

symbolic[sim'boɫɪk, -{sim'boɫɪk}(ə)] *a*

СИМВОЛИЧЕСКИЙ; знаменательный

to be symbolic(al) of smth. - символизировать что-либо

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symbolic**sym·bol·ic** **AW BrE** [sim'boɫɪk] ^ˈ **NAmE** [sim'baɒlɪk] ^ˈ **adjective** ~ (of sth)

containing symbols, or being used as a symbol

- The dove is symbolic of peace.
- He shook his fist in a symbolic gesture of defiance.
- The Channel Tunnel has enormous symbolic significance for a united Europe.
- The new regulations are largely symbolic (= they will not have any real effect) .

Derived Word ↑symbolicallyWord Origin:[**symbolic symbolically**] mid 17th cent.: from French **symbolique** or late Latin **symbolicus**, from Greek **sumbolikos**.Example Bank:

- The case became symbolic of US racial tension.
- The role of monarch is a purely symbolic one.
- These two objects are symbolic of life and death.
- This is a gruesome and heavily symbolic tale.
- The new regulations are largely symbolic.

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sym·bol·ic **AC** /sɪm'boʊlɪk \$-'bɑʊl- **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **adjective**[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑symbol, ↑symbolism; **verb:** ↑symbolize; **adverb:** ↑symbolically; **adjective:** ↑symbolic][**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑symbol, ↑symbolism; **verb:** ↑symbolize; **adverb:** ↑symbolically; **adjective:** ↑symbolic]**1.** a symbolic action is important because of what it represents but may not have any real effect**symbolic gesture/act**

The protest was a symbolic gesture of anger at official policy.

symbolic significance/importance

a meeting of symbolic importance

purely/largely symbolic

It was a largely symbolic gesture from a government trying to win support.

2. representing a particular idea or quality:Each element of the ceremony has a symbolic meaning.**symbolic of**

Today's fighting is symbolic of the chaos which the country is facing.

3. using or involving symbols:

A map is a form of symbolic representation.

—**symbolically** /-kli/ **adverb**

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COLLOCATIONS■ **nouns**

- **a symbolic gesture** They fired arrows out to sea in a symbolic gesture of defiance.
- **a symbolic act** Lighting the Olympic flame is a symbolic act.
- **symbolic importance/significance** The capture of the city was of great symbolic importance.

■ **adverbs**

- **largely symbolic** The vote was largely symbolic.
- **purely symbolic** Our protest was meant to be purely symbolic.

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