

convent['kɒnv(ə)nt] *n*

1. монастырь (*чаще* женский)
to go into a convent - постричься в монахини
2. католическая женская школа (*при монастыре*)
educated at a convent - получившая образование в монастырской школе

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con·vent [convent convents] *BrE* ['kɒnvənt] ^m *NAmE* ['kɑːnvɛrj̩t] ^m *NAmE*['kɑːnvɛrj̩t] ^m *noun*

1. a building in which ↑nuns (= members of a female religious community) live together
2. (*also* 'convent school') a school run by ↑nuns

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French, from Latin *conventus* 'assembly, company', from the verb *convenire* 'assemble, agree, fit', from *con-* 'together' + *venire* 'come'. The original spelling was *covent* (surviving in the place name Covent Garden); the modern form dates from the 16th cent.

Collocations:**Religion***Being religious*

believe in God/Christ/Allah/faith/revelation/predestination/heaven and hell/an afterlife/reincarnation
be/become a believer/an atheist/an agnostic/a Christian/Muslim/Hindu/Buddhist, etc.
convert to/practise/ (especially US) practice a religion/Buddhism/Catholicism/Christianity/Islam/Judaism, etc.
go to church/ (NAmE) temple (= the synagogue)
go to the local church/mosque/synagogue/gurdwara
belong to a church/a religious community
join/enter the church/a convent/a monastery/a religious sect/the clergy/the priesthood
praise/worship/obey/serve/glorify God

Celebrations and ritual

attend/hold/conduct/lead a service
perform a ceremony/a rite/a ritual/a baptism/the Hajj/a mitzvah
carry out/perform a sacred/burial/funerary/ritual/purification/rite
go on/make a pilgrimage
celebrate Christmas/Easter/Eid/Ramadan/Hanukkah/Passover/Diwali
observe/break the Sabbath/a fast/Ramadan
deliver/preach/hear a sermon
lead/address the congregation
say/recite a prayer/blessing

Religious texts and ideas

preach/proclaim/spread the word of God/the Gospel/the message of Islam
study/follow the dharma/the teachings of Buddha
read/study/understand/interpret scripture/the Bible/the Koran/the gospel/the Torah
be based on/derive from divine revelation
commit/consider sth heresy/sacrilege

Religious belief and experience

seek/find/gain enlightenment/wisdom
strengthen/lose your faith
keep/practise/practice/abandon the faith
save/purify/lose your soul
obey/follow/keep/break/violate a commandment/Islamic law/Jewish law
be/accept/do God's will
receive/experience divine grace
achieve/attain enlightenment/salvation/nirvana
undergo a conversion/rebirth/reincarnation
hear/answer a prayer
commit/confess/forgive a sin
do/perform penance

Example Bank:

- She entered a convent at the age of sixteen.
- She spent her whole life in a convent.
- The nuns established a convent here in 1692.
- the Convent of St Saviour
- within the convent walls

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[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: covent, f rorlatin conventus 'group of people who have come together', f rom convenire ⇒ ↑convenient]

a building or set of buildings where ↑nuns live ⇒ **monastery**

⇒ ↑convent school

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