

discuss

[dis'kʌs] *v*

1. **обсуждать, дискутировать**
 to discuss measures [a question] - обсуждать меры [вопрос]
 to discuss a trip - говорить о поездке
 to discuss art [one's friends, the future of the children] (with smb.) - говорить об искусстве [о своих друзьях, о будущем детей] (с кем-л.)
 to discuss the problem with oneself - обдумывать вопрос
 they were discussing me - они говорили обо мне
 we discussed the best road to take [how to do it] - мы обсуждали, по какой дороге лучше ехать [как это сделать]
2. **шутл. есть, пить с удовольствием; смаковать**
 to discuss one's food [wine] - смаковать пищу [вино]

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dis·cuss [discuss discusses discussed discussing] *BrE* [dɪ'skʌs] *NA* *ME*

[dɪ'skʌs] *verb*

1. to talk about sth with sb, especially in order to decide sth
 - ~ **sth with sb** Have you discussed the problem with anyone?
 - ~ **sth** I'm not prepared to discuss this on the phone.
 - They met to discuss the possibility of working together.
 - ~ **when, what, etc...** We need to discuss when we should go.
 - ~ **(sb/sth) doing sth** We briefly discussed buying a second car. You cannot say 'discuss about sth': I discussed about my problem with my parents. Look also at **discussion**
2. ~ **sth** | ~ **what, how, etc...** to write or talk about sth in detail, showing the different ideas and opinions about it
 - This topic will be discussed at greater length in the next chapter.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	discuss
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'skʌs/
	<i>NA</i> <i>ME</i> /dɪ'skʌs/
he / she / it	discusses
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'skʌsɪz/
	<i>NA</i> <i>ME</i> /dɪ'skʌsɪz/
past simple, past participle	discussed
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'skʌst/
	<i>NA</i> <i>ME</i> /dɪ'skʌst/
-ing form	discussing
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'skʌsɪŋ/
	<i>NA</i> <i>ME</i> /dɪ'skʌsɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'dispel, disperse', also 'examine by argument'): from Latin **discuss-** 'dashed to pieces', later 'investigated', from the verb **discutere**, from **dis-** 'apart' + **quatere** 'shake'.

Thesaurus:

discuss *verb*

1. **T**
 - Have you discussed the problem with anyone?
 - talk** • **debate** • **speak** • **consult** • |*formal* **confer** • discuss sth/talk/debate/speak/consult/confer **with sb**
 - discuss/debate **what/how/whether/when/how...**
 - discuss sth/talk/debate sth/speak **at length/openly**
2. **T**
 - This topic will be discussed in the next chapter.
 - examine** • **explore** • **study** • **survey** • |*BrE* **analyse** • |*AmE* **analyze** • |*especially spoken* **go into sth** • discuss/examine/explore/study/survey/analyse/go into **what/how/whether...**
 - discuss/examine/explore/study/survey/analyse **the situation/the evidence /sb's work**
 - discuss/examine/explore/study/analyse a/an **proposal/idea**
 - discuss/examine/explore/study/analyse/go into sth **in depth/in detail**

Language Bank:

about

Saying what a text is about

- The book **is about** ▪ homeless people in the cities.
- The report **deals with** ▪ the issue of homelessness in London.
- The writer **discusses** ▪ the problems faced by homeless people.
- The article **presents an overview of** ▪ the issues surrounding homelessness.
- The novel **explores** ▪ the theme of friendship among homeless people.
- The first chapter **examines** ▪ the relationship between homelessness and drug addiction.
- The paper **considers** ▪ the question of why so many young people become homeless.

Synonyms:

examine

analyse • review • study • discuss

These words all mean to think about, study or describe sb/sth carefully, especially in order to understand them, form an opinion of them or make a decision about them.

examine • to think about, study or describe an idea, subject or piece of work very carefully: ▫ These ideas will be examined in more detail in Chapter 10.

analyse/analyze • to examine the nature or structure of sth, especially by separating it into its parts, in order to understand or explain it: ▫ The job involves gathering and analysing data. ◇ ▫ He tried to analyse his feelings.

review • to examine sth again, especially so that you can decide if it is necessary to make changes: ▫ The government will review the situation later in the year.

study • to examine sb/sth in order to understand them or it: ▫ We will study the report carefully before making a decision.

examine or study?

You **examine** sth in order to understand it or to help other people understand it, for example by describing it in a book; you **study** sth in order to understand it yourself.

discuss • to write or talk about sth in detail, showing the different ideas and opinions about it: ▫ This topic will be discussed at greater length in the next chapter.

to examine/analyse/review/study/discuss **what/how/whether...**

to examine/analyse/review/study/discuss the **situation/evidence**

to examine/analyse/review/study/discuss sth **carefully/critically/systematically/briefly**

Synonyms:

talk

discuss • speak • communicate • debate • consult

These words all mean to share news, information, ideas or feelings with another person or other people, especially by talking with them.

talk • to speak in order to give information, express feelings or share ideas: ▫ We talked on the phone for over an hour.

discuss • (rather formal) to talk and share ideas on a subject or problem with other people, especially in order to decide sth: ▫ Have you discussed the problem with anyone?

You cannot say 'discuss about sth': I'm not prepared to discuss about this on the phone.

speak • to talk to sb about sth; to have a conversation with sb: ▫ I've spoken to the manager about it. ◇ ▫ 'Can I speak to Susan?' 'Speaking.' ▫ (= at the beginning of a telephone conversation)

talk or speak?

Speak can suggest a more formal level of communication than **talk**. You **speak** to sb about sth to try to achieve a particular goal or to tell them to do sth. You **talk** to sb in order to be friendly or to ask their advice: ▫ Have you talked to your parents about the problems you're having? ◇ ▫ I've spoken to Ed about it and he's promised not to let it happen again.

communicate • (rather formal) to exchange information or ideas with sb: ▫ We only communicate by email. ◇ ▫ Dolphins use sound to communicate with each other.

Communicate is often used when the speaker wants to draw attention to the means of communication used.

debate • to discuss sth, especially formally, before making a decision or finding a solution: ▫ Politicians will be debating the bill later this week.

consult • (rather formal) to discuss sth with sb in order to get their permission for sth, or to help you make a decision: ▫ You shouldn't have done it without consulting me.

to talk/discuss sth/speak/communicate/debate/consult **with** sb

to talk/speak **to** sb

to talk/speak to sb/consult sb **about** sth

to talk/speak **of** sth

Example Bank:

- He refused to discuss it with me.
- I'd like to discuss this matter with you later.
- Pupils should be encouraged to discuss critically the information they are given.
- The committee meets regularly to discuss these issues.
- The plan was discussed in great detail.
- The proposals have been widely discussed in the media.
- These ideas will be discussed at greater length in the next chapter.
- This problem has never been discussed openly before.
- We will send you an invoice as discussed.
- to convene a conference to discuss the country's political future
- They briefly discussed buying a new car.

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di **discuss** **S2 W1** /dɪ'skʌs/ **BrE** " **AmE** " **verb** [transitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: discussus, past participle of discutere 'to shake to pieces']

1. to talk about something with another person or a group in order to exchange ideas or decide something:

- Littman refused to discuss the case publicly.
- If you would like to discuss the matter further, please call me.

discuss something with somebody

- Pupils should be given time to discuss the book with their classmates.

discuss what/who/where etc

" Your accountant will discuss with you how to complete these forms.

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In everyday English, people usually say **talk about** rather than **discuss**

▪ It's good to be able to talk about these things.

2. to talk or write about something in detail and consider different ideas or opinions about it:

" This topic will be discussed in Chapter 4.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ nouns

- **discussthe question/subject** We'd never discussed the question of having children.
- **discussthe problem** I suggested going out for a drink to discuss the problem.
- **discussthe matter/issue** *formal* (=discuss a subject or problem) The two leaders met to discuss the issue further.
- **discussa topic** (=subject of general interest) I sometimes let the class choose which topic they want to discuss.
- **discussthe situation** They held a three-hour meeting to discuss the situation.
- **discussa possibility** Government officials were seriously discussing the possibility of war.
- **discussa plan/idea** It's a good idea to discuss your plans with your parents.
- **discussthe future of something** He met the chairman of Nuclear Electric to discuss the future of the nuclear generating industry.
- **discussthe details** Let's get together soon to discuss the details of the trip.

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THESAURUS

■ to talk seriously

- **discussto talk seriously** about problems, ideas, or plans: They met to discuss how the building should be designed. | She refuses to discuss the matter.
- **talk something over** to discuss something with someone because it will affect them, especially someone close to you: Before you accept the job, talk it over with your family. | You two need to sit down and talk things over.
- **debate** to discuss a subject formally when you are trying to make a decision or solve a problem: The issue will be debated on Tuesday. | The UN Security Council debated whether to impose sanctions.

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