

distinction

[dis'tɪŋ(k)ʃ(ə)n]

1. различение, распознавание; разграничение

nice /fine/ distinction - умение тонко различать [см. тж. 2]

2. разница, отличие, различие

nice [vital] distinction - тонкое [существенное] различие [см. тж. 1]

distinction in meaning - различие в значении

distinction of degree [of kind] - количественное [качественное] различие

without distinction - без различия; без исключения; без разбора

in distinction from smth. - в отличие от чего-л.

a distinction without a difference - несущественное разграничение; кажущееся /искусственное/ различие

to make /to draw/ a distinction between smth. - провести различие между чем-л.

to make no distinction between traitors and spies - не делать никакого различия между предателями и шпионами

to see no distinction between two things - не видеть различия между двумя вещами

3. отличительный признак; особенность, характерная черта

the chief distinction of Egyptian sculpture - основная особенность египетской скульптуры

4. 1) почтительное отношение, почёт, почести

academic distinctions - академические почести

to load smb. with distinctions - окружить кого-л. почётом

to give /to grant/ smb. distinctions - оказывать кому-л. почести

2) награда

to confer a distinction on smb. - наградить кого-л.

5. 1) знатность

person of distinction - знатная особа

2) известность

man of distinction - известный человек

writer of distinction - популярный /выдающийся/ писатель

to gain distinction - приобрести известность

3) оригинальность; индивидуальность, исключительность

distinction of style - своеобразие стиля

the book has distinction - в книге ощущается яркая индивидуальность

4) исключительность, безупречность

to serve with distinction - безупречно служить

the book has distinction - это замечательная книга

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dis-tinc-tion **AW** [distinction distinctions] **BrE** [dɪ'stɪŋkʃən] * **NAmE** [dɪ'stɪŋkʃən]

noun

1. **countable** ~ (between **A** and **B**) a clear difference or contrast especially between people or things that are similar or related

- distinctions between traditional and modern societies
- Philosophers did not use to **make a distinction** between arts and science.
- We need to **draw a distinction** between the two events.

2. **uncountable** the quality of being excellent or important

- a writer of distinction

3. **singular** the quality of being sth that is special

- She **had the distinction of** being the first woman to fly the Atlantic.

4. **uncountable** ~ (between **A** and **B**) the separation of people or things into different groups

- The new law **makes no distinction** between adults and children (= treats them equally) .
- All groups are entitled to this money **without distinction** .

5. **countable, uncountable** a special mark/grade or award that is given to sb, especially a student, for excellent work

- Naomi got a distinction in maths.
- He graduated **with distinction** .

Word Origin:Middle English (in the sense 'subdivision, category'): via Old French from Latin *distinctio(n-)*, from the verb *distinguere*, from *dis-* 'apart' + *stinguere* 'put out'.Example Bank:

- Cultural distinctions lie at the heart of these issues.
- Election to the NAE is an indication of professional distinction.
- Fennel leaves add distinction to any dish.
- He graduated with distinction.
- He has the dubious distinction of being the first railway baron to go bankrupt.
- He has the dubious distinction of being the world's most famous gangster.
- He served with distinction in the First World War.
- Is there always an absolute distinction between right and wrong?
- It was a subtle distinction but a very important one.
- New York does not have the nation's oldest subway system; that distinction belongs to Boston.
- No legal distinction existed between cities and other corporations.

- She achieved distinction in several fields of scholarship.
- She draws an important distinction between the different kinds of illness.
- She is a historian of great distinction.
- The distinction between amateur and professional players is being blurred.
- We can see a sharp distinction between ambition and greed.
- Wearing the county tie was a mark of modest social distinction.
- a society without distinctions of class and privilege
- making invidious distinctions between the 'deserving' and the 'undeserving' poor
- the conventional distinction between pure and applied science
- Philosophers did not make a distinction between arts and science.
- She tends to blur the distinctions between family and friends.
- The cast performed with some distinction.
- Though they fought with distinction, they suffered heavy casualties.
- We need to draw a distinction between democratic socialism and social democracy.

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[Word Family: noun: ↑distinction; adverb: ↑distinctly ≠ ↑indistinctly; adjective: ↑distinct ≠ ↑indistinct]

1. DIFFERENCE [uncountable and countable] a clear difference or separation between two similar things

distinction between

" the distinction between formal and informal language

clear/sharp distinction

" There is often no clear distinction between an allergy and food intolerance.

make/draw a distinction

" The Act makes no distinction between children and adults (=it treats them as if they were the same).

REGISTER

In written English, people often use **draw a distinction** rather than **make a distinction**, because it sounds more formal:

▪ The law draws a distinction between temporary and permanent employees.

2. EXCELLENCE [uncountable] the quality of being excellent and important:

" Eliot's distinction as a poet

3. BEING SPECIAL [singular] the quality of being special in some way

have/earn/achieve etc the distinction of doing something

" At that time, it had the distinction of being the largest bridge in the UK.

" The US enjoys the dubious distinction of being the lawsuit capital of the world.

4. RESULT [uncountable and countable] a special mark given to a student whose work is excellent

with distinction

" He obtained a law doctorate with distinction.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

▪ **make a distinction** (also **draw a distinction formal**) (=say or show that one exists) It isn't easy to make a distinction between these two words.

▪ **blur the distinction between something and something** (=make it less clear) Both sides in the war had been blurring the distinction between military and civilian targets.

▪ **see a distinction** (=recognize that one exists) He saw no distinction between religious beliefs and superstition.

■ adjectives

▪ **a clear distinction** The legal system makes a clear distinction between adults and children.

▪ **a fine/subtle distinction** (=small) Language enables us to make fine distinctions between similar ideas.

▪ **a sharp distinction** (=very clear) The President drew a sharp distinction between his party and the Republican Party.

▪ **an important/crucial distinction** There is an important distinction between these two types of cancer.

▪ **a fundamental distinction** (=a basic one) There is a fundamental distinction between authors and readers.

▪ **a useful distinction** He makes a useful distinction between the two theories.

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