

constitute

[ˈkɒnstɪtjuːt] v

1. составлять

twelve months constitute a year - двенадцать месяцев составляют год

these facts constitute links in one and the same chain - эти факты являются звеньями одной и той же цепи

I am not so constituted that I can accept insults - не в моём характере переносить оскорбления

2. учреждать, основывать

to constitute a committee - учредить комитет

to constitute a precedent - установить прецедент

3. назначать

they constituted him chief adviser - они назначили его главным советником

to constitute oneself - считать себя (кем-л.)

what right have you to constitute yourself a judge of my conduct? - по какому праву вы берётесь стать судьёй моего поведения?

4. вводить в силу (закон)

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con-sti-tute **AW** [constitute constitutes constituted constituting] **BrE**

[ˈkɒnstɪtjuːt] ^a **NAmE** [ˈkɑːnstətuːt] ^f verb (formal)

1. linking verb + noun (not used in the progressive tenses) to be considered to be sth

- Does such an activity constitute a criminal offence?
- The increase in racial tension constitutes a threat to our society.
- His action was interpreted as constituting a threat to the community.

2. linking verb + noun (not used in the progressive tenses) to be the parts that together form sth

Syn: †make up

- Female workers constitute the majority of the labour force.

3. transitive, usually passive ~ sth to form a group legally or officially

Syn: †establish, **Syn:** †set up

- The committee was constituted in 1974 by an Act of Parliament.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	constitute
	BrE / ˈkɒnstɪtjuːt/
	NAmE / ˈkɑːnstətuːt/
he / she / it	constitutes
	BrE / ˈkɒnstɪtjuːts/
	NAmE / ˈkɑːnstətuːts/
past simple, past participle	constituted
	BrE / ˈkɒnstɪtjuːtɪd/
	NAmE / ˈkɑːnstətuːtɪd/
-ing form	constituting
	BrE / ˈkɒnstɪtjuːtɪŋ/
	NAmE / ˈkɑːnstətuːtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin **constitut-** 'established, appointed', from the verb **constituere**, from **con-** 'together' + **statuere** 'set up'.

Synonyms:

consist of sb/sth

comprise • make up sth • constitute • be composed of sb/sth

These words all mean to be formed from the things or people mentioned, or to be the parts that form sth.

consist of sb/sth • to be formed from the things, people or activities mentioned: ▪ Their diet consists largely of vegetables.

comprise • (rather formal) to be formed from the things or people mentioned: ▪ The collection comprises 327 paintings.

Comprise can also be used to refer to the parts or members of sth: ▪ Older people comprise a large proportion of those living in poverty. However, this is less frequent

make up sth • (rather informal) to be the parts or people that form sth: ▪ Women make up 56% of the student numbers.

constitute • to be the parts or people that form sth: ▪ People under the age of 40 constitute the majority of the labour force.

be composed of sb/sth • (rather formal) to be formed from the things or people mentioned: ▪ Around 15% of our diet is composed of protein.

which word?

Consist of sb/sth is the most general of these words and the only one that can be used for activities with the **-ing** form of a verb: ▪

My work at that time just consisted of typing letters. The other main difference is between those verbs that take the whole as the

subject and the parts as the object: ▪ The group consists of/comprises/is made up of/is composed of ten people. and those that

take the parts as the subject and the whole as the object: ▪ Ten people make up/constitute/comprise the group. It is not correct to

use 'comprises of' or 'is composed by/from'.

Example Bank:

- The census constitutes the principal source of official statistics.
- The committee ruled that the US ban constituted an infringement of free trade.
- The conference in itself constitutes a solid achievement.

- This action constitutes a violation of international law.
- This constitutes a threat/danger/crime/breach/nuisance/weakness/nuisance/refusal.
- People under the age of 40 constitute the majority of the labour force.

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constitute **W3 AC** /'kɒnstətjuːt, 'kɒnstɪtjuːt/\$ 'kɑːnstətuːt/ **BrE** " **AmE** " **verb**

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of constituere 'to set up, constitute', from com- (⇒ COM-) + statuere 'to set up']

1. **[linking verb, not in progressive]** to be considered to be something:

- Failing to complete the work constitutes a breach of the employment contract.
- The rise in crime constitutes a threat to society.

2. **[linking verb, not in progressive]** if several people or things constitute something, they are the parts that form it **SYN make up**:

- We must redefine what constitutes a family.

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In everyday English, people usually say **make up** rather than **constitute**:

- His letters to his wife make up the middle section of the book.

3. **[transitive usually in passive] formal** to officially form a group or organization **SYN found**:

- The Federation was constituted in 1949.

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