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ac·cept  (ăk-sĕpt)

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v. **ac·cept·ed**, **ac·cept·ing**, **ac·cepts**

v.tr.

1.

a. To answer affirmatively: *accept an invitation.*

b. To agree to take (a duty or responsibility).

2. To receive (something offered), especially with gladness or approval: *accepted a glass of water; accepted their contract.*

3. To admit to a group, organization, or place: *accepted me as a new member of the club.*

4.

a. To regard as proper, usual, or right: *Such customs are widely accepted.*

b. To regard as true; believe in: *Scientists have accepted the new theory.*

c. To understand as having a specific meaning.

5. To endure resignedly or patiently: *accept one's fate.*

6. To be able to hold (something applied or inserted): *This wood will not accept oil paints.*

7. To receive officially: *accept the committee's report.*

8. To consent to pay, as by a signed agreement.

9. To take payment in the form of: *a store that does not accept checks.*

10. *Medicine* To receive (a transplanted organ or tissue) without immunological rejection.

v.intr.

To receive something, especially with favor. Often used with *of*.

[Middle English *accepten*, from Latin *acceptāre*, frequentative of *accipere*, to receive : *ad-*, *ad-* + *capere*, to take; see **kap-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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