

impersonate

1. [ɪmˈpɜːs(ə)nɪt] *a*
олицетворённый воплощённый
2. [ɪmˈpɜːsəneɪt] *v*
 1. *meamp.* исполнять роль, играть
to impersonate Hamlet - исполнять роль Гамлета
 2. олицетворять воплощать
to impersonate beauty [sorrow, grief] - олицетворять(собой) красоту [печаль, скорбь]
he impersonates the spirit of the people - он воплощение духа народа
 3. 1) выдавать себя (за кого-л.)
2) имитировать (кого-л.)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

im·per·son·ate [impersonate impersonates impersonated impersonating] *BrE*

[ɪmˈpɜːsəneɪt] *NAmE* [ɪmˈpɜːrsəneɪt] *t* **verb** ~ sb

to pretend to be sb in order to trick people or to entertain them

- He was caught trying to impersonate a security guard.
- They do a pretty good job of impersonating Laurel and Hardy.

Derived Word †impersonation

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	impersonate
	BrE /ɪmˈpɜːsəneɪt/
	NAmE /ɪmˈpɜːrsəneɪt/
he / she / it	impersonates
	BrE /ɪmˈpɜːsəneɪts/
	NAmE /ɪmˈpɜːrsəneɪts/
past simple, past participle	impersonated
	BrE /ɪmˈpɜːsəneɪtɪd/
	NAmE /ɪmˈpɜːrsəneɪtɪd/
-ing form	impersonating
	BrE /ɪmˈpɜːsəneɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE /ɪmˈpɜːrsəneɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

early 17th cent. (in the sense 'personify'): from †in- 'into' + Latin *persona* 'person', on the pattern of incorporate.

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im·per·son·ate /ɪmˈpɜːsəneɪt/ *-3* *v* *BrE* *AmE* **verb** [transitive]

1. to pretend to be someone else by copying their appearance, voice, and behaviour, especially in order to deceive people:

Do you know it is a very serious offence to impersonate a police officer?

2. to copy someone's voice and behaviour, especially in order to make people laugh:

In the film, he amusingly impersonates a woman.

—**impersonation** /ɪmˈpɜːsəneɪʃən/ *-3* *v* *noun* [uncountable and countable]:

He's renowned for his Elvis impersonation.

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THESAURUS

■ to pretend to be someone or something

- **impersonate** to copy the way that a famous person speaks and behaves, in order to entertain people, or to pretend to have an official job, in order to trick people: He's brilliant at impersonating the President. | It's illegal to impersonate a police officer.
- **pose as somebody** to pretend to be someone else, especially someone in an official position, so that it is easier for you to do something bad or illegal: He posed as a doctor to gain access to the hospital. | There have been cases of thieves posing as telephone engineers.
- **masquerade as somebody/something** *disapproving* to pretend to be someone or something else – used especially when saying that someone or something is not who they claim to be: Their advertisements are always full of people in white coats masquerading as scientists. | It's not real news – it's government propaganda masquerading as news.

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