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ap·pren·tice  (ə-prĕn tīs)

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n.

1. One bound by legal agreement to work for another for a specific amount of time in return for instruction in a trade, art, or business.
2. One who is learning a trade or occupation, especially as a member of a labor union.
3. A beginner; a learner.

v. **ap·pren·ticed, ap·pren·tic·ing, ap·pren·tic·es**

v.intr.

To work as an apprentice: *She apprenticed at the ceramics studio.*

v.tr.

To engage as an apprentice: *In colonial times many children were apprenticed to craftsmen.*

[Middle English *apprentis*, from Old French *aprentis*, from Vulgar Latin **apprenditicius*, from **apprenditus*, alteration of Latin *apprehēsus*, past participle of *apprehendere*, to seize; see [APPREHEND](#).]

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