

accentuate

[ək'sentʃueɪt] *v*

1. делать ударение
2. ставить знаки ударения
3. подчёркивать, выделять

the dark frame accentuates the brightness of the picture - тёмная рама подчёркивает светлый колорит картины

4. усугублять, обострять

the problem is accentuated by a shortage of teachers - проблема осложняется из-за нехватки учителей

5. *полигр.* выделять в тексте (слова, фразы и т. п.) шрифтом другого начертания

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

ac·cen·tu·ate [accentuate accentuates accentuated accentuating] *BrE*

[ək'sentʃueɪt] ^{us} *NAmE* [ək'sentʃueɪt] ^{us} *verb* ~ sth

to emphasize sth or make it more noticeable

- Her short hair accentuated her huge eyes.
- The fundamental patterns of inequality have remained and have been accentuated by the war.

Derived Word ↑ **accentuation**

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	accentuate
	BrE /ək'sentʃueɪt/
	NAmE /ək'sentʃueɪt/
he / she / it	accentuates
	BrE /ək'sentʃueɪts/
	NAmE /ək'sentʃueɪts/
past simple, past participle	accentuated
	BrE /ək'sentʃueɪtɪd/
	NAmE /ək'sentʃueɪtɪd/
-ing form	accentuating
	BrE /ək'sentʃueɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE /ək'sentʃueɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 18th cent.: from medieval Latin **accentuat-** 'accented', from the verb **accentuare**, from **accentus** 'tone' (from ad- 'to' + **cantus** 'song'), translating Greek **prosōidia** 'a song sung to music, intonation'.

Example Bank:

- When talks did occur, they tended to accentuate differences between the two groups.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

ac·cen·tu·ate /ək'sentʃueɪt/ *BrE* ^{us} *AmE* ^{us} *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1700-1800; Language: Medieval Latin; Origin: past participle of accentuare, from Latin accentus; ⇒ ↑ **accent** ']

to make something more noticeable:

The photograph seemed to accentuate his large nose.

—**accentuation** /ək,sentʃu'eɪʃən/ *noun* [uncountable and countable]

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THESAURUS

- **emphasize** to say strongly or show clearly that a fact, idea etc is especially important: Our company emphasizes the need for good communication between staff.
- **stress** to emphasize something when you are talking about a subject: Most schools stress the importance of parental involvement in their child's learning. | He stressed the need for parents to listen to their children.
- **highlight** to show that something is important, so that people will pay special attention to it: This case highlights the need for tougher laws on gun ownership. | The report highlights the decline in the numbers of native plants and insects.
- **underline / underscore** to help to show clearly that a fact is true, especially a fact that is already known: These attacks underline the fact that the security situation here remains fragile. | The president's speech repeatedly underscored the progress that has been made.
- **accentuate** to show something clearly and make it easier to notice: The recent economic crisis has accentuated the gap between the rich and the poor.
- **overemphasize** to emphasize something too much: The relation between food and health is often overemphasized in my view.
- **play up** to emphasize something and make it seem more important than it really is, especially to get advantages for yourself: The story has been played up by the media. | The Labour party had a great time playing up the Conservatives' problems.

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