

ascertain

[ˌæ.səˈteɪn] *v*

- 1) выяснять; убеждаться, удостоверяться
to ascertain the truth - выяснить истину
I ascertained that he was right - я удостоверился, что он прав
- 2) устанавливать
to ascertain smb.'s guilt [smb.'s innocence] - установить чью-л. вину [чью-л. невиновность]
to ascertain how the thing happened - установить, как это произошло

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as·cer·tain [ascertain ascertains ascertained ascertaining] *BrE* [ˌæ.səˈteɪn] [Ⓜ]

NAmE [ˌæ.sərˈteɪn] [Ⓜ] **verb** (formal)

to find out the true or correct information about sth

- ~ **sth** It can be difficult to ascertain the facts.
- ~ **that...** I ascertained that the driver was not badly hurt.
- **it is ascertained that...** **It should be ascertained that** the plans comply with the law.
- ~ **what, whether, etc...** The police are trying to ascertain what really happened.
- Could you ascertain whether she will be coming to the meeting?
- **it is ascertained what, whether, etc...** **It must be ascertained** if the land is still owned by the government

Derived Words ↑ascertainable ▪ ↑ascertainment

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	ascertain
	<i>BrE</i> /ˌæ.səˈteɪn/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ˌæ.sərˈteɪn/
he / she / it	ascertains
	<i>BrE</i> /ˌæ.səˈteɪnz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ˌæ.sərˈteɪnz/
past simple, past participle	ascertained
	<i>BrE</i> /ˌæ.səˈteɪnd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ˌæ.sərˈteɪnd/
-ing form	ascertaining
	<i>BrE</i> /ˌæ.səˈteɪnɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ˌæ.sərˈteɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'assure, convince'): from Old French **acertener**, based on Latin **certus** 'settled, sure'.

Example Bank:

- It must be ascertained if the land is still owned by the government
- It should be ascertained that the plans comply with the law.

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as·cer·tain /ˌæ.səˈteɪn \$ ˌæ.sər-/ *BrE* [Ⓜ] *AmE* [Ⓜ] **verb** [intransitive and transitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Old French; Origin: acertainer, from certain]

formal to find out something **SYN** establish:

- Ⓜ A postmortem was ordered to try to ascertain the cause of death.
- ascertain whether/what/how etc**
Ⓜ Tests were conducted to ascertain whether pollution levels have dropped.
- ascertain that**
Ⓜ Police had ascertained that the dead man knew his killer.
- ascertain something from somebody/something**
Ⓜ You should ascertain the level of insurance cover from the car rental company.

—**ascertainable** *adjective*

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Ascertain is used mainly in formal or technical contexts. In everyday English, people usually say **find out**:

- We need to **find out** exactly what happened before we jump to any conclusions.

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