

accept[ək'sept] *v*

1. 1) **принимать; брать (предложенное)**
to accept a present [an invitation] - принять подарок [приглашение]
to accept in deposit - принимать на хранение
to accept bribes - брать взятки
to accept equipment - производить приёмку оборудования
- 2) **соглашаться; реагировать положительно**
to accept office /a post/ - согласиться занять должность
to accept the resignation of the cabinet - принять отставку правительства
to accept an offer [an apology] - принять предложение [извинения]
he proposed and she accept him - он сделал предложение, и она согласилась (*стать его женой*)
2. 1) **признавать, принимать, допускать**
to accept smb.'s views - признавать чьи-л. взгляды
to accept smth. at its face-value - принимать что-л. за чистую монету
to accept as valid and binding - *юр.* признать действительными обязательным
he refused to accept the hypothesis - он решительно отверг /отвёл/ эту гипотезу
the idea of universal education is widely accepted - идея всеобщего образования получила широкое признание
- 2) **верить**
the teacher won't accept your excuse - такой отговорке учитель не поверит
to accept Catholicism - перейти в католичество
- 3) **принимать как неизбежное; мириться (с чем-л.)**
to accept poor living conditions - мириться с плохими условиями жизни
to accept the situation - мириться с положением
3. **принимать (в клуб и т. п.); считать (кого-л.) приемлемым или подходящим**
they accepted her as one of the group - они приняли её в свою среду
he is accepted in this house - его в этом доме принимают
4. *преим. юр., парл.* **одобрить, утвердить**
the report of the committee was accepted - доклад комитета был принят /одобрен, утверждён/
to accept the record - *спорт.* зарегистрировать рекорд
5. *ком.* **акцептовать (вексель)**
6. *тех.* **подходить, соответствовать; вставляться**
this socket won't accept a three-pronged plug - к этой розетке не подходит трёхштекерная вилка
7. *биол.* **не вызывать отторжения**

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ac·cept [accept accepts accepted accepting] *BrE* [ək'sept] ^m *NAmE* [ək'sept]
verb

OFFER/INVITATION

1. **intransitive, transitive** to take willingly sth that is offered, to say 'yes' to an offer, invitation, etc
 - He asked me to marry him and I accepted.
 - ~ **sth** Please accept our sincere apologies.
 - It was pouring with rain so I accepted his offer of a lift.
 - She's decided not to accept the job.
 - Please accept this small token of my appreciation.
 - ~ **sth from sb** He is charged with accepting bribes from a firm of suppliers.
 - ~ **sth for sth** She said she'd accept \$15 for it.
- Opp:** ↑refuse

RECEIVE AS SUITABLE

2. **transitive** to receive sth as suitable or good enough
 - ~ **sth** This machine only accepts coins.
 - Will you accept a cheque?
 - ~ **sth for sth** My article has been accepted for publication.

AGREE

3. **transitive** to agree to or approve of sth
 - ~ **sth** They accepted the court's decision.
 - He accepted all the changes we proposed.
 - Everything about the child's adoption was against accepted practice.
 - ~ **sth from sb** She won't accept advice from anyone.
- Opp:** ↑reject

RESPONSIBILITY

4. **transitive** ~ **sth** to admit that you are responsible or to blame for sth
 - He accepts full responsibility for what happened.
 - You have to accept the consequences of your actions.

BELIEVE

5. transitive to believe that sth is true

- ~ **sth** I don't accept his version of events.
- ~ **sth as sth** Can we accept his account as the true version?
- ~ **that...** I accept that this will not be popular.
- I am not prepared to accept that this decision is final.
- **it is accepted that...** It is generally accepted that people are motivated by success.
- **it is accepted to be, have, etc. sth** The workforce is generally accepted to have the best conditions in Europe.

DIFFICULT SITUATION

6. transitive to continue in a difficult situation without complaining, because you realize that you cannot change it

- ~ **sth** You just have to **accept the fact that** we're nevergoing to be rich.
- Nothing will change as long as the workers continue to accept these appalling conditions.
- ~ **sth as sth** They accept the risks as part of the job.
- ~ **that...** He just refused to accept that his father was no longer there.

WELCOME

7. transitive to make sb feel welcome and part of a group

- ~ **sb** It may take years to be completely accepted by the local community.
- ~ **sb into sth** She had neverbeen accepted into what was essentially a man's world.
- ~ **sb as sth** He neverreally accepted her as his own child.

Opp: ↑reject

ALLOW SB TO JOIN

8. transitive to allow sb to join an organization, attend an institution, use a service, etc

- ~ **sb** The college he applied to has accepted him.
- ~ **sb into sth** She was disappointed not to be accepted into the club.
- ~ **sb as sth** The landlord was willing to accept us as tenants.
- ~ **sb to do sth** She was accepted to study music.

Opp: ↑reject

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	accept
	BrE /ək 'sept/
	NAme /ək 'sept/
he / she /it	accepts
	BrE /ək 'septz/
	NAme /ək 'septz/
past simple, past participle	accepted
	BrE /ək 'septɪd/
	NAme /ək 'septɪd/
-ing form	accepting
	BrE /ək 'septɪŋ/
	NAme /ək 'septɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin **acceptare**, frequentative of **accipere** 'take something to oneself', from **ad-** 'to' + **capere** 'take'.

Thesaurus:

accept verb

1. I, T

- She decided to accept the job.

take • • **take sb/sth on** • • **take sth up** • • **take sb up on sth** •

Opp: **refuse**, (formal) **Opp: decline**

accept/take/take on a **job/post/position/role/responsibility**

accept/take/take up an **offer**

accept/take up a/an **invitation/suggestion**

accept/take on/take on a **challenge**

2. T

- accept a cheque

get • • **receive** • • **collect** •

accept/get/receive/collect sth **from** sb

accept/get/receive/collect a/an **medal/award/prize**

accept/get/receive **treatment/payment/help**

3. T

- He accepted all the changes we proposed.

agree • • **approve** • • **go along with sb/sth** • • **take sth on board** • |formal **consent** • • **acquiesce** •

agree/consent/acquiesce **to** sth

accept/agree to/approve/go along with/consent to a **plan/scheme/proposal**

accept/agree to/approve/go along with/acquiesce in a **decision**

accept/agree to/approve/take on board a **suggestion**

4. T

- She accepts full responsibility for what happened.

take • • **carry** • • **shoulder** • |formal **assume** • • **bear** •

accept/take/carry/shoulder/assume/bear sth **for** sb/sth

accept/take/carry/shoulder/assume/bear the **responsibility**

accept/take/carry/shoulder/bear the **blame**

accept/take/bear the **consequences**

5. T

- He could not accept the fact that he was wrong.

face • • **face up to sth** • • **come to terms with sth** • • **live with sth** • • **make the best of sth** • • **resign yourself to sth** •

|formal **reconcile sb/yourself to sth** •

accept/face/face up to/come to terms with/live with/resign yourself to/reconcile yourself to **the fact that...**

accept/face/come to terms with/make the best of a **situation**

to accept/face/face up to/come to terms with **the truth/the reality of sth**

6. T

- She had never felt accepted into their world.

welcome • • **receive** •

accept/receive sb **as** sth

accept/receive sb **into** sth

7. T

- The college he applied to has accepted him.

especially BrE **enrol** • |AmE usually **enroll** • |formal **admit** •

accept/enrol/admit sb **into** sth

accept/enrol/admit sb **as** sth

accept/enrol/admit a **candidate /member /student**

Synonyms:

agree

accept • **approve** • **go along with sb/sth** • **consent**

These words all mean to say that you will do what sb wants or that you will allow sth to happen.

agree • to say that you will do what sb wants or that you will allow sth to happen: ▫ He agreed to let me go early.

accept • to be satisfied with sth that has been done, decided or suggested: ▫ They accepted the court's decision.

approve • to officially agree to a plan, suggestion or request: ▫ The committee unanimously approved the plan.

go along with sb/sth • (rather informal) to agree to sth that sb else has decided; to agree with sb else's ideas: ▫ She just goes along with everything he suggests.

consent • (rather formal) to agree to sth or give your permission for sth: ▫ She finally consented to answer our questions.

to agree/consent **to** sth

to agree/consent **to do sth**

to agree to/accept/approve/go along with/consent to a **plan/proposal**

to agree to/accept/approve a **request**

Example Bank:

- He would not accept my advice.
- He would not accept the fact that his father was dead.
- I accepted the gift from my sister.
- I am unfortunately unable to accept your kind invitation.
- I had no choice but to accept the committee's decision.
- I was very unwilling to accept her resignation.
- She accepted a bribe from an undercover policeman.
- She graciously accepted my apology.
- Some people readily accept that they may have to pay for medical treatment.
- The college cannot accept responsibility for items lost or stolen on its premises.
- The government now accepts the need for change.
- These figures should not be accepted at face value.
- Everything about the child's adoption was against accepted practice.
- He refused to accept that his father was no longer there.
- It was true, but hard to accept.
- Most people had come to accept that war was inevitable.
- She had never been accepted into what was essentially a man's world.
- She said she'd accept \$15 for it.
- She won't accept advice from anyone.
- She's decided not to accept the job.
- The company cannot accept liability for any damage caused by natural disasters.
- They accepted the court's decision.
- You just have to accept the fact that we're never going to be rich.

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accept S1 W1 /ək'sept/ BrE " AmE " verb

[Word Family: adjective: ↑acceptable ≠ ↑unacceptable, ↑accepted; verb: ↑accept; noun: ↑acceptance; adverb: ↑acceptably ≠ ↑unacceptably]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: acceptor, from Latin acceptare, from accipere 'to receive'; from ad- 'to' + capere 'to take']

1. GIFT/OFFER/INVITATION [intransitive and transitive] to take something that someone offers you, or to agree to do something that someone asks you to do **OPP refuse**:

- " Rick accepted her offer of coffee.
- " He accepted the invitation to stay with us.
- " His school reports said that he is always ready to accept a challenge (=agree to do something difficult).
- " Please accept this small gift.
- " They offered me a job and I accepted.

accept something from somebody

- " He accepted a glass of water from Helen.
- " He readily accepted her invitation (=accepted it quickly).

REGISTER

In everyday English, when talking about accepting a job, accepting responsibility or blame, or accepting a method of payment, people usually use **take**:

- *They offered me the job and I accepted.* → They offered me the job and I took it.

When talking about accepting an offer, people often say **take** someone **up on their offer**:

- He decided to take her up on her offer.

2. SITUATION/PROBLEM ETC [transitive] to decide that there is nothing you can do to change a difficult and unpleasant situation or fact and continue with your normal life:

- " He's not going to change, and you just have to accept it.

accept that

- " We have to accept that this is not an ideal world.
- " You need to accept the fact that most of your problems are caused by jealousy.

3. THINK SOMEBODY/SOMETHING IS GOOD ENOUGH [transitive] to decide that someone has the necessary skill or intelligence for a particular job, course etc or that a piece of work is good enough **OPP reject**:

- " Students accepted by Stanford Law School had very high scores on the LSAT.

accept somebody/something as something

- " They have accepted him as the representative of the company.

accept somebody/something for something

- " Random House accepted the book for publication.

4. BECOME PART OF A GROUP [transitive] to allow someone to become part of a group, society, or organization, and to treat them in the same way as the other members **OPP reject**

accept somebody as something

- " The children gradually began to accept her as one of the family.

accept somebody into something

- " It often takes years for immigrants to be accepted into the host community.

5. AGREE TO TAKE/DEAL WITH SOMETHING [transitive] to agree to take or deal with something that someone gives you, or to say that it is suitable or good enough:

- " The government has accepted the resignation of a senior army commander.
- " Please accept my sincere apologies.
- " Sorry, we don't accept traveller's cheques.

6. SUGGESTION/ADVICE [transitive] to decide to do what someone suggests or advises you should do:

- " Be prepared to accept the advice of members of staff.

7. BELIEVE AN EXPLANATION/STATEMENT [transitive] to agree that what someone says is right or true **OPP reject**:

- " She has accepted your explanation as to why you didn't attend the meeting.

8. accept responsibility/blame for something to admit that you were responsible for something bad that happened:

- " The University will not accept responsibility for items lost or stolen.

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COLLOCATIONS

nouns

- **accept an offer** In the end I had to accept his offer of £4,500.
- **accept an invitation** Are you going to accept their invitation to the wedding?
- **accept help** Don't be afraid to accept help if you need it.
- **accept aid** Egypt gratefully accepted American economic aid.
- **accept assistance** They were ready to accept French military assistance.
- **accept a challenge** To protect the environment we must accept some difficult challenges.
- **accept an award** Miller accepted the award for best comedy show.
- **accept an opportunity** I wish that I'd accepted the opportunity to retire when it was offered.
- **accept a gift/present** Accepting presents from him made her feel uncomfortable.
- **accept a job** She was desperate for money so she accepted the job.
- **accept a lift** *British English*, **accept a ride** *American English* I had been taught not to accept lifts from strangers.
- **accept a bribe** The president's family and friends accepted massive bribes in exchange for official favours.

adverbs

- **gladly/willingly/readily accept** She invited him for a drink and he gladly accepted.
- **gratefully accept** He gratefully accepted Athena's help.
- **graciously accept** She accepted her gift graciously.

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