wisdom

['wızdəm] n

1. мудрость, премудрость

years bring wisdom - мудрость приходит с годами the Wisdom of Solomon, the Book of Wisdom - *библ*. Книга премудрости Соломона

2. *разг.* благоразумие, здравый смысл, житейская мудрость (*тж.* worldly wisdom)

I doubt the wisdom of trusting him - вряд ли разумно верить ему

3. книжн. знания, учёность

the wisdom of the ages - вековой опыт человечества the wisdom of the ancients - знания древних ◇ learn wisdom by the follies of others - ≅ учись уму на чужой глупости no wisdom like silence - ≅ молчание - золото

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wis·dom [wisdom wisdoms] BrE ['wɪzdəm] ^{*} NAmE ['wɪzdəm] ^{*} noun uncountable

- 1. the ability to make sensible decisions and give good advice because of the experience and knowledge that you have
 - a woman of great wisdom
- words of wisdom
- 2. ~ of sth/of doing sth how sensible sth is
- I question the wisdom of giving a child so much money.
- 3. the knowledge that a society or culture has gained over a long period of time
 - the collective wisdom of the Native American people
 - more at pearl of wisdom at \$pearl

Idioms: 1 his wisdom = 1 received wisdom

Word Origin:

Old English wisdom (see [†]wise, [†]-dom).

Example Bank:

- Consultants are too often seen as the source of all wisdom.
- Contrary to conventional wisdom, stress is not a bad thing.
- · Conventional wisdom has it that higher oil prices are bad for economic growth.
- Do you have any wisdom to impart on this subject?
- He entertained the audience for two hours with his wit and wisdom.
- He is too lacking in worldly wisdom to be a politician.
- His journals are full of dubious pearls of homespun wisdom.
- In their infinite wisdom, the council closed the swimming pool for the school holidays.
- In their infinite wisdom, they closed the swimming pool at the busiest time of year.
- It's easy enough to see what we should have done, with the wisdom of hindsight.
- Many commentators doubted the political wisdom of introducing a new tax.
- Popular wisdom dictates that a father is essential in raising a son.
- She devoted her life to the pursuit of wisdom.
- The former world champion imparted a few words of wisdom to the young runners.
- The latest unemployment figures prove the wisdom of the government's policy.
- The received wisdom is that the book is always better than the film.
- Those who seek wisdom at the shrine will find it.
- · students eager to catch pearls of wisdom from the professor's lips
- the accumulated wisdom of generations
- All the religions of the past contain vast amounts of wisdom that can be of service to mankind.
- Children need to feel that their parents are in control; they don't have the experience or wisdom to know best.
- · Conventional wisdom has it that all sense of community has gone, but that is not the case where I live.
- Do you have any more words of wisdom for us?
- He was known to be a man of great wisdom.
- I was not quite so lacking in worldly wisdom as to accept this invitation from a complete stranger.
- I would hardly regard him as a fount/source of all wisdom.
- In their infinite wisdom they have decided to close the main road during the holiday season.
- Native American wisdom was passed on from generation to generation.
- Several people questioned the wisdom of building in that particular spot.
- The monks dedicate their lives to prayer and the pursuit of wisdom.
- They would go to the holy shrines to seek wisdom.
- They would treat these pearls of wisdom with some scepticism.
- We need to combine ancient wisdom and modern knowledge.
- You cannot just ignore the accumulated wisdom of a whole culture.

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1. good sense and judgment, based especially on your experience of life:

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a man of great wisdom

question/doubt the wisdom of (doing) something

^{*} Local people are questioning the wisdom of spending so much money on a new road.

- You can always expect a few words of wisdom from Dave. ⇒ pearls of wisdom at [†]pearl(3)
- 2. knowledge gained over a long period of time through learning or experience:
- the collected wisdom of many centuries
- **3.** (the) conventional /received /traditional etc wisdom a belief or opinion that most people have: The conventional wisdom is that boys mature more slowly than girls.
- 4. in sb's (infinite) wisdom *humorous* used to say that you do not understand why someone has decided to do something: The boss, in her infinite wisdom, has decided to reorganize the whole office yet again.

THESAURUS

• knowledge the facts and information that you have learned, and the understanding you have gained: Our knowledge of other cultures and societies has improved. | scientific knowledge

• expertise special knowledge about how to do something, that you get through experience, training, or study: The technical expertise was provided by a Japanese company. | They need people with medical expertise.

• know-how practical knowledge about how to do something: Business leaders often lack the local know-how to tackle problems in specific countries. | financial know-how

• wisdom good sense and judgment, based on knowledge and experience: the wisdom of the older family members | It's a matter of common wisdom that newspapers cannot be trusted.

• grasp how much you know about a situation or subject, and how well you understand it: He's been praised for his grasp of the country's economic problems. | She has a good grasp of the language.

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