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According to the causal impact view, something is important if it has a big causal impact on the world. This view is rejected by various theorists, who insist that an additional aspect is required: that the impact in question makes a value difference. This is often understood in terms of how the important thing affects the well-being of people. So on this view, World War II was important, not just because it brought about many wide-ranging changes but because these changes had severe negative impacts on the well-being of the people involved. The difference in question is usually understood counterfactually as the contrast between how the world actually is and how the world would have been without the existence of the important entity. It is often argued that importance claims are context- or domain-dependent. This means that they either explicitly or implicitly assume a certain domain in relation to which something matters. For example, studying for an exam is important in the context of academic success but not in the context of world history. Importance comes in degrees: to be important usually means to matter more within the domain in question than most of the other entities within this domain. The term "importance" is often used in overlapping ways with various related terms, such as "meaningfulness", "value", and "caring". Theorists frequently try to elucidate these terms by comparing them to show what they have in common and how they differ. A meaningful life is usually also important in some sense. But meaningfulness has additional requirements: the life should be guided by the agent's intention and directed at realizing some form of higher purpose. In some contexts, to say that something is important means the same as saying that it is valuable. More generally, however, importance refers not to value itself but to a value difference. This difference may also be negative: some events are important because they have very bad consequences. Importance is often treated as an objective feature in contrast to the subjective attitude of caring about something or ascribing importance to it. Ideally, the two overlap: people subjectively care about things that are objectively important. Nonetheless, the two may come apart when people care about unimportant things or fail to care about important things. Some theorists distinguish between instrumental importance relative to a specific goal in contrast to a form of importance based on intrinsic or final value. A closely related distinction is between importance relative to someone and absolute or unrestricted importance. The concept of importance is central to numerous fields and issues. Many people desire to be important or to lead an important life. It has been argued that this is not always a good goal since it can also be realized in a negative way: by causing a lot of harm and thereby making an important but negative value difference. Common desires that are closely related include wanting power, wealth, and fame. In the realm of ethics, the importance of something often determines how one should act towards this thing, for example, by paying attention to it or by protecting it. In this regard, importance is a normative property, meaning that importance claims constitute reasons for actions, emotions, and other attitudes. On a psychological level, considerations of the relative importance of the aspects of a situation help the individual simplify its complexity by only focusing on its most significant features. A central discussion in the context of the meaning of life concerns the question of whether human life is important on the cosmic level. Nihilists and absurdists usually give a negative response to this question. This pessimistic outlook can in some cases cause an existential crisis. In the field of artificial intelligence, implementing artificial reasoning to assess the importance of information poses a significant challenge when trying to deal with the complexity of real-world situations. (of something or an event) The quality of being significant or noteworthy “The win was a moment of great importance for a team that was on the precipice of making history.” (of a person) The quality of having a high personal standing or status “The country's leader suffered from a misguided sense of importance that disconnected him from the working class.” The benefit, importance or (useful) effect of something The quality of being pertinent The most important or essential part of something The fact or state of being great or significant in value or seriousness Grandeur, brilliance, lavishness or splendor The quality of being invaluable A thing which one is required to do as part of a job, role, or legal obligation View synonyms for importancethe quality or state of being important; consequence; significance.Synonyms: concern, weight, momentimportant position or standing; personal or social consequence.consequential air or manner.an air of bustling importance.Obsolete. an important matter.Obsolete. importunity.Obsolete. import or meaning.the state of being important; significancesocial status; standing; esteemobsolete meaning or significationan important matterimportunity“Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged” 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012preimportance nounimportance nounImportance, consequence, significance, moment all signify something valuable, influential, or worthy of note. Importance is the most general of these, assigning exceptional or notable value or influence to a person or thing: the importance of Einstein's discoveries. Consequence may suggest outstanding personal quality or position, or it may suggest importance because of results to be produced: a woman of consequence in world affairs; an event of great consequence for our future. Significance can be used interchangeably with importance or consequence, but it carries also the implication of importance that is not readily or immediately recognized: The significance of the discovery only became clear years later. Moment, on the other hand, almost always refers to immediately apparent, self-evident importance: a change of great moment for the nation's political system.Examples have not been reviewed.Still, Muncy figures to be a linchpin in the Dodgers’ long-term potential at the plate — with his recovery growing ever-steadily in importance as the rest of the lineup flounders in his wake.Zelensky once again stressed the importance of bolstering air defences, both in terms of supplies from allies, but also producing them in Ukraine, including more interceptor drones.But given his importance to Eddie Howe and a likely price tag that would go towards £130m, Liverpool knew they needed to source alternatives.In a speech at the end of the exercise, Lai stressed the importance of unity and resilience of Taiwan's society to protect the island and its democratic values.Disney Imagineers spoke of the importance of appealing to a generation that was beginning to be weaned on interactive entertainment.importimportantBrowse#aabbccddeeffgghhiijjkkllmmnnooppqqrrssttuuvvwwxxyyzzAboutCareersContact usCookies, terms, & privacyHelpFollow usGet the Word of the Day every day!© 2025 Dictionary.com, LLC as in significance, weightas in prominence, standingBrowse#aabbccddeeffgghhiijjkkllmmnnooppqqrrssttuuvvwwxxyyzzAboutCareersContact usCookies, terms, & privacyHelpFollow usGet the Word of the Day every day!© 2025 Dictionary.com, LLC Also found in: Thesaurus, Wikipedia. (ĭm-pôr′tns)n.1. The quality or condition of being important; significance.2. Personal status; standing: people of great importance.3. Obsolete Meaning; import.Synonyms: importance, consequence, significance, import, weight These nouns refer to the state or quality of being significant, influential, or worthy of note or esteem. Importance is the most general term: the importance of a proper diet. Consequence is especially applicable to persons or things of notable rank or position (scholars of consequence) and to what is important because of its possible outcome, result, or effect (tax laws of consequence to investors). Significance and import refer to the quality of something that gives it special meaning or value: an event of real significance; works of great social import. Weight suggests seriousness or authority: "The popular faction at Rome ... was led by men of weight" (J.A. Froude).American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. 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Obs. an important matter. syn: importance, consequence, significance, moment refer to something valuable, influential, or worthy of note. importance is the most general of these terms, assigning exceptional value or influence to a person or thing: the importance of Einstein's discoveries. consequence may suggest personal distinction, or may suggest importance based on results to be produced: a woman of consequence in world affairs; an event of great consequence for our future. significance carries the implication of importance not readily or immediately recognized: The significance of the discovery became clear many years later. moment, on the other hand, usu. refers to immediately apparent, self-evident importance: an international treaty of great moment. Random House Kernerman Webster's College Dictionary, © 2010 K Dictionaries Ltd. Copyright 2005, 1997, 1991 by Random House, Inc. All rights reserved. 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AmmonsWorthless as withered weeds —Emily BronteSimiles Dictionary, 1st Edition. © 1988 The Gale Group, Inc. All rights reserved. Noun1.importance - the quality of being important and worthy of note; "the importance of a well-balanced diet"value - the quality (positive or negative) that renders something desirable or valuable; "the Shakespearean Shylock is of dubious value in the modern world"big deal - anything of great importance or consequencemagnitude - relative importance; "a problem of the first magnitude"account - importance or value; "a person of considerable account"; "he predicted that although it is of small account now it will rapidly increase in importance"momentousness - utmost importanceprominence - relative importancesignificance - the quality of being significant; "do not underestimate the significance of nuclear power"essentiality, essentialness - basic importanceurgency - pressing importance requiring speedy action; "the urgency of his need"weightiness, weight - the relative importance granted to something; "his opinion carries great weight"; "the progression implied an increasing weightiness of the items listed"unimportance - the quality of not being important or worthy of note2.importance - a prominent status; "a person of importance"standing - social or financial or professional status or reputation; "of equal standing"; "a member in good standing"emphasis, accent - special importance or significance; "the red light gave the central figure increased emphasis"; "the room was decorated in shades of grey with distinctive red accents"primacy - the state of being first in importanceBased on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. © 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.noun1. significance, interest, concern, matter, moment, value, worth, weight, import, consequence, substance, relevance, usefulness, momentousness Safety is of paramount importance.2. prestige, standing, status, rule, authority, influence, distinction, esteem, prominence, supremacy, mastery, dominion, eminence, ascendancy, pre-eminence, mana (N.Z.) He was too puffed up with his own importance to accept the verdict.Collins Thesaurus of the English Language – Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 © HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002noun The American Heritage® Roget's Thesaurus. Copyright © 2013, 2014 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. WichtigkeitBedeutungBelangimportanciapesosignificadoimportanzarilevanzaseriamenteimportanteCollins Spanish Dictionary - Complete and Unabridged 8th Edition 2005 © William Collins Sons & Co. 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Link to this page: Under Thought is included every effect which has to be produced by speech, the subdivisions being,-- proof and refutation; the excitation of the feelings, such as pity, fear, anger, and the like; the suggestion of importance or its opposite.Two or three people, your husband among them, understand all the importance of the thing, but the others simply drag it down.The paramount importance of these considerations in explaining the immense amount of variation which pigeons have undergone, will be obvious when we treat of Selection.There was no hospital or town of any importance nearer.""One must begin with grandeur, paint everything expressed, soften the shades of those which are of least importance, collect all into one point of view, and carry the reader thither with a rapid flight."The word SIXTY was emphasized in a way to show the importance that was attached to PRICE--that being a test of more than common importance with the present customer.Anna Mikhaylovna, with an air of importance that showed that she felt she quite knew what she was about, went across the room to where Pierre was standing and gave him a taper.For in the most insignificant words of men of political importance their friends and their opponents always endeavour to detect, and hence think they can interpret, something of their true thoughts.Mosey was too resolutely bent on asserting her own importance, by making the most of the alarm that she had suffered, to be repressed by any ordinary method of remonstrance."Oh, that is of no importance, really," replied the Rich Woman, with a cheerful smile.I have many friends in America, I feel a grateful interest in the country, I hope and believe it will successfully work out a problem of the highest importance to the whole human race.That consideration naturally tends to create great respect for the high opinion which the people of America have so long and uniformly entertained of the importance of their continuing firmly united under one federal government, vested with sufficient powers for all general and national purposes. the quality of being importantShe stressed the importance of careful preparation.to emphasize/highlight the importance of somethingHe understands the importance of getting the details right.They attach great importance to the project.the relative importance of the two ideas of importance (to somebody) It's a matter of the utmost importance to me.to be of paramount/vital importanceState your reasons in order of importance.He was very aware of his own importance (= of his status). see also self-importanceExtra ExamplesDon't underestimate the importance of good presentation.Education takes on an added importance at a time of economic uncertainty.It is of the utmost importance that you arrive on time.No one can seriously question the political importance of the environment.She was inclined to downplay the importance of her own role in the affair.The manual stresses the importance of regular maintenance.The overseas markets have now declined in importance.The railways were of crucial importance in opening up the American West.The town's importance lies in the richness and quality of its architecture.These finds have considerable archaeological importance.This information is of the first importance.He placed such great importance on cleanliness.Oxford Collocations Dictionaryadjectivecardinalcentralconsiderable…verb + importanceimportance + verbprepositionof… importance importance forimportance to…phrasesin order of importancea matter of grave importancea matter of great importance…See full entryWord Originearly 16th cent.: from French, from medieval Latin importantia, from important- ‘being of consequence’, from the verb importare ‘bring in’ (in medieval Latin ‘imply, mean, be of consequence’), from in- ‘in’ + portare ‘carry’. 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