



Meaning of **institution** in English



institution

noun

UK /,ɪn.stɪˈtʃuː.ʃən/ US /,ɪn.stəˈtuː.ʃən/

institution *noun* (ORGANIZATION)

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B2 [C]

a large and important organization, such as a university or bank:

- *a medical/educational/financial institution*
- *Harvard University is an internationally respected institution.*

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- *We're searching for a couple of runaways from the young offenders' institution.*



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institution *noun* (CUSTOM)



C2 [C]

a custom or tradition that has existed for a long time and is accepted as an important part of a particular society:

- *the venerable institution of marriage*
- figurative *Mrs Daly is an institution - she's been with the company for 40 years and knows absolutely everyone.*

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institution

noun [C]

US  /,ɪnˌstɪˈtuːʃən/

institution *noun* [C] (ORGANIZATION)

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an organization that exists to serve a public purpose such as education or support for people who need help:

- *a charitable/educational/scientific institution*

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An institution of higher learning is a college or university.

institution *noun* [C] (CUSTOM)

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a custom or practice that has existed for a long time and is accepted as an important part of a society:



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- *Traders said a certain institution had been trying to sell a lot of shares.*
- *Various **City institutions** were involved in the deal.*
- *Many **government institutions** will be affected by the spending cuts.*



[C]

a custom or tradition that has existed for a long time and is accepted as an important part of a particular society:

- *the institution of marriage*



[U]

the introduction of a law, system, etc.:

- *Many are now calling for the institution of a quota system in Parliament and other political bodies to ensure equality.*





What is the pronunciation of *institution*?



Translations of **institution**

in Chinese (Traditional)

機構, 社會福利機構, 學校...

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in Chinese (Simplified)

机构, 社会福利机构, 学校...

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in Spanish

institución, residencia, hospital...

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in Portuguese

instituição, instituição [feminine]...

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in more languages



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institutional fund



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a situation in which you feel comfortable and in which your ability and determination are not being tested

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