

insist

[ɪnˈsɪst] **v**

- 1) **настойчиво утверждать, настаивать**
to insist on the importance of smth. - подчёркивать необходимость чего-л.
to insist on one's innocence /that one is innocent/ - настаивать на своей невиновности
- 2) **настаивать, настоятельно требовать, добиваться (чего-л.)**
to insist on smb.'s coming - настаивать на чём-л. приходе
he insists on her being there /that she should be there/ - он настаивает на том, чтобы она была там

insist

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

in-sist [insist insists insisted insisting] **BrE** [ɪnˈsɪst] [ⓘ] **NAmE** [ɪnˈsɪst] [ⓘ] **verb**

1. **intransitive, transitive** to demand that sth happens or that sb agrees to do sth
 - I didn't really want to go but he insisted.
 - Stay and have lunch. I insist!
 - 'Please come with us.' 'Very well then, **if you insist.**'
 - ~ **on sth/sb doing sth** (formal) She insisted on his/him wearing a suit.
 - ~ **that...** He insists that she come.
 - (BrE also) He insists that she should come.
2. **intransitive, transitive** to say firmly that sth is true, especially when other people do not believe you
 - ~ **on sth** He insisted on his innocence.
 - ~ **(that)...** He insisted (that) he was innocent.
 - + **speech** 'It's true,' she insisted.

Derived **↑insist on doing something** ▪ **↑insist on something**

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	insist
	BrE /ɪnˈsɪst/
	NAmE /ɪnˈsɪst/
he / she /it	insists
	BrE /ɪnˈsɪstz/
	NAmE /ɪnˈsɪstz/
past simple, past participle	insisted
	BrE /ɪnˈsɪstɪd/
	NAmE /ɪnˈsɪstɪd/
-ing form	insisting
	BrE /ɪnˈsɪstɪŋ/
	NAmE /ɪnˈsɪstɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 16th cent. (in the sense 'persist, persevere'): from Latin **insistere** 'persist', from **in-** 'upon' + **sistere** 'stand'.

Thesaurus:

insist **verb**

1. I, T

- She insisted on his wearing a suit.
- demand** • • **expect** • |formal **require** • • **stipulate** •
insist/demand/expect/require/stipulate **that...**
insist on/demand/expect/require **high standards**

2. I, T

- He insisted that he was innocent.
- protest** • • **claim** • • **argue** • • **assert** • • **maintain** • |formal **affirm** • • **contend** •
insist/protest/claim/argue/assert/maintain/affirm/contend **that...**
insist on/protest/assert/maintain **your innocence**

Synonyms:

demand

require • expect • insist • ask

These words all mean to say that sb should do or have sth.

demand • to ask for sth very firmly; to say very firmly that sb should have or do sth: ▪ She demanded an immediate explanation.

require • [often passive] (rather formal) to make sb do or have sth, especially because it is necessary according to a law or set of rules or standards: ▪ All candidates will be required to take a short test.

expect • to demand that sb should do, have or be sth, especially because it is their duty or responsibility: ▪ I expect to be paid promptly for the work.

insist • to demand that sth happens or that sb agrees to do sth: ▪ I didn't want to go but he insisted. ◊▪ We ▪ insist on ▪ the highest standards at all times.

ask • to expect or demand sth: ▪ You're asking too much of him.

demand, expect or ask?

Ask is not as strong as **demand** or **expect**, both of which can be more like a command.

to demand/require/expect/ask sth **of/from** sb

to demand/require/expect/insist/ask **that...**

to require/expect/ask sb **to do sth**

to demand/require/expect/ask **a lot/too much/a great deal**
to **be too much to expect/ask**

Example Bank:

- He insists on speaking to you personally.
- He quietly but firmly insisted.
- He stubbornly insisted on doing it all himself.
- I'm paying for this— no, I absolutely insist.
- People rightly insist on being treated as individuals.
- She loudly insisted that she had a right to stay.
- She still insists her critics are wrong.
- 'Please come with us.' 'All right, if you insist.'
- I didn't want to go but he insisted.
- She insisted on his wearing a suit.
- The company insisted that the money be paid immediately.
- We insist on the highest standards at all times.

insist

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

in **sist** **S3 W2** /ɪn'sɪst/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ verb [intransitive]

[Word Family: verb ↑insist; noun: ↑insistence; adverb ↑insistently; adjective: ↑insistent]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: insistere 'to stand on, continue with determination', from sistere 'to stand']

1. to say firmly and often that something is true, especially when other people think it may not be true

insist (that)

- Mike insisted that he was right.
- His friends insisted he had no connection with drugs.

insist on

- She kept insisting on her innocence.

2. to demand that something should happen:

- Stay for supper – I insist!

insist (that)

- They insisted that everyone should come to the party.
- He insisted I should take a taxi.

insist on

- We insist on the highest standards of cleanliness in the hotel.

insist on/upon doing something

- He insisted upon checking everything himself.

3. **if you insist** *spoken* used when agreeing to do something that you do not really want to do:

- 'Why don't you call them up today?' 'Oh, if you insist!'

4. **insist on doing something** to keep doing something, especially something that is inconvenient or annoying:

- She will insist on washing her hair just when I want to have a bath.

• • •

THESAURUS

- **insist** to say firmly that someone should do something or that something should happen: She insisted that it was her turn to drive.
- **demand** to say very strongly and sometimes angrily that you want something or that something must happen: I wrote a letter to the company, demanding an apology and a refund. | The guards demanded to see her ID.
- **require** [usually passive] *formal* if you are required to do something, a rule or law says that you must do it: The successful applicant will be required to sign a two-year contract.
- **be adamant** to say very firmly that something must happen or is right, and refuse to change your mind when other people try to persuade you: The actress has always been adamant about keeping her private life private.
- **won't take no for an answer** *informal* to insist that someone must do what you say or ask: You're coming home with me – I won't take no for an answer.
- **put your foot down** to say very firmly that someone must not do something: Ed was talking about dropping out of school, but Mom and Dad put their foot down.

insist

Freakuency Pack

12500 **1425**^{MCW}

15000 **1414**^{COCA}

RANGE: **3k** **INSIST** ²⁹⁸⁸¹

insist ⁷¹²¹

insistent ¹²⁵⁵

insistently ³⁷²

insisted ¹¹⁴³²

insisting ²⁷⁴⁷

insists ⁶⁹⁵⁴

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

4062 **7669**⁴⁴⁶⁸ *vv0*

2374 **11149**²⁶⁵³ *vvi*