several months.

to look/watch **for** sb/sth

to watch/observe **what/who/how...**

to look/watch/view/observe (sb/sth) **with** amazement/surprise/disapproval etc.

to watch/see/view a **film/movie/show/programme**

to watch/see a **match/game/fight**

to look (at sb/sth)/watch (sb/sth)/observe sb/sth **carefully/closely**

Synonyms:

notice

note • detect • observe • witness

These words all mean to see sth, especially when you pay careful attention to it.

notice • to see, hear or become aware of sb/sth; to pay attention to sb/sth: ▫ The first thing I noticed about the room was the smell.

note • (rather formal) to notice or pay careful attention to sth: ▫ Please note (that) the office will be closed on Monday.

This word is very common in business English: ▫ Note that the prices are inclusive of VAT.

detect • to discover or notice sth, especially sth that is not easy to see, hear, etc: ▫ The tests are designed to detect the disease early.

observe • (formal) to see or notice sb/sth: ▫ Have you observed any changes lately? ◇ ▫ The police observed a man enter the bank.

witness • (rather formal) to see sth happen: ▫ Police have appealed for anyone who witnessed the incident to contact them.

to notice/note/detect/observe **that/how/what/where/who...**

Example Bank:

- 'It's easy to say that,' she observed to Michael, 'but can you prove it?'
- 'You took your time,' he observed coolly.
- A similar pattern was observed among Hispanics.
- Failure to observe club rules may result in expulsion.
- It is interesting to observe the reaction of the children to these changes.
- It is not possible to observe this phenomenon directly, but its effects can be seen in the rise in global temperatures.
- It is the parents who actually observe these behavioural problems in their children.
- She correctly observed that there was very little difference between the two parties on domestic policies.
- She stood there, quietly observing the domestic scene.
- The only certainties in this world, as Benjamin Franklin famously observed, are death and taxes.
- The patient should be observed for signs of an allergic reaction.
- This behaviour is commonly observed among several species of finch.
- This phenomenon has been observed experimentally.
- This procedure must be correctly observed
- This ritual is commonly observed among several ethnic groups.
- You can learn a lot by simply observing
- unaware that she was being observed from the window
- All the characters in the novel are closely observed
- He was observed to enter the bank.
- I want you to observe all the details of the costumes.
- The Area Manager observed that takings were down and decided to pay a visit.
- We observed a two-minute silence for the victims of the bombing.

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observe **W2** /əb'zɜ:v/\$-3/ *BrE* *AmE* verb

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: observer, from Latin observare 'to guard, watch', from servare 'to keep']

1. **[transitive not in progressive] formal** to see and notice something ⇒ **observation**:

Scientists have observed a drop in ozone levels over the Antarctic.

observe that

It was observed that 40 percent of patients had high blood pressure.

observe somebody doing something

Officers observed him driving at 90 miles per hour.

Predators have been observed to avoid attacking brightly coloured species.

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In everyday English, people say that someone **sees**, **notices**, or **spots** something or someone:

▪ She was spotted going into a restaurant with a well-known footballer.

2. **[intransitive and transitive]** to watch something or someone carefully:

The police have been observing his movements.

One student performs the experiment, while his partner observes.

observe what/how/where

Observe how the people in the group interact.

3. **[transitive] formal** to say or write what you have noticed about a situation:

'Sid looks ill,' Doherty observed.

observe that

Keynes observed that humans fall into two classes.

4. **[transitive]** to do what you are supposed to do according to a law or agreement **SYN obey, adhere to**:

So far the ceasefire has been observed by both sides.

5. **[transitive]** to do things and obey laws that are part of a religion or custom **SYN follow**

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