

instruct

[ɪnˈstrʌkt] *v*

1. учить, обучать; наставляя
to instruct smb. in history - преподавать кому-л. историю
to instruct recruits - обучать новобранцев
2. 1) инструктировать, давать инструкции; поручать, давать указания; отдавать распоряжения, приказывать
I have been instructed to inform you - *офиц.* мне поручено сообщить вам
- 2) *амер.* давать наказ (*депутату*)
3. информировать сообщать; уведомлять
to instruct smb. of what is going on - сообщить кому-л. о том, что происходит
to be instructed in good time - быть своевременно уведомленным
4. *юр.* знакомить (*адвоката*) с обстоятельствами дела; поручать (*адвокату*) ведение дела
5. *шотл. юр.* доказывать, подтверждать

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in·instruct **AW** [instruct instructs instructed instructing] *BrE* [ɪnˈstrʌkt] ¹ *NAmE*

[ɪnˈstrʌkt] ¹ *verb*

1. (formal) to tell sb to do sth, especially in a formal or official way
Syn: ↑direct, **Syn:** ↑order
• ~ **sb to do sth** The letter instructed him to report to headquarters immediately.
• ~ **sb where, what, etc...** You will be instructed where to go as soon as the plane is ready.
• ~ **sb** She arrived at 10 o'clock **as instructed**.
• ~ **that...** He instructed that a wall be built around the city.
• (BrE also) He instructed that a wall should be built around the city.
• ~ **(sb) + speech** 'Put it there,' she instructed (them).
2. ~ **sb (in sth)** (formal) to teach sb sth, especially a practical skill
• All our staff have been instructed in sign language.
3. usually passive ~ **sb that...** (formal) to give sb information about sth
• We **have been instructed that** a decision will not be made before the end of the week.
4. ~ **sb (to do sth)** (law) to employ sb to represent you in a legal situation, especially as a lawyer

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	instruct
	BrE /ɪnˈstrʌkt/
	NAmE /ɪnˈstrʌkt/
he / she / it	instructs
	BrE /ɪnˈstrʌkts/
	NAmE /ɪnˈstrʌkts/
past simple, past participle	instructed
	BrE /ɪnˈstrʌktɪd/
	NAmE /ɪnˈstrʌktɪd/
-ing form	instructing
	BrE /ɪnˈstrʌktɪŋ/
	NAmE /ɪnˈstrʌktɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in sense 2): from Latin **instruct-** 'constructed, equipped, taught', from the verb **instruere**, from **in-** 'upon, towards' + **struere** 'pile up'.

Synonyms:

order

tell • instruct • direct • command

These words all mean to use your position of authority to say to sb that they must do sth.

order • to use your position of authority to tell sb to do sth: ▪ The company was ordered to pay compensation to its former employee. ◇▪ 'Come here at once!' she ordered.

tell • to say to sb that they must or should do sth: ▪ He was told to sit down and wait. ◇▪ Don't tell me what to do!

instruct • (rather formal) to tell sb to do sth, especially in a formal or official way: ▪ The letter instructed him to report to headquarters immediately.

direct • (formal) to give an official order: ▪ The judge directed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty.

command • to use your position of authority to tell sb to do sth: ▪ He commanded his men to retreat.

order or command?

Order is a more general word than **command** and can be used about anyone in a position of authority, such as a parent, teacher or government telling sb to do sth. **Command** is slightly stronger than **order** and is the normal word to use about an army officer giving orders, or in any context where it is normal to give orders without any discussion about them. It is less likely to be used about a parent or teacher.

to order/tell/instruct/direct/command sb **to do sth**

to order/instruct/direct/command **that...**

to **do sth as** ordered/told/instructed/directed/commanded

Example Bank:

- I took the pills as instructed.
- You were explicitly instructed to wait here.
- She arrived at ten o'clock as instructed.

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[Word Family: **noun**: ↑instruction, ↑instructor; **adjective**: ↑instructive, ↑instructional; **verb**: ↑instruct; **adverb**: instructively]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of instruere, from struere 'to build']

1. to officially tell someone what to do ⇒ **order**

instruct somebody to do something

^ˈ His secretary was instructed to cancel all his engagements.

instruct (somebody) that

^ˈ The judge immediately instructed that Beattie be released.

^ˈ Eva went straight to the hotel, as instructed (=as she had been told).

instruct somebody what to do

^ˈ He had instructed the slaves what to say when questioned.

2. **formal** to teach someone something, or show them how to do something

instruct somebody in something

^ˈ Greater effort is needed to instruct children in road safety.

instruct somebody how to do something

^ˈ Employees are instructed how to make a complaint.

3. [usually passive] **British English formal** to officially tell someone about something

instruct somebody that

^ˈ I was instructed that £20,000 had been paid into my account.

4. **British English law** to employ a lawyer to represent you in court

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