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Philosophy the power of abstract thought; logical power. [Kantianism.]the mental faculty resolving the sensory manifold into the transcendental unity of apperception. adj.characterized by understanding; prompted by, based on, or demonstrating comprehension, intelligence, discernment, empathy, or the like:an understanding attitude. Middle English understandynge, late Old English understandincge (noun, nominal). See understand, -ing1, -ing2 bef. 1050 understandingly, adv. 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A disposition to appreciate or share the feelings and thoughts of others; sympathy: Can't you show some understanding for the poor child?adj. Characterized by or having good sense or compassion: an understanding teacher.American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. (ndstnd) n1. the ability to learn, judge, make decisions, etc; intelligence or sense2. personal opinion or interpretation of a subject: my understanding of your predicament. 3. a mutual agreement or compact, esp an informal or private one4. chiefly Brit an unofficial engagement to be married5. (Philosophy) philosophy archaic the mind, esp the faculty of reason6. on the understanding that with the condition that; providingadj7. sympathetic, tolerant, or wise towards people8. possessing judgment and intelligenceCollins English Dictionary Complete and Unabridged, 12th Edition 2014 HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014 (n drstn d) n. 1. the mental process of a person who understands; comprehension; personal interpretation. 2. intellectual faculties; intelligence. 3. knowledge of or familiarity with a particular thing. 4. a state of cooperation between people, nations, factions, etc. adj. 6. characterized by comprehension, empathy, or the like. Random House Kernerman Webster's College Dictionary, 2010 K Dictionaries Ltd. Copyright 2005, 1997, 1991 by Random House, Inc. All rights reserved.See also knowledge; learning; perception; philosophy; thinking. an impaired state of the power of speech or of the ability to comprehend language, caused by injury to the brain.the power of entering into anothers personality and imaginatively experiencing his feelings. empathie, adj.an additional explanation; the use of more words to clarify further. epexegetic, epexegetical, adj.the science of intuition and reason as phenomena of the mind. noological, adj.-Ologies & -Isms. Copyright 2008 The Gale Group, Inc. All rights reserved. understanding1. 'comprehension'Both comprehension and understanding can be used to talk about someone's ability to understand something.He noted Bond's apparent lack of comprehension.The problems of solar navigation seem beyond comprehension.A very narrow subject would have become too highly technical for general understanding.2. 'understanding'If you have an understanding of something, you have some knowledge of it, or you know how it works or what it means.The past decade has seen huge advances in our general understanding of how the ear works.The job requires an understanding of Spanish.You cannot use comprehension with this meaning.Understanding has another meaning. If there is understanding between people, they are friendly towards each other and trust each other.What we need is greater understanding between management and workers.Collins COBUILD English Usage HarperCollins Publishers 1992, 2004, 2011, 2012 Noun1.understanding - the cognitive condition of someone who understands; "he has virtually no understanding of social cause and effect"discernment, savvy, apprehensionknowing - a clear and certain mental apprehensioncomprehension - an ability to understand the meaning or importance of something (or the knowledge acquired as a result); "how you can do that is beyond my comprehension"; "he was famous for his comprehension of American literature"self-knowledge - an understanding of yourself and your goals and abilitiessmattering - a slight or superficial understanding of a subjectappreciation, grasp, hold - understanding of the nature or meaning or quality or magnitude of something; "he has a good grasp of accounting practices"grasping - understanding with difficulty; "the lecture was beyond his most strenuous graspings"hindsight - understanding the nature of an event after it has happened; "hindsight is always better than foresight"realization, realisation, recognition - coming to understand something clearly and distinctly; "a growing realization of the risk involved"; "a sudden recognition of the problem he faced"; "increasing recognition that diabetes frequently coexists with other chronic diseases"2.understanding - the statement (oral or written) of an exchange of promises; "they had an agreement that they would not interfere in each other's business"; "there was an understanding between management and the workers"fair-trade agreement - an agreement (illegal in the United States) between the manufacturer of a trademarked item of merchandise and its retail distributors to sell the item at a price at or above the price set by the manufacturercovenant - (Bible) an agreement between God and his people in which God makes certain promises and requires certain behavior from them in returnunilateral contract - a one-sided agreement whereby you promise to do (or refrain from doing) something in return for a performance (not a promise)sales agreement, sale - an agreement (or contract) in which property is transferred from the seller (vendor) to the buyer (vendee) for a fixed price in money (paid or agreed to be paid by the buyer); "the salesman faxed the sales agreement to his home office"statement - a message that is stated or declared; a communication (oral or written) setting forth particulars or facts etc; "according to his statement he was in London on that day"term, condition - (usually plural) a statement of what is required as part of an agreement; "the contract set out the conditions of the lease"; "the terms of the treaty were generous"bargain, deal - an agreement between parties (usually arrived at after discussion) fixing obligations of each; "he made a bargain with the devil"; "the rose to prominence through a series of shady deals"working agreement - an informal agreement to work togethersubmission - an agreement between parties in a dispute to abide by the decision of an arbiteroral contract - an agreement that is not in writing and is not signed by the parties but is a real existing contract that lacks only the formal requirement of a memorandum to render it enforceable in litigationreservation - the written record or promise of an arrangement by which accommodations are secured in advancesettlement - a conclusive resolution of a matter and disposition of itsuicide pact - an agreement by two or more people to commit suicide together at a given place and time; "the two lovers killed themselves in a suicide pact"3.understanding - an inclination to support or be loyal to or to agree with an opinion; "his sympathies were always with the underdog"; "I knew I could count on his understanding"inclination, tendency, disposition - an attitude of mind especially one that favors one alternative over others; "he had an inclination to give up too easily"; "a tendency to be too strict"4.understanding - the capacity for rational thought or inference or discrimination; "we are told that man is endowed with reason and capable of distinguishing good from evil"Adj.1.understanding - characterized by understanding based on comprehension and discernment and empathy; "an understanding friend"perceptive - having the ability to perceive or understand; keen in discernment; "a perceptive eye"; "a perceptive observation"Based on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.noun1. perception, knowledge, grasp, sense, know-how (informal), intelligence, judgment, awareness, appreciation, insight, skill, penetration, mastery, comprehension, familiarity with, discernment, proficiency They have to have a basic understanding of computers. perception ignorance, incomprehension, obtuseness2. sympathy, consideration, sensitivity, love, concern, humanity, affection, warmth, tolerance, goodwill, compassion, kindness, empathy, tenderness, neighbourliness, humanitarianism, fellow feeling, considerateness, kind feeling, kind-heartedness We would like to thank them for their patience and understanding. sympathy insensitivity3. agreement, deal, promise, arrangement, accord, contract, bond, pledge, bargain, pact, compact, concord, gentlemen's agreement We had not set a date but there was an understanding between us. agreement dispute, disagreement4. belief, view, opinion, impression, interpretation, feeling, idea, conclusion, notion, conviction, judgment, assumption, point of view, perception, suspicion, viewpoint, hunch, way of thinking, estimation, supposition, sneaking suspicion, funny feeling It is my understanding that this has been going on for many years.adjective1. sympathetic, kind, compassionate, considerate, kindly, accepting, patient, sensitive, forgiving, discerning, tolerant, responsive, perceptive, forbearing Her boss, who was very understanding, gave her time off. sympathetic insensitive, unsympathetic, inconsiderate, intolerant, unfeeling, strictQuotations"Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will" [Martin Luther King Jr Letter from Birmingham Jail]"The ill and unfit choice of words wonderfully obstructs the understanding" [Francis Bacon Novum Organum]"I shall light a candle of understanding in thine heart, which shall not be put out" Bible: II EsdrasCollins Thesaurus of the English Language Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002nounadjectiveThe American Heritage Roget's Thesaurus. 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Ltd. 1980 HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2007Collins Italian Dictionary 1st Edition HarperCollins Publishers 1995 (andstnd) verb past tense, past participle understood (-stud) 2. to know (eg a person) thoroughly. She understands children/dogs. verstaan compreender mt pochopen sich verstehen auf forst (..) comprender, entender mistma ymmrt comprendre poznavati megrt; alaposan ismer memahami skilja capire nusimanyti apie, suprasti pazt; izprast; saprasties memahami begrijpenforst, kjenne, skjnnezna si compreender a cunoate rozumie poznati razumeti frst sig p anlamak () hiu, nhn thc c understandable adjectiveunderstanding adjective (of a person) good at knowing how other people feel; sympathetic. an understanding person; Try to be more understanding! begrypend, begrip h compreensivo chpajc verstndnisvoll forstende comprensivo mistev ymmrtvinen comprhensif imati vie razumijevanja megrt penuh pengertian skilningsrkur comprensivo atjauiantis, supratingas saprotos; iejtgs bertimbang rasa begripvolforstelsesfullwyrozumiay : (): : compreensivo nelegtor chpajci razumevajo uviavan frstende anlayl, hogrl thng cm noun2. the ability to sympathize with another person's feelings. 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He tried speaking German to them, but couldn't make himself understood. verstaanbaar se fazer entender dorozumt se sich verstndlich machen gre sig forstelig , hacerse entender ennast arusaadavaks tegema tehd itsens ymmrretyksi se faire comprendre jasno se izraziti megrteti magt membuat dipahami gera (sig) skiljanlegan farsi capire () pasakyti suprantamai, susikalbti skaidri izteikties; pankt sapraanu membuat orang lain memahaminya zich verstaanbaar maken gjre seg forsttt; gi klar beskjed wyraa si zrozumiale, porozumie si fazer(-se) entender a se face neles dorozumie sa sporazumeti se jasno se izraziti gra sig frstdd sylemek istediini belirtmek, meramn anlatmak lm cho ai hiu mnh Kernerman English Multilingual Dictionary 2006-2013 K Dictionaries Ltd. chpav forstende verstndnisvoll comprensivo ymmrtvinen comprhensif uviavan comprensivo begripvol forstelsesfull wyrozumiay compreensivo frstende anlay thng cm Multilingual Translator HarperCollins Publishers 2009 Want to thank TFD for its existence? 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Link to this page: Yes, I said, but I must first come to an understanding with you, and remind you of what I have mentioned in the course of this discussion, and at many other times.I understand you, he replied; not perfectly, for you seem to me to be describing a task which is really tremendous; but, at any rate, I understand you to say that knowledge and being, which the science of dialectic contemplates, are clearer than the notions of the arts, as they are termed, which proceed from hypotheses only: these are also contemplated by the understanding, and not by the senses: yet, because they start from hypotheses and do not ascend to a principle, those who contemplate them appear to you not to exercise the higher reason upon them, although when a first principle is added to them they are cognizable by the higher reason.You have quite conceived my meaning, I said; and now, corresponding to these four divisions, let there be four faculties in the soul-reason answering to the highest, understanding to the second, faith (or conviction) to the third, and perception of shadows to the last-and let there be a scale of them, and let us suppose that the several faculties have clearness in the same degree that their objects have truth.We may call these two active and passive understanding respectively.It is not necessary, in order that a man should "understand" a word, that he should "know what it means," in the sense of being able to say "this word means so-and-so." Understanding words does not consist in knowing their dictionary definitions, or in being able to specify the objects to which they are appropriate.** On the understanding of words, a very admirable little book is Ribot's "Evolution of General Ideas," Open Court Co., 1899.To illustrate what is meant by "understanding" words and sentences, let us take instances of various situations.Such "understanding" may be taken to belong to the nerves and brain, being habits which they have acquired while the language was being learnt.His face wore that expression when his dry hands clenched with vexation at her not understanding a sum in arithmetic, when rising from his chair he would walk away from her, repeating in a low voice the same words several times over.So, when I said you had less understanding than we, I did not mean that you had less understanding, you understand, but that you had less standundering, so to speak."True that we have less understanding?" asked the Champion.Then they won't dare say you have less understanding, because you understand as much as they do." [uncountable, singular] understanding (of something) the knowledge that somebody has about a particular subject or situationStudents will gain a broad understanding of the workings of Parliament. a deep/clear understanding of somethingUnions said her comments showed a complete lack of understanding of what the civil service does.She possesses a thorough understanding of the nature of the threat we are faced with.The book aims to inform readers seeking a greater understanding of the issues involved.The committee has little or no understanding of the problem.to develop/improve/increase understanding of somethingto contribute to/lead to an understanding of somethingMost of the students have a sound understanding of English grammar.The existence of God is beyond human understanding (= humans cannot know whether God exists or not).Extra ExamplesOur understanding of the process is now much better.Such an approach to education does not expand children's knowledge and understanding of the world.The report gave the commission an understanding of the types of problems the police were facing.The course is designed for healthcare professionals who need a basic understanding of the subject.All of this research informs our understanding of how disease processes work.He had a poor understanding of international law.He showed a full understanding of the sequence of events.How children change so quickly is beyond my understanding.Scientists are seeking a better understanding of the process.She has only a limited understanding of what the job involves.Some religions have a common understanding of the nature of a divine being.The book aims to give children a balanced understanding of food and the environment.The idea of eternity is beyond our full understanding.The students seem to have a reasonable level of understanding of how genes work.This change of policy reflects a growing understanding of the extent of the problem.You need to read more widely to gain a proper understanding of the issue.a book that will deepen your understanding of global warmingHis writings reflect a good understanding of the society he lived in.Our growing understanding of genetics raises some complex issues.She has always shown great understanding of local political structures.The course should help enhance your understanding of the treatments available.There is a general lack of understanding about the problems facing newly arrived immigrants.You will need to have a thorough understanding of financial systems.Oxford Collocations Dictionaryadjectiveverb + understandingpredpositionbeyond (your) understandingSee full entry [uncountable, singular] the ability to understand why people behave in a particular way and to forgive them when they do something wrongOrganizers of the rally say they want to promote understanding, tolerance and open-mindedness.These efforts would foster mutual understanding and respect for different values.We must tackle the problem with sympathy and understanding.Try to show a little more understanding. understanding between A and B We are looking for a better understanding between the two nations.Extra ExamplesHe didn't show much understanding towards her when she lost her job.Greater contact between the two groups should lead to a better mutual understanding.She gave me a look filled with sympathetic understanding.She suddenly had a new understanding for her mother.There is generally good will and understanding between workers and employers.Oxford Collocations Dictionaryadjectiveverb + understandingpredpositionunderstandingamongunderstandingbetweenunderstandingforSee full entry [countable, usually singular] an informal agreement understanding about something We finally came to an understanding about what hours we would work. understanding that We have this understanding that nobody talks about work over lunch. understanding with somebody I think I've reached an understanding with my mother.Extra ExamplesI have a clear understanding with any lawyer I hire.There is an unspoken understanding that Hugh will be in charge while Jane is away.They came to an understanding on when final payment was to be made.an understanding between the companies to fight against the proposed tax reformTopics Discussion and agreementb2Oxford Collocations Dictionaryadjectiveverb + understandingpredpositionunderstandingbetweenunderstandingonunderstandingwithSee full entry [uncountable, countable] understanding (of something) the particular way in which somebody understands something synonym interpretationMy understanding of the situation is different.It was our understanding that you had already been informed.My understanding is that we're meeting him at the theatre.The statement is open to various understandings. Idioms on the understanding that (formal) used to introduce a condition that must be agreed before something else can happenThey agreed to the changes on the understanding that they would be introduced gradually.I thought you gave me the book on the understanding that I could keep it.Topics Discussion and agreementc2, Permission and obligationc2 See understanding in the Oxford Advanced American DictionarySee understanding in the Oxford Learner's Dictionary of Academic English noun (8)adjective (1)View synonyms for understandingmental process of a person who comprehends; comprehension; personal interpretation.My understanding of the word does not agree with yours.intellectual faculties; intelligence; mind.superior power of discernment; enlightened intelligence.With her keen understanding she should have become a leader.knowledge of or familiarity with a particular thing; skill in dealing with or handling something.an understanding of accounting practice.a state of cooperative or mutually tolerant relations between people.To him, understanding and goodwill were the supreme virtues.a mutual agreement, especially of a private, unannounced, or tacit kind.They had an understanding about who would do the dishes.an agreement regulating joint activity or settling differences, often informal or preliminary in character.After hours of negotiation, no understanding on a new contract was reached.Philosophy.the power of abstract thought; logical power.Kantianism.the mental faculty resolving the sensory manifold into the transcendental unity of apperception.characterized by understanding; prompted by, based on, or demonstrating comprehension, intelligence, discernment, empathy, or the like.an understanding attitude.the ability to learn, judge, make decisions, etc; intelligence or sensepersonal opinion or interpretation of a subjectmy understanding of your predicamenta mutual agreement or compact, esp an informal or private onean unofficial engagement to be marriedarchaicphilosophy the mind, esp the faculty of reasonwith the condition that; providingCollins English Dictionary Complete & Unabridged 2012 Digital Edition William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012sympathetic, tolerant, or wise towards peoplepossessing judgment and intelligenceCollins English Dictionary Complete & Unabridged 2012 Digital Edition William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012understandingly adverbnonunderstanding adjectivenonunderstandingly adverbself-understanding nounExamples have not been reviewed."Sarina and I have a great understanding. Hopefully everyone feels like that and you're seeing that on the pitch. She's created that culture."Rather, they are uniting as a group, understanding and embracing their similar challenges while trying to create environments to keep the players and their parents invested in the future.For instance, near the beginning of the permanent exhibit there is a cave-like room explaining the Chumash understanding of the universe, which is divided into three levels.And the January gunning down of a Cambodian opposition leader in broad daylight in central Bangkok was also seen by activists as an outcome of this understanding between the two countries' security services.The Smithsonian strives to foster a greater and shared understanding, the statement said.understandableunderstateBrowse#aabbccddeeffgghhiijjkkllmmnnooppqqrrssttuuvvwwxxyyzzAboutCareersContact usCookies, terms, & privacyHelpFollow usGet the Word of the Day every day! 2025 Dictionary.com, LLCUnderstandingadjectiveKnowing; skilful.The present physician is a very understanding man, and well read.Joseph Addison, Remarks on Italy.UnderstandingnounEtymology: from understand.1. Intellectual powers; faculties of the mind, especially those of knowledge and judgment.I speak as my understanding instructs me, and as mine honesty puts it to utterance.William Shakespeare, Winter Tale.Make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord.Isaiah.It maketh day-light understanding, out of darkness.Francis Bacon.When she rates things, and moves from ground to ground,The name of reason she obtains by this:But when by reason she the truth hath found,And standeth fixd, she understanding is.Davies.Life and sense,Fancy and understanding: whence the soulReason receives, and reason is her being.John Milton.God is to the understanding of man, as the light of the sun is to our eyes, its first and most glorious object.John Tillotson.2. Skill.The understandings of a senate are often enslaved by three or four leaders.Jonathan Swift.Right understanding consists in the perception of the visible or probable agreement or disagreement of ideas.John Locke.Very mean people have raised their minds to a great sense and understanding of religion.John Locke.3. Intelligence; terms of communication.He hoped the loyalty of his subjects would concur with him in the preserving of a good understanding between him and his people.Edward Hyde.We have got into some understanding with the enemy, by means of Don Diego.Arbuthnot.

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