

discern

[dɪ'sɜːn] v

- 1) разглядеть, (у)видеть
to discern a spire in the distance - увидеть вдали (горный) пик
- 2) заметить
to discern an odour - почуять запах
to discern a muffled sobbing - услышать приглушённые рыдания
2. видеть, понимать; различать
to discern no difference - не видеть разницы
to discern real causes - обнаружить /понять/ истинные причины
only then did I discern how their feelings differed from mine - только тогда я понял, насколько их чувства отличались от моих
to discern good and bad /good from bad, between good and bad/ - различать добро и зло, отличать добро от зла
3. **КНИЖН.** отличать, отделять, выделять; делать, проводить различие

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dis·cern [discern discerns discerned discerning] BrE [dɪ'sɜːn] AmE

[dɪ'sɜːn] verb

(not used in the progressive tenses) (formal)

1. to know, recognize or understand sth, especially sth that is not obvious

Syn: ↑detect

- ~ **sth** It is possible to discern a number of different techniques in her work.
- He discerned a certain coldness in their welcome.
- ~ **how, whether, etc...** It is often difficult to discern how widespread public support is.
- ~ **that...** I quickly discerned that something was wrong.

2. ~ **sth** to see or hear sth, but not very clearly

Syn: ↑make out

- We could just discern the house in the distance.

Derived Word ↑discernible

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	discern
	BrE /dɪ'sɜːn/
	NAmE /dɪ'sɜːrn/
he / she /it	discerns
	BrE /dɪ'sɜːnz/
	NAmE /dɪ'sɜːrnz/
past simple, past participle	discerned
	BrE /dɪ'sɜːnd/
	NAmE /dɪ'sɜːnd/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: via Old French from Latin **discernere**, from **dis-** 'apart' + **cernere** 'to separate'.

Example Bank:

- She could clearly discern a figure walking up towards the house.

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dis·cern /dɪ'sɜːn\$ -ɜːrn BrE AmE verb [transitive not in progressive] formal

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: discernere 'to separate', from cernere 'to sift']

1. to notice or understand something by thinking about it carefully

discern what/where/why etc

Officials were keen to discern how much public support there was.

2. to be able to see something by looking carefully **SYN perceive** :

We could just discern a town in the distance.

—discernible adjective

—discernibly adverb

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THESAURUS

- **recognize** to know who someone is or what something is, especially because you have seen or heard them before: I hadn't seen her for ten years, but I recognized her immediately. | Do you recognize this song?
- **identify** to recognize someone or something and say who or what they are: As they came closer, I was able to identify two of the group. | It's delicious but I can't quite identify the taste.
- **distinguish** to recognize and understand the difference between two or more things or people: By this age, kids can usually distinguish between right and wrong. | It's often difficult to distinguish identical twins from each other.
- **make something/somebody out** to be able to see or hear something or someone – used when it is very difficult to do this: In the distance, I could just make out the outline of an island. | He whispered something but I couldn't make out what it was.
- **discern** /dɪ'sɜːn\$ -ɜːrn formal to notice or understand something by looking carefully or thinking about it carefully: I thought I discerned a faint gleam of hope in his eyes. | A number of differences can be discerned in the data for the three countries.

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