

understand[ˌʌndəˈstænd] v (*understood*)

1. понимать

to understand a question - понимать вопрос

I don't understand you [what you say] - я не понимаю вас [что вы говорите]

to make oneself understood - уметь объяснить

can you make yourself understood in French? - вы можете объяснить на французском языке?

to understand one another /each other/ - а) понимать друг друга; б) достигнуть взаимопонимания, договориться

to give to understand - дать понять

I was given to understand that it was not true - мне дали понять, что это неправда

2. постигать, осознавать, представлять

try and understand my difficulties - постарайтесь понять мои трудности

I do not understand the point of his remark - я не могу понять /постичь/ суть его замечания

it is easy to understand his anger [why he was angry] - легко понять его гнев [почему он рассердился]

what are we to understand from such an act? - как мы должны понять /истолковать/ такой поступок?

do I understand you to say that? - от вас ли я слышу это?

3. услышать, узнать; заключить из услышанного

I understand that he is going to marry - я слышал, что он собирается жениться

I understand him to be a distant relation - насколько я знаю, он дальний родственник

I understood him to say that he would help - насколько я понял, он согласился помочь

4. предполагать, догадываться

the verb may be either expressed or understood - глагол может быть указан или подразумеваться

5. улаживаться, договариваться

it was understood that ... - было условлено, что ...

the two sides understand that ... - стороны исходят из того, что ...

6. иметь в виду, подразумевать

what do you understand by this? - что вы под этим подразумеваете?

it must be understood that ... - надо иметь в виду, что ...

understand that I am resolved to go away - имейте в виду, что я решил уехать

7. знать, быть сведущим (в чём-л.); смыслить

to understand mathematics - понимать математику

to understand finance - разбираться в финансовых вопросах

8. полагать; допускать

am I to understand that your refusal is final? - должен ли я считать /понимать/, что вы мне окончательно отказываете?

understand

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under-stand [understand understands understood understanding] BrE[ˌʌndəˈstænd] ^m NAmE [ˌʌndərˈstænd] ^m verb (under-stood, under-stood BrE [ˌʌndəˈstʊd] ^m ; NAmE [ˌʌndərˈstʊd] ^m) (not used in the progressive tenses)**MEANING****1. transitive, intransitive** to know or realize the meaning of words, a language, what sb says, etc

- ~ **(sth)** Can you understand French?
- Do you understand the instructions?
- She didn't understand the form she was signing.
- I'm not sure that I understand. Go over it again.
- I don't want you doing that again. Do you understand?
- ~ **what...** I don't understand what he's saying.

HOW STH WORKS/HAPPENS**2. transitive, intransitive** to know or realize how or why sth happens, how it works or why it is important

- ~ **(sth)** Doctors still don't understand much about the disease.
- No one is answering the phone— I can't understand it.
- ~ **why, what, etc...** I could never understand why she was fired.
- They're too young to understand what is happening.
- ~ **sb/sth doing sth** I just can't understand him taking the money.
- (formal) I just can't understand his taking the money.
- ~ **that...** He was the first to understand that we live in a knowledge economy.

KNOW SB**3. transitive, intransitive** to know sb's character, how they feel and why they behave in the way they do

- ~ **sb** Nobody understands me.
- He doesn't understand women at all.
- We understand each other, even if we don't always agree.
- ~ **what, how, etc...** They understand what I have been through.
- I understand how hard things have been for you.
- ~ **(that...)** I quite understand that you need some time alone.
- If you want to leave early, I'm sure he'll understand.

• ~ **sb doing sth** I quite understand you needing some time alone.

THINK/BELIEVE

4. **transitive (formal)** to think or believe that sth is true because you have been told that it is

- ~ **(that)...** I understand (that) you wish to see the manager.
- Am I to understand that you refuse?
- ~ **sb/sth to be/have sth** The Prime Minister is understood to have been extremely angry about the report.
- **it is understood that...** It is understood that the band are working on their next album.

BE AGREED

5. **transitive it is understood that...** to agree sth with sb without it needing to be said

- I thought it was understood that my expenses would be paid.

MISSING WORD

6. **transitive, usually passive ~ sth** to realize that a word in a phrase or sentence is not expressed and to supply it in your mind

- In the sentence 'I can't drive', the object 'a car' is understood.

more at give sb to believe/understand **at** ↑give v.

Idiom: ↑make yourself understood

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	understand
	BrE / .,ʌndə 'stænd/
	NAme / .,ʌndər 'stænd/
he / she / it	understands
	BrE / .,ʌndə 'stændz/
	NAme / .,ʌndər 'stændz/
past simple, past participle	understood
	BrE / .,ʌndə 'stʊd/
	NAme / .,ʌndər 'stʊd/

Word Origin:

Old English understandan (see ↑under-, ↑stand).

Word Family:

understand verb (≠misunderstand)

understandable adjective

misunderstood adjective

understanding adjective noun (≠misunderstanding)

Synonyms:

understand

see • get • follow • grasp • comprehend

These words all mean to know or realize sth, for example why sth happens, how sth works or what sth means.

understand • to know or realize the meaning of words, a language, what sb says, etc; to know or realize how or why sth happens, how it works or why it is important: ▫ I don't understand the instructions. ▫ Doctors still don't understand much about the disease.

see • to understand what is happening, what sb is saying, how sth works or how important sth is: ▫ 'It opens like this.' 'Oh, ▫ I see ▫.' ▫ Oh yes, ▫ I see what you mean ▫.

get • (informal) to understand a joke, what sb is trying to tell you, or a situation that they are trying to describe: ▫ She didn't get the joke. ▫ I don't get you.

follow • to understand an explanation, a story or the meaning of sth: ▫ Sorry— I don't quite follow. ▫ The plot is almost impossible to follow.

grasp • to come to understand a fact, an idea or how to do sth: ▫ They failed to grasp the importance of his words.

understand or grasp?

You can use **understand** or **grasp** for the action of realizing the meaning or importance of sth for the first time: ▫ It's a difficult concept for children to understand/grasp. Only **understand** can be used to talk about languages, words or writing: I don't grasp French/the instructions.

comprehend • (often used in negative statements) (formal) to understand a fact, idea or reason: ▫ The concept of infinity is almost impossible for the human mind to comprehend.

to understand/see/get/follow/grasp/comprehend **what/why/how...**

to understand/see/grasp/comprehend **that...**

to understand/see/get/grasp **the point/idea** (of sth)

to be **easy/difficult/hard** to understand/see/follow/grasp/comprehend

to **fully** understand/see/grasp/comprehend sth

Example Bank:

- Her behaviour wounded him in a way he did not really understand.
- I can't understand what all the fuss is about.
- I could barely understand a word of his story.

- I don't claim to understand it.
- I finally understood what she meant.
- I fully understand the reason for your decision.
- If I've understood you correctly...
- It is difficult to understand why he reacted in that way.
- Only specialists can hope to understand them.
- She intuitively understood his need to be alone.
- She realized that she had never properly understood him.
- She soon learnt to understand English.
- The effects of these chemicals on the body are still poorly understood.
- The girl understands immediately and promises to be more careful.
- The reasons for this decision are not easily understood.
- These beliefs are best understood as a form of escapism.
- These categories help us to better understand our readers.
- They won't necessarily understand the pros and cons of the matter.
- We came to understand why certain things happened in certain ways.
- We understand little about this disease.
- What is generally understood by 'democracy'?
- a complex topic which I only partially understand
- a woman struggling to understand an incomprehensible situation
- Do you understand French?
- Doctors still don't understand much about the disease.
- He couldn't understand what she was saying.
- He doesn't understand women at all.
- I don't understand the instructions.
- I don't want you doing that again. Do you understand?
- I just can't understand him taking the money.
- If you want to leave early, I'm sure he'll understand.
- It's understood that the band are already working on their next album.
- She said she didn't understand the form she was signing.
- She understood that this was her last chance.
- The disease is still not fully understood.
- The prime minister is understood to have been extremely angry about the report.
- We understand each other, even if we don't always agree.

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understand **S1 W1** /,ʌndə'stænd \$ -ər-/ **BrE** " **AmE** " **verb** (past tense and past

participle **understood** /-'stʊd/) [not in progressive]

[**Word Family**: **adjective**: ↑understandable, ↑understanding, ↑misunderstood; **verb**: ↑understand ≠ ↑misunderstand; **noun**: ↑understanding ≠ ↑misunderstanding; **adverb**: ↑understandably]

[**Language**: Old English; **Origin**: understandan, from under + standan 'to stand']

1. MEANING [intransitive and transitive] to know the meaning of what someone is telling you, or the language that they speak ⇒

misunderstood:

- " She doesn't understand English.
- " I'm sorry, I don't understand. Can you explain that again?
- " The woman had a strong accent, and I couldn't understand what she was saying.

make yourself understood (=make what you say clear to other people, especially when speaking a foreign language)

- " I'm not very good at German, but I can make myself understood. ⇒ see *Thesaurus box on P. 1916*

2. FACT/IDEA [intransitive and transitive] to know or realize how a fact, process, situation etc works, especially through learning or experience:

- " I don't really understand the political situation in Northern Ireland.

understand how/why/where etc

- " You don't need to understand how computers work to be able to use them.
- " How the drug works isn't fully understood.

understand (that)

- " I understand that this treatment may not work.

3. PERSON/FEELINGS [intransitive and transitive] to realize how someone feels and why they behave the way they do, and to be sympathetic:

- " My parents just don't understand me.
- " Just tell him how you feel – I'm sure he'll understand.

understand how/what etc

- " I understand how you feel, but I think you're overreacting.

(can) understand somebody doing something

- " I can understand her wanting to live alone and be independent.

4. BELIEVE/THINK [transitive] to believe or think that something is true because you have heard it or read it

understand (that)

- " 'I understand that he was 62 when he died,' McLeish said.

it is understood (that)

- " It is understood that the Queen approves of her nephew's romance.

be understood to be (doing) something

" Dillons is understood to be reorganising the company's management structure.

5. **give somebody to understand (that)** *formal* to make someone believe that something is true, going to happen etc, without telling them this directly:

" I was given to understand that the property was in good condition.

6. **be understood (that)** *formal* if something is understood, everyone knows it, or has agreed to it, and there is no need to discuss it:

" From childhood it was understood that your parents would choose your husband.

7. **understand something to be/mean something** to accept something as having a particular meaning:

" In this document, 'children' is understood to mean people under 14.

8. **do you understand?** *spoken* used when you are telling someone what they should or should not do, especially when you are angry with them:

" Neverspeak to me like that again! Do you understand?
...
...

THESAURUS

- **understand** to know the meaning of something, or the reasons for something: I understand what you're saying. | Doctors are beginning to understand what causes the disease.
- **see especially spoken** to understand something, especially the truth about a situation or the reasons for something: I can see why you don't like him. | Do you see what I mean? | Oh, I see!
- **get informal** to understand a joke, what someone says, the reasons why something is true etc: She didn't seem to get the joke. | Do you get me? | He explained the math homework twice, but I still don't get it. | I still don't get why she left.
- **comprehend formal** to understand something, or understand why something is important: The dream was easy to describe, but difficult to comprehend. | They had failed to comprehend the significance of the problem.
- **know what somebody means spoken** to understand what someone is telling you, or what a situation is like, especially because you have some experience or knowledge about this: 'It can be really hard to give up smoking.' 'I know exactly what you mean.' | We now know what the scientists meant when they warned about global warming.
- **follow** to understand something such as an explanation or story as you hear it, read it etc: The plot is hard to follow. | His instructions were easy to follow.

to understand something difficult

- **grasp** to completely understand an idea or a fact, especially a complicated one: Some of his theories can be rather difficult for the ordinary reader to grasp. | I don't think Stuart really grasped the point I was making.
- **fathom** /'fæðəm/ *formal* to understand what something means or the reasons for something, after thinking carefully about it: She looked at him, puzzled, trying to fathom the reasons for his actions.
- **make sense of something** to understand something that is not easy to understand, especially by thinking about it: People are still trying to make sense of the news.
- **can't make head nor tail of something spoken** used when something seems impossible to understand: I can't make head nor tail of his plays, and I'm not sure that anyone else can either.

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