# consult

to consult a doctor - обратиться к врачу

### 2. справляться

to consult a map [an encyclopaedia] - справляться по карте [в энциклопедии]

to consult a dictionary - искать слово в словаре, справляться в словаре

# 3. (with) совещаться, советоваться

to consult with one's chief about a matter - совещаться с руководителем о деле

# 4. принимать во внимание

to consult smb.'s interests [feelings] - учитывать /принимать во внимание/ чьи-л. интересы [чувства]

5. (for) работатьконсультантом

he consults for a large building firm - он является консультантом большой строительной фирмы

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**con·sult AW** [consult consults consulted consulting] *BrE* [kən'sʌlt] *NAmE* [kən'sʌlt] verb

### 1. transitive, intransitive to go to sb for information or advice

- ~ sb If the pain continues, consult your doctor.
- ~ sb about sth Have you consulted your lawyer about this?
- a consulting engineer (= one who has expert knowledge and gives advice)
- (NAmE) ~ with sb (about/on sth) Consult with your physician about possible treatments.
- 2. transitive, intransitive to discuss sth with sb to get their permission for sth, or to help you make a decision
- ~ sb You shouldn't have done it without consulting me.
- ~ sb about/on sth I expect to be consulted about major issues.
- ~ with sb (about/on sth) I need to consult with my colleagues on the proposals.

### 3. transitive ~ sth to look in or at sth to get information

### Syn: refer to

• He consulted the manual.

#### Verb forms: verb forms

consult BrE /kan 'swit/
consults
BrE /kan 'sults/
NAmE /kan'salts/
consulted BrE /kən 'sılıtıd/
consulting
BrE /kən 'sılıtını/ NAmE /kən 'sıltını/

### Word Origin:

early 16th cent. (in the sense 'confer'): from French consulter, from Latin consultare, frequentative of consulere 'take counsel'.

### Synonyms:

#### talk

#### discuss • speak • communicate • debate • consult

These words all mean to share news, information, ideas or feelings with another person or other people, especially by talking with them.

talk • to speak in order to give information, express feelings or share ideas: • We talked on the phone for over an hour.

**discuss** • (rather formal) to talk and share ideas on a subject or problem with other people, especially in order to decide sth: = Have you discussed the problem with anyone?

You cannot say 'discuss about sth': I'm not prepared to discuss about this on the phone.

speak • to talk to sb about sth; to have a conversation with sb: = I've spoken to the manager about it. ◇= 'Can I speak to Susan?' 'Speaking.' = (= at the beginning of a telephone conversation)

### talk or speak?

**Speak** can suggest a more formal level of communication than **talk**. You **speak** to sb about sth to try to achieve a particular goal or to tell them to do sth. You **talk** to sb in order to be friendly or to ask their advice: • Have you talked to your parents about the problems you're having?  $\diamondsuit$  l've spoken to Ed about it and he's promised not to let it happen again.

**communicate** • (rather formal) to exchange information or ideas with sb: = We only communicate by email. sound to communicate with each other.

Communicate is often used when the speaker wants to draw attention to the means of communication used.

**debate** • to discuss sth, especially formally, before making a decisionor finding a solution: = Politicians will be debating the bill later this week.

**consult** • (rather formal) to discuss sth with sb in order to get their permission for sth, or to help you make a decision: = You shouldn't have done it without consulting me.

to talk/discuss sth/speak/communicate/debate/consult with sb

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to talk/speak to sb to talk/speak to sb/consult sb **about** sth to talk/speak of sth

#### Example Bank:

- If you're not sure which plug to buy, consult the manual.
- I need to consult my teacher about changing my course.
- If the pain persists you should consult your doctor.
- They felt they had not been adequately consulted.
- We are consulting closely with our partners and allies.
- We consulted quite widely before deciding what to do.
- You shouldn't have done it without consulting me.

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# con sult S3 W3 AC /kən'sʌlt/ BrE AmE verb

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[Word Family: noun: <sup>1</sup>consultation, <sup>1</sup>consultancy, <sup>1</sup>consultant, <sup>1</sup>consulting; adjective: <sup>1</sup>consultative, <sup>1</sup>consulting; verb <sup>1</sup>consult] [Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: consulter, from Latin consultare, from consulere 'to discuss, consult']

1. [intransitive and transitive] to ask for information or advice from someone because it is their job to know something:

If symptoms persist, consult a doctor without delay.

consult somebody about something

An increasing number of people are consulting their accountants about the tax laws.

# consult with

I need to consult with my lawyer.

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In everyday English, people usually say ask someone, or see someone, rather than consult someone:

• You need to <u>ask</u> your lawyer.

- I think you should go and see your doctor.
- 2. [intransitive and transitive] to discuss something with someone so that you can make a decision together:
  - I can't believe you sold the car without consulting me!

# consult with

The President consulted with European leaders before taking action.

- 3. [transitive] to look for information in a book, map, list etc:
  - Have you consulted a dictionary?

# THESAURUS

• **consult** *formal* to get advice from someone who is trained in a particular profession, for example a lawyer or a doctor: You should consult your lawyer before exchanging contracts.

see to go to someone and ask them for for their advice, especially a professional person such as a lawyer or doctor. See is the usual word to use in everyday English: I think he needs to see a doctor. | Why don't you go and see an accountant?

- ask sb's advice to ask someone to tell you what they think you should do in a particular situation: I asked my teacher's advice when it was time to apply for colleges.

- check with somebody to ask someone whether something is correct or a good idea: Check with your doctor before starting on a new exercise program.

• turn to somebody to go to someone to ask for help, advice, or sympathy: Many people who were struggling to repay mortgages turned to the Citizens' Advice Bureau for help.

pick sb's brains informal to ask someone who knows a lot about something for their ideas about it: The conference was a great place to meet other managers and pick their brains about issues I was also facing.

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