deign Apresyan (En-Ru) [dein] v 1) снизойти, соизволить, соблаговолить will you deign to answer my question? - может быть, вы соблаговолите ответить на мой вопрос? he did not deign to come - он не соизволил прийти he doesn't deign to acknowledge old friends - он не желает признавать старых друзей 2) (преим. в отриц. предложениях или с наречиями hardly, scarcely) удостаивать to deign no answer /reply/ - не удостоить ответом without deigning to look at me - не удостоив меня взглядом 3) (преим. в отриц. предложениях) унижаться I do not deign to reply to such impertinence - я не стану отвечать на такую дерзость deian Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed. deign [deign deigns deigned deigning] BrE [deɪn] NAmE [deɪn] \* verb~ to do sth (disapproving) to do sth in a way that shows you think you are too important to do it Syn: †condescend · She just grunted, not deigning to look up from the page. Verb forms: verb forms present simple I / you / we /they deign BrE /dem/ NAmE /desn/ he / she /it deigns BrE /desnz/ NAmE /detnz/ past simple, past participle deigned BrE /demd/ NAmE /demd/ ing formdeigning BrE /demm/ NAmE /demmy/ Word Origin: Middle English: from Old French degnier, from Latin dignare, dignari 'deem worthy', from dignus 'worthy'. Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En) deign /dein/ BrE AmE \* verb

deign

[Date: 1200-1300, Language: Old French; Origin: deignier, from Latin dignus 'deserving admiration']

deign to do something to do something that you think you are really too important to do - often used humorously:

Travis called after her, but she didn't deign to answer.

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