

significance

[sig'nɪfɪkəns] *n*

1. **значение, смысл**

the real significance of smb.'s words - истинный смысл чьих-л. слов
 there is strategic significance in the construction of that highway - строительство этой дороги имеет стратегическое значение

2. **важность, значительность; значимость**

a matter of great significance - очень важное дело
 an event of no little significance - немаловажное событие
 what he thinks about it is of no significance - что он об этом думает, это совершенно неважно

3. **многозначительность**

a look of deep significance - многозначительный взгляд

4. **mat. значимость**

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sig-nifi-cance **AW** [significance significances] **BrE** [sig'nɪfɪkəns] ^u **NAme**

[sig'nɪfɪkəns] ^u **noun uncountable, countable**

1. the importance of sth, especially when this has an effect on what happens in the future

- a decision of major political significance
- The new drug has great significance for the treatment of the disease.
- They discussed the **statistical significance** of the results.
- We should be fully aware of the significance of television in shaping our ideas.

2. the meaning of sth

- She couldn't grasp the full significance of what he had said.
- Do these symbols have any particular significance?

compare †insignificance

Word Origin:

late Middle English (denoting unstated meaning): from Old French, or from Latin **significantia**, from **significare** 'indicate, portend'.

Example Bank:

- Let us not attach too much significance to these meetings.
- Suddenly his son's relationship with the girl took on a new significance.
- Suddenly the relationship took on a new significance.
- The ceremony has great symbolic significance.
- The scientists are cautious about the wider significance of their findings.
- The significance of this lies in the fact that he had previously denied all knowledge of the fund.
- They failed to appreciate the true significance of these discoveries.
- a meal that has particular significance for a Jewish family
- a policy of special significance to women
- She couldn't grasp the full significance of what he had said.
- This is a decision of major political significance.

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signifi-cance **W2** /sig'nɪfɪkəns/ **BrE** ^u **AmE** ^u **noun** [singular, uncountable]

[**Word Family:** **noun:** †significance ≠ †insignificance, †signification; **verb:** †signify; **adverb:** †significantly ≠ †insignificantly; **adjective:** †significant ≠ †insignificant]

1. the importance of an event, action etc, especially because of the effects or influence it will have in the future **OPP insignificance:**

^u Stella didn't attach any significance to Doug's query.

significance of

^u the significance of climate change
^u The book assesses the significance of Stalin's policies between 1927 and 1939.

significance for

^u The results of the study have a wider significance for all the profession.

great/little significance (in/to/for something)

^u The crime problem has great significance to the general public.

grasp/appreciate the significance (of something) (=fully understand something)

^u The press were slow to grasp the significance of what happened.

2. the meaning of a word, sign, action etc, especially when this is not immediately clear

significance of

^u the significance of the words that refer to the bread Christ shares with his disciples

full/real/true significance

^u Only later did we realize the true significance of his remark.
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COLLOCATIONS

■ **adjectives**

- **great/considerable significance** The judge said the new evidence was of great significance.
- **little significance** This information on its own is of little significance.
- **wider significance** The research dealt with one small group, but their conclusions are of much wider significance.
- **special significance** This place has a special significance for Icelanders.

- **political/social/historical etc significance** The political significance of this change should not be underestimated.

■ **verbs**

- **have significance** A child's relationship to his parents has a lasting significance for his future relationships.
- **attach significance to something** (=give something importance) They say they don't attach much significance to opinion polls.
- **take on a new/special etc significance** (=start to have it) Sporting competitions took on a new political significance during the Cold War.
- **acquire/assume significance** *formal* (=take on significance) As links with Europe continue to grow, language learning assumes even greater significance.
- **grasp/appreciate /understand the significance of something** The press was slow to grasp the significance of what had happened.
- **assessthe significance of something** (=decide how important something is) It is often difficult to assess the significance of an event until more time has passed.

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- **importance** the quality of being important: the importance of cleanliness in preventing infections | He may have been an evil tyrant, but you cannot deny his importance in world history.
- **significance** the importance of an event, action etc, especially because of the effects or influence it will have in the future: The significance of the discovery was not understood until years later. | 9/11 was an event of global significance.
- **value** the importance and usefulness of something: The athletes talked to the students about the value of a college education. | Such methods are of little value.
- **prominence** the fact of being important and well-known: He first came to prominence (=became well-known) in the 1990s.

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