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par·ve·nu  (pär və-n ' , -ny ')

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n.

A person who has suddenly risen to a higher social and economic class and has not yet gained social acceptance by others in that class.

[French, from past participle of *parvenir*, to arrive, from Latin *pervenire* : *per*, through; see *per*¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *venire*, to come; see *g^wā-* [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

par ve·nu' *adj.*

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