

acquaintance

[ə'kweɪntəns] *n*

1. ЗНАКОМСТВО

upon (further) acquaintance - при более близком знакомстве

to make smb.'s acquaintance, to make the acquaintance of smb., to make acquaintance with smb. - познакомиться с кем-л.

to cultivate the acquaintance of smb. - ценить чью-л. дружбу, поддерживать знакомство с кем-л.

to scrape acquaintance with smb. - *разг.* навязывать знакомство кому-л., набиваться на знакомство с кем-л.

to drop an acquaintance - раззнакомиться

2. (with) знание, осведомлённость

I have some acquaintance with the language - я немного знаю этот язык

3. знакомый; знакомая

we are but slight acquaintances - мы немного /едва/ знакомы

we have many acquaintances in our town - в этом городе у нас много знакомых

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ac·quaint·ance [acquaintance acquaintances] *BrE* [ə'kweɪntəns] *NAme*

[ə'kweɪntəns] *noun*

1. countable a person that you know but who is not a close friend

• Claire has a wide circle of **friends and acquaintances** .

• He's just a business acquaintance.

• I bumped into an old acquaintance on the train.

2. uncountable, countable ~ (with sb) (formal) slight friendship

• He hoped their acquaintance would develop further.

3. uncountable, countable ~ with sth (formal) knowledge of sth

• I had little acquaintance with modern poetry.

more at have a nodding acquaintance with sb/sth **at** ↑*nod* *v.*

Idioms: ↑*make somebody's acquaintance* ▪ ↑*make the acquaintance of somebody* ▪ ↑*of your acquaintance* ▪ ↑*on first acquaintance*

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'mutual knowledge, being acquainted'): from Old French *acoïtance*, from *acoïtier* 'make known', from late Latin *accognitare*, from Latin *accognoscere*, from *ad-* 'to' + *cognoscere* 'come to know'.

Example Bank:

- He introduced me to a lady of his acquaintance.
- He was greeted as an old acquaintance.
- I bumped into a casual acquaintance in town.
- I first made his acquaintance in 1992.
- I first met Simon in 1998 and struck up an acquaintance with him.
- On first acquaintance she seemed a little odd.
- They have little acquaintance with colloquial English.
- a man with whom I had a passing acquaintance
- her acquaintance with modern French philosophy
- Claire has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.
- I don't know him socially, he's just a business acquaintance.
- I'm delighted to make your acquaintance, Mrs Baker.
- No one else of my acquaintance was as rich and successful.

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1. SOMEBODY YOU KNOW [countable] someone you know, but who is not a close friend:

• She was a *casual acquaintance* of my family in Vienna.

• He heard about the job through a *mutual acquaintance* (=someone you and another person both know).

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In everyday English, people usually say **someone I know** rather than **an acquaintance** :

• I got the job through *someone I know*.

2. RELATIONSHIP [singular, uncountable] a relationship with someone you know, but who is not a close friend:

• They developed an acquaintance over the Internet.

• You can't judge her on such short acquaintance (=when you have not known her long).

• My uncle did not improve on further acquaintance (=when you knew him better).

3. make sb's acquaintance formal to meet someone for the first time:

• I should be delighted to make Mrs McGough's acquaintance.

• At the hotel, I made the acquaintance of a young American actor.

4. KNOWLEDGE [uncountable] formal knowledge or experience of a particular subject

acquaintance with

• The practice of a lawyer requires acquaintance with court procedures.

have a passing/nodding acquaintance with something (=have only slight knowledge or experience of something)

• He has a passing acquaintance with a lot of different subjects.

5. of your acquaintance formal a person of your acquaintance is someone that you know:

• The poems were written by various women of her acquaintance.

6. **on first acquaintance** *formal* when you meet someone for the first time:

"Most people are nicer than you think on first acquaintance."

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- **friend** someone who you know and like very much and enjoy spending time with: Dad, this is my friend Steve. | She's going to Palm Springs with some friends. | I got a letter from a friend from college. | Amy's a close friend of mine. | John was a really good friend to me when I had all those problems last year.
- **acquaintance** /ə'kweɪntəns/ someone who you know and see sometimes, but who is not one of your close friends: We borrowed the money from one of Paul's business acquaintances.
- **mate** *British English informal* a friend – used especially about boys or men: He always goes to the pub with his mates on Friday night. | Terry's an old mate of mine.
- **buddy** *American English informal* a friend – used especially about men or young people: He's out playing basketball with some of his high school buddies.
- **pal** *informal* a friend – **pal** sounds rather old-fashioned: They met at school and have remained close pals.
- **crony** [usually plural] *disapproving* a friend – used about powerful people who will help each other even if it is slightly dishonest: He's one of the President's cronies.
- **companion** *written* someone who spends time with you, doing the same things as you – used about animals as well as people: travelling companions | His dog was his constant companion. | the perfect companion
- **the girls** *informal* a woman's female friends: We're having a girls' night out.
- **the lads** *British English informal* a man's male friends: a night out with the lads

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