

oracle1. ['ɒrək(ə)] *n*

1. (в Древней Греции и Древнем Риме)

1) прорицание, предсказание

2) храм, оракул (место, где вещали оракулы)

3) оракул, жрец

2. часто *ирон.*

1) признанный авторитет, судья; оракул

2) непреложная истина

his words were received as an oracle - его слова принимались за неоспоримую истину

3. путеводитель, путеводная нить

he called the watch and compass his only oracles - он называл часы и компас своими единственными советчиками

4. 1) святая святых (в еврейском храме)

2) *pl* священное писание, библия

◇ to work the oracle - а) нажать тайные пружины, воспользоваться связями; б) добыть денег

2. ['ɒrək(ə)] *v редк.*

предсказывать, прорицать, пророчествовать

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

or·acle ['ɒrəkl̩] *BrE* ['ɒrəkəl] *AmE* ['ɔːrəkəl] *noun countable*1. (in ancient Greece) a place where people could go to ask the gods for advice or information about the future; the priest or **priestess** through whom the gods were thought to give their message

• They consulted the oracle at Delphi.

2. (in ancient Greece) the advice or information that the gods gave, which often had a hidden meaning

3. **usually singular** a person or book that gives valuable advice or information

• My sister's the oracle on investment matters.

Word Origin:late Middle English: via Old French from Latin **oraculum**, from **orare** 'speak'.**oracle**

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: Latin oraculum, from orare; ⇨ ↑oration]

1. someone who the ancient Greeks believed could communicate with the gods, who gave advice to people or told them what would happen

2. a message given by an oracle

3. a person or book that gives advice and information – used humorously

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