

acknowledge

[ək'noʊlɪdʒ] v

1. признавать, допускать; сознавать
to acknowledge one's mistakes - признавать свои ошибки
they acknowledged having been defeated - они признали (своё) поражение
this truth is universally acknowledged - это общепризнанная истина
he was acknowledged as their leader - он был (их) признанным лидером
2. узнавать, опознавать, распознавать; признавать
to acknowledge an acquaintance by bowing - кивнуть знакомому в знак приветствия
I met her there but she didn't even acknowledge me - я встретил её там, но она сделала вид, что не заметила меня
3. подтверждать (получение чего-л.)
to acknowledge receipt - подтвердить получение
to acknowledge a letter - уведомить о получении письма
he acknowledged the greeting with a nod - на приветствие он ответил кивком
4. выражать признательность (за что-л.)
to acknowledge gifts [a favour] - письменно поблагодарить за подарки [за услугу]
to acknowledge smb.'s kindness - поблагодарить за любезность
to acknowledge the applause - раскланиваться (об артисте); выходить на аплодисменты
5. юр. признавать подлинным; подтверждать достоверность

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ac-know-ledge AW [acknowledge acknowledges acknowledged
acknowledging] BrE [ək'noʊlɪdʒ] NAmE [ək'naɪlɪdʒ] verb

ADMIT

1. to accept that sth is true
 - ~ **sth** She refuses to acknowledge the need for reform.
 - Are you prepared to acknowledge your responsibility?
 - a generally acknowledged fact
 - ~ **that...** I did not acknowledge that he had done anything wrong.
 - ~ **sth to be, have, etc. sth** It is generally acknowledged to be true.

ACCEPT STATUS

2. to accept that sb/sth has a particular authority or status
Syn: ↑recognize
 - ~ **sb/sth** The country acknowledged his claim to the throne.
 - ~ **sb/sth as sth** He is widely acknowledged as the best player in the world.
 - ~ **sb/sth to be, have, etc. sth** He is widely acknowledged to be the best player in the world.

REPLY TO LETTER

3. ~ **sth** to tell sb that you have received sth that they sent to you
 - All applications will be acknowledged.
 - Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

SMILE/WAVE

4. ~ **sb/sth** to show that you have noticed sb/sth by smiling, waving, etc.
 - I was standing right next to her, but she didn't even acknowledge me.
 - He waved, acknowledging the applause.

EXPRESS THANKS

5. ~ **sth** to publicly express thanks for help you have been given
 - I gratefully acknowledge financial support from several local businesses.
 - He is always ready to acknowledge his debt to his teachers.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	acknowledge
	BrE /ək'noʊlɪdʒ/
	NAmE /ək'no:lɪdʒ/
he / she / it	acknowledges
	BrE /ək'noʊlɪdʒɪz/
	NAmE /ək'no:lɪdʒɪz/
past simple, past participle	acknowledged
	BrE /ək'noʊlɪdʒd/
	NAmE /ək'no:lɪdʒd/
-ing form	acknowledging
	BrE /ək'noʊlɪdʒɪŋ/
	NAmE /ək'no:lɪdʒɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 15th cent.: from the obsolete Middle English verb knowledge, influenced by obsolete acknow 'acknowledge, confess'.

Thesaurus:

acknowledge verb T

- He did not acknowledge that he had done anything wrong.

recognize • • admit • • concede • • confess •

acknowledge/recognize/admit/concede/confess **that...**

It is/was (generally) acknowledged/recognized/admitted/conceded that...

acknowledge/recognize/admit **the truth**

Synonyms:

admit

acknowledge • recognize • concede • confess

These words all mean to agree, often unwillingly, that sth is true.

admit • to agree, often unwillingly, that sth is true: ▪ It was a stupid thing to do, I admit.

acknowledge • (rather formal) to accept that sth exists, is true or has happened: ▪ She refuses to acknowledge the need for reform.

recognize • to admit or be aware that sth exists or is true: ▪ They recognized the need to take the problem seriously.

concede • (rather formal) to admit, often unwillingly, that sth is true or logical: ▪ He was forced to concede (that) there might be difficulties.

admit or concede?

When sb **admits** sth, they are usually agreeing that sth which is generally considered bad or wrong is true or has happened, especially when it relates to their own actions. When sb **concedes** sth, they are usually accepting, unwillingly, that a particular fact or statement is true or logical.

confess • (rather formal) to admit sth that you feel ashamed or embarrassed about: ▪ She was reluctant to confess her ignorance. to admit/acknowledge/recognize/concede/confess **that...**

to admit/confess **to sth**

to admit/concede/confess sth **to sb**

to admit/acknowledge/recognize **the truth**

to admit/confess your **mistakes/ignorance**

Example Bank:

- I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter of 25 July.
- Mental illness can exist for years before families are forced to acknowledge the truth.
- The company duly acknowledged receipt of the letter.
- The peace settlement effectively acknowledged the country's independence.
- They barely acknowledged each other.
- a truth that is universally acknowledged
- He did not acknowledge that he had done anything wrong.
- He did not even acknowledge the question.
- It's a generally acknowledged fact.

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ac|know|ledge S3 W3 AC /ək'nɒlɪdʒ \$ -'nɑ- BrE " AmE " verb [transitive]

[Word Family: verb: ↑acknowledge; noun: ↑acknowledgement]

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: ac- (as in accord) + knowledge]

1. ADMIT to admit or accept that something is true or that a situation exists:

" The family acknowledge the need for change.

acknowledge that

" He acknowledges that when he's tired he gets bad-tempered.

" Claire acknowledged that she was guilty.

" The government must acknowledge what is happening and do something about it.

" 'Maybe you are right,' she acknowledged.

" This is a fact that most smokers readily acknowledge.

2. RECOGNIZE STH'S IMPORTANCE [usually passive] if people acknowledge something, they recognize how good or important it is

acknowledge something as something

" The film festival is acknowledged as an event of international importance.

be widely/generally acknowledged to be something

" The mill produces what is widely acknowledged to be the finest wool in the world.

3. ACCEPT SB'S AUTHORITY to accept that someone or something has authority over people:

" Both defendants refused to acknowledge the authority of the court.

acknowledge somebody as something

" Many of the poor acknowledged him as their spiritual leader.

4. THANK to publicly announce that you are grateful for the help that someone has given you:

" We wish to acknowledge the support of the university.

5. SHOW YOU NOTICE SOMEBODY to show someone that you have noticed them or heard what they have said:

" Tom acknowledged her presence by a brief glance.

6. SAY YOU HAVE RECEIVED SOMETHING to let someone know that you have received something from them:

" I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter.

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THESAURUS

■ admit something is true

- **admit** to agree unwillingly that something is true: He admitted that the company was having financial difficulties. | I must admit I was disappointed by their reaction.
- **concede** *formal* to admit something in a discussion or argument: 'You may be right,' Bridget conceded. | It was a decision which he now concedes was incorrect.
- **acknowledge** /ək'nɒlɪdʒ/ *formal* to say that something is true or that a situation exists: The report acknowledges that research on animals is not always a reliable guide when it comes to humans. | They do not want to acknowledge the fact that things have changed.
- **confess** to admit something that you feel embarrassed or ashamed about: Bradley confessed that he struggled to finish the race. | I must confess I don't like his wife at all.
- **Granted/I grant you** *formal spoken* used when admitting that something is true, although you do not think it makes much difference to the main point. **Granted** is usually used at the beginning of a sentence, or on its own: She has a lot of experience, I grant you, but she's not good at managing people. | Granted he did play well in the last game, but generally his form hasn't had been very good recently.

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