

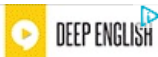


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¹use noun \yūs\

- : the act of using something
- : the state of being used
- : a way in which something is or can be used

Full Definition of USE

- 1 **a** : the act or practice of employing something : **EMPLOYMENT, APPLICATION** <he made good *use* of his spare time>
 - b** : the fact or state of being used <a dish in daily *use*>
 - c** : a method or manner of employing or applying something <gained practice in the *use* of the camera>
 - 2 **a** (1) : habitual or customary usage (2) : an individual habit or group custom
 - b** : a liturgical form or observance; *especially* : a liturgy having modifications peculiar to a local church or religious order
 - 3 **a** : the privilege or benefit of using something <gave him the *use* of her car>
 - b** : the ability or power to use something (as a limb or faculty)
 - c** : the legal enjoyment of property that consists in its employment, occupation, exercise, or practice
 - 4 **a** : a particular service or end <put learning to practical *use*>
 - b** : the quality of being suitable for employment <saving things that might be of *use*>
 - c** : **GOOD** 2b <it's no *use* arguing>
 - d** : the occasion or need to employ <took only what they had *use* for>
 - 5 **a** : the benefit in law of one or more persons; *specifically* : the benefit or profit of property established in one other than the legal possessor
 - b** : a legal arrangement by which such benefits and profits are so established
 - 6 : a favorable attitude : **LIKING** <had no *use* for modern art>
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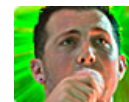
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- Two players were suspended for illegal drug *use*.
- Doctors have found a new *use* for the drug.
- According to the dictionary, the word has two *uses*.

Origin of USE

Middle English *us*, from Anglo-French, from Latin *usus*, from *uti* to use

First Known Use: 13th century

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²use  *verb* \yü-z\

: to do something with (an object, machine, person, method, etc.) in order to accomplish a task, do an activity, etc.

: to take (something) from a supply in order to function or to do a task

: to eat, drink, etc. (something) regularly

used  | us·ing 

Full Definition of USE

transitive verb

- 1 *archaic* : ACCUSTOM, HABITUATE
- 2 : to put into action or service : avail oneself of : EMPLOY
- 3 : to consume or take (as liquor or drugs) regularly
- 4 : to carry out a purpose or action by means of : UTILIZE; also : MANIPULATE 2b <used him selfishly>
- 5 : to expend or consume by putting to use —often used with *up*
- 6 : to behave toward : act with regard to : TREAT <used the prisoners cruelly>
- 7 : STAND 1d <the house could use a coat of paint>

intransitive verb

- 1 —used in the past with *to* to indicate a former fact or state <we used to go more often> <didn't use to smoke>
- 2 : to take illicit drugs regularly

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Examples of USE

- I need to *use* the phone when you're done.



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- The machine is easy to *use*.
- After the accident, she could no longer *use* her legs.
- We *use* only organic fertilizers on our farm.
- They make paper *using* traditional Japanese methods.
- He *used* his time there well.
- Which accountant do you *use*?
- a new kind of light bulb that *uses* very little electricity
- Did you *use* all the eggs?
- Who *used* the last match?

First Known Use of USE

14th century

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Synonyms

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Synonym Discussion of USE

[USE](#), [EMPLOY](#), [UTILIZE](#) mean to put into service especially to attain an end. [USE](#) implies availing oneself of something as a means or instrument to an end <willing to *use* any means to achieve her ends>. [EMPLOY](#) suggests the use of a person or thing that is available but idle, inactive, or disengaged <looking for better ways to *employ* their skills>. [UTILIZE](#) may suggest the discovery of a new, profitable, or practical use for something <an old wooden bucket *utilized* as a planter>.

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