

cult[kʌlt] *n*

1. 1) культ, поклонение (*божеству*)
the cult of Apollo - культ Аполлона
- 2) религиозные обряды
2. 1) преклонение, обожествление, культ
to make a cult of smth. - возводить что-л в культ
the cult of personality - культ личности
- 2) круг поклонников (*кого-л., чего-л.*)
jazz cult - энтузиасты джаза
cult word - модное (*в определённом кругу*) словечко

cult

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

cult [cult cults] **noun, adjective** BrE [kʌlt] ^u NAmE [kʌlt] ^u**noun**

1. **usually singular ~ (of sth)** a way of life, an attitude, an idea, etc. that has become very popular
 - the cult of physical fitness
 - An extraordinary **personality cult** had been created around the leader.
2. a small group of people who have extreme religious beliefs and who are not part of any established religion
 - Their son ran away from home and joined a cult.
3. (**formal**) a system of religious beliefs and practices
 - the Chinese cult of ancestor worship

Word Origin:

early 17th cent. (originally denoting homage paid to a divinity): from French **culte** or Latin **cultus** 'worship', from **cult-** 'inhabited, cultivated, worshipped', from the verb **colere**.

Example Bank:

- The book achieved cult status as soon as it was published.
- The show has built up a cult following.
- the cult of youth
- the members of a religious cult
- the personality cult of the president

adjective only before noun

very popular with a particular group of people; treating sb/sth as a **cult** figure, etc

- a **cult movie/book**
- The singer has become a **cult figure** in America.
- The cartoon has achieved **cult status**.
- The TV series has a **cult following** among young people.

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I. **cult**¹ /kʌlt/ BrE ^u AmE ^u **noun**

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: French; Origin: culte, from Latin cultus 'care, worship', from colere; ⇨ ↑cultivate]

1. [countable] an extreme religious group that is not part of an established religion
2. [countable] a fashionable belief, idea, or attitude that influences people's lives

cult of

^u Diet, exercise ... It's all part of this cult of self-improvement.

3. [singular] a group of people who are very interested in a particular thing:

^u O'Brien has a cult of devoted readers.
4. [uncountable and countable] **formal** a system of religious beliefs and practices

⇨ ↑personality cult

II. **cult**² BrE ^u AmE ^u **adjective [only before noun]**

cult film/band/figure etc a film, music group etc that has become very popular but only among a particular group of people:

^u the 1980s cult movie 'The Gods Must Be Crazy'

^u The actor James Dean acquired the status of a cult hero.

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