

imitate

[ˈɪmɪteɪt] v

- 1) подражать, копировать, имитировать
to imitate smb.'s movements [gestures] - подражать чьим-л. движениям [жестам]
to imitate a picture - копировать картину
to imitate the classics [modern writers] - подражать классикам [современным писателям]
- 2) копировать, передразнивать
to imitate one's acquaintances - передразнивать своих знакомых
2. подделывать
to imitate gems - подделывать драгоценные камни
wood painted to imitate stone - дерево, выкрашенное под камень
3. *биол.* принимать окраску или повадки других организмов

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

imi-tate [imitate imitates imitated imitating] BrE ['ɪmɪteɪt] ^ɪ NAmE ['ɪmɪteɪt]

^ɪ verb

1. ~ sb/sth to copy sb/sth
 - Her style of painting has been imitated by other artists.
 - Art imitates Nature.
 - Teachers provide a model for children to imitate.
 - No computer can imitate the complex functions of the human brain.
2. ~ sb to copy the way a person speaks or behaves, in order to amuse people

Syn: ↑mimic

- She knew that the girls used to imitate her and laugh at her behind her back.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	imitate
	BrE / 'ɪmɪteɪt/
	NAmE / 'ɪmɪteɪt/
he / she / it	imitates
	BrE / 'ɪmɪteɪts/
	NAmE / 'ɪmɪteɪts/
past simple, past participle	imitated
	BrE / 'ɪmɪteɪtɪd/
	NAmE / 'ɪmɪteɪtɪd/
-ing form	imitating
	BrE / 'ɪmɪteɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'ɪmɪteɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent.: from Latin **imitat-** 'copied', from the verb **imitari**; related to **imago** 'image'.

Example Bank:

- Dolphins learn to imitate sounds very accurately and quickly.
- He tried to imitate my Scots accent and we both laughed.

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im-ɪ-tate /'ɪmɪteɪt, 'ɪmɪteɪt/ BrE ^ɪ AmE ^ɪ verb [transitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of imitari]

1. to copy the way someone behaves, speaks, moves etc, especially in order to make people laugh:
 - She was a splendid mimic and loved to imitate Winston Churchill.
 - ▶ Do not use **imitate** to mean 'do the same thing as someone else'. Use **copy**: *She worries that Tom will copy his brother (NOT imitate his brother) and leave home.*
2. to copy something because you think it is good:
 - vegetarian products which imitate meat
 - The Japanese have no wish to imitate Western social customs and attitudes.

—imitator noun [countable]

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