

confession[kən'feɪʃ(ə)n] *n*

1. 1) признание, сознание (*своей вины*)
- 2) признание (*права, требования и т. п.*)
extra judicial confession - *юр.* внесудебное признание
confession of signature - признание своей подписи
2. *церк.* исповедь
3. 1) символ веры (*тж.* Confession of Faith)
- 2) вероисповедание; принадлежность к какой-л. религии *или* церкви
- 3) могила, алтарь *или* часовня мученика *или* исповедника

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con-fes-sion [confession confessions] *BrE* [kən'feɪʃn] ^ˈ *NAmE* [kən'feɪʃn] ^ˈ

noun

1. **countable, uncountable** a statement that a person makes, admitting that they are guilty of a crime; the act of making such a statement
 - After hours of questioning by police, she made a full confession.
 - His confession was extracted under torture.
2. **countable, uncountable** a statement admitting sth that you are ashamed or embarrassed about; the act of making such a statement
Syn: ↑admission
 - I've a confession to make— I lied about my age.
3. **uncountable, countable** (especially in the Roman Catholic Church) a private statement to a priest about the bad things that you have done
 - to go to confession
 - to hear sb's confession
4. **countable (formal)** a statement of your religious beliefs, principles, etc
 - a confession of faith

Word Origin:

late Middle English: via Old French from Latin *confessio(n-)*, from *confiteri* 'acknowledge', from *con-* (expressing intensive force) + *fateri* 'declare, avow'.

Example Bank:

- I have a confession to make. I read your private emails.
- I used to go to confession every Saturday as a child.
- It's difficult to believe it's a true confession after all her lies.
- She made a false confession during the trial which she later retracted.
- The court excluded the confession wrongly obtained by the police.
- The government made open confession of its inability to cope with the crisis.
- The police forced a confession out of him.
- The priest heard her confession and granted absolution.
- a confession from the prisoner
- a confession to murder
- a true confession of a terrible crime
- an alleged confession by the defendant
- her shy confession of love
- I have a confession to make— I lied about my age.

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con-fes-sion /kən'feɪʃən/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ noun

1. [**countable**] a statement that you have done something wrong, illegal, or embarrassing, especially a formal statement:
 - ˈ Sanchez's confession was read out to the court.

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- ˈ a confession of adultery
- ˈ At 3 a.m. Higgins broke down and made a full confession.
- ˈ I have a confession – I like Britney Spears' music.

2. [**uncountable and countable**] when you tell a priest or God about the bad things that you have done:

- ˈ You must go to confession.
- ˈ a priest who hears confession

3. [**countable**] **formal** a statement of what your religious beliefs are

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- ˈ a confession of faith

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **make a confession** The police interviewed him for five hours before he finally made a confession.
- **get/obtain a confession** Threats must not be used in order to obtain confessions.
- **extract a confession** (=get one with difficulty, or by using violence) Torture was sometimes used to extract confessions.
- **sign a confession** He had signed a confession in front of witnesses.

▪ **retract a confession** (=say that a confession you made was not true) Though he had confessed to the police, Gerrards later retracted his confession.

■ adjectives

- **a full confession** (=in which you admit everything) The killer had made a full confession to the authorities.
- **a written confession** A police interview may lead to a written confession.
- **a false confession** (=one that is not true) The officers were accused of extracting false confessions from some of the prisoners.

■ phrases

- **have a confession (to make)** (=used humorously when you want to admit to doing something) I have a confession to make – I've eaten all the chocolates.

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