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English Wikipedia has an article on:Wikipedia From mean (method or course of action used to achieve some result). Compare French moyens, German Mittel. (UK IPA(key): /mɪnz/US IPA(key): /mɪnz/Rhymes: -inz means means (plural means) (countable, often with of/to)An instrument or condition to achieve a result. [late 14thc.]She treated him as a means to an end.A car is a means of transport.1622, Francis Bacon, History of the reign of King Henry VII.And by this means also he had them the more at vantage, being tired and harassed with a long march; and more at mercy, being cut off far from their country, and therefore not able by any sudden flight to get to retreat, and to renew their troubles.2013 June 7, Ed Pilkington, Killer robots should be banned in advance, UN told, in The Guardian Weekly, volume 188, number 26, page 6:In his submission to the UN, [Christof] Heyns points to the experience of drones. Unmanned aerial vehicles were intended initially only for surveillance, and their use for offensive purposes was prohibited, yet once strategists realised their perceived advantages as a means of carrying out targeted killings, all objections were swept out of the way. Frequently contrasted with end (goal), as in a means to an end. Similar contrast is process vs. product. meanspl (plural only)(uncountable) Financial resources; wealth. [circa 1600]a person of means; independent meansHe was living beyond his means.1676, Richard Baxter, A Treatise of Justifying Righteousness, page 163:Where there is much means to be used, and conditions yet to be performed, for the continuation and Consummation of our Justification, there it is not yet continued or consummate.1921, United States, Congress, Senate, Committee on the Judiciary, Authorizing association of producers of agricultural products, page 99:Then the other 12 packers [I] were men without much means, who lived in Fresno meansthird-person singular simple present indicative of mean names, names, Seman, amens, manens, means, names, ames, Mensa, mesna, mensa, Manes, manse Present active participle of me (go along, traverse) mens (genitive meantis); third-declension one-termination participlegoing along, passing, traversing Third-declension participle. 1.When used purely as an adjective. Also found in: Thesaurus, Medical, Legal, Financial, Acronyms, Idioms, Encyclopedia, Wikipedia.Related to means: means test, Means to an End (mn)v. meant (mnt), meaning, means v.t. 1. a. To be used to convey; denote: "The question is", said Alice, "whether you can make words mean so many different things" (Lewis Carroll).b. To act as a symbol of; signify or represent: In this poem, the budding flower means youth.2. To intend to convey or indicate: "No one means all he says, and yet very few say all they mean, for words are slippery and thought is viscous" (Henry Adams).3. To have as a purpose or an intention; intend: I meant to go running this morning, but I overslept.4. To design, intend, or destine for a certain purpose or end: a building that was meant for storage; a student who was meant to be a scientist.5. To have as a consequence; bring about: Friction means heat.6. To have the importance or value of: The opinions of the critics meant nothing to him. She meant so much to me.v.intr. To have intentions of a specified kind; be disposed: They mean well but lack tact.Idiom: mean business Informal (mn)adj. meaner, meanest 1. a. Lacking in kindness; unkind: The teacher was not being mean in asking you to be quiet.b. Cruel, spiteful, or malicious: a mean boy who liked to make fun of others.c. Expressing spite or malice; gave me a mean look.d. Tending toward or characterized by cruelty or violence: mean streets.e. Extremely unpleasant or disagreeable: the meanest storm in years.2. Ignoble; base: a mean motive. See Synonyms at base.3. Miserly; stingy: mean with money.4. a. Low in value, rank, or social status: "I preferred the condition of the meanest reptile to my own" (Frederick Douglass).b. Common or poor in appearance; shabby: "The rowhouses had been darkened by the rain and looked meaner and grimmer than ever" (Anne Tyler).5. Slang a. Hard to cope with; difficult or troublesome: He throws a mean fast ball.b. Excellent; skillful: She plays a mean game of bridge. (mn)n.1. Something having a position, quality, or condition midway between extremes; a medium.2. Mathematics. A number that typifies a set of numbers, such as a geometric mean or an arithmetic mean.b. The average value of a set of numbers.3. Logic The middle term in a syllogism.4. means(used with a sing. or pl. verb) A method, a course of action, or an instrument by which an act can be accomplished or an end achieved.5. means(used with a pl. verb)a. Money, property, or other wealth: You ought to live within your means.b. Great wealth: a woman of means.adj.1. Occupying a middle or intermediate position between two extremes.2. Intermediate in size, extent, quality, time, or degree; medium.Idioms: by all means by any means in any way possible; to any extent: not by any means an easy opponent. by means of With the use of; owing to: They succeeded by means of patience and sacrifice. by no means In no sense; certainly not: This remark by no means should be taken lightly.Usage Note: In the sense of "financial resources" means takes a plural verb: His means are more than adequate. In the sense of "a way to an end," means may be treated as a singular or plural. It is singular when referring to a particular strategy or method: The best means of securing the cooperation of the builders is to appeal to their self-interest. It is plural when it refers to a group of strategies or methods: The most effective means for dealing with the drug problem have often been those suggested by the affected communities. Means is most often followed by of: a means of noise reduction. But for, to, and toward are also used: a means for transmitting sound; a means to an end; a means toward achieving equality.American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. (minz)n.1. (functioning as singular or plural) the medium, method, or instrument used to obtain a result or achieve an end: a means of communication. 2. (functioning as plural) resources or incomes. (functioning as plural) resources or incomes. 4. by all means without hesitation or doubt; certainly; come with us by all means. 5. by means of with the use or help of. 6. by no manner of means definitely not: he was by no manner of means a cruel man. 7. by no means not by any means on account; in no way; by no means come!. Collins English Dictionary Complete and Unabridged, 12th Edition 2014 HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014 Noun 1. means - how a result is obtained or an end is achieved; "a means of control"; "an example is the best agency of instruction"; "the true way to success"effectuation, implementation , the act of implementing (providing a practical means for accomplishing something); carrying into effectind - interchangeable with ' means' in the expression 'by means of'escape - a means or way of escaping; "hard work was his escape from worry"; "they installed a second hatch as an escape"; "their escape route"fast track - a rapid means of achieving a goal; "they saw independence as the fast track to democracy"; "he took a fast track to the top of the corporate ladder"; "the company went off the fast track when the stock market dropped"instrument, tool - the means whereby some act is accomplished; "my greed was the instrument of my destruction"; "science has given us new tools to fight disease"road - a way or means to achieve something; "the road to fame"stepping stone - any means of advancement; "the job was just a stepping stone on his way to fame and riches"expedient - a means to an end; not necessarily a principled or ethical omedesperate measure - desperate actions taken as a means to an end; "he had to resort to desperate measures"open sesame - any very successful means of achieving a resultsalvation - a means of preserving from harm or unpleasantness; "tourism was their economic salvation"; "they turned to individualism as their salvation" a means of enforcement; "the treaty had no teeth in it"vice - a means or agency by which something is expressed or communicated; "the voice of the law"; "the Times is not the voice of New York"; "conservatism has many voices"wings - a means of flight or ascent; "necessity lends wings to inspiration"2.means - an instrumentality for accomplishing some end3.means - considerable capital (wealth or income); "he is a man of means"capital - wealth in the form of money or property owned by a person or business and human resources of economic valuepocketbook - your personal financial means; "that car is too expensive for my pocketbook"wherewithal - the necessary means (especially financial means)Based on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.plural noun 1. method, way, course, process, medium, measure, agency, channel, instrument, avenue, mode, expedient We do not have the means to fight such a crimewave.2. money, funds, capital, property, riches, income, resources, estate, fortune, wealth, substance, affluence, wherewithal, wonga (slang) He did not have the means to compensate her.Collins Thesaurus of the English Language Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002 prostedkyzpsobnomstpenzeMittelGeldmittelHilfsmittelmédiorecursosvamedios de vidananagerarressourcainstrumentoyenmoyensremddelzeksliksnaudas ldzkeivaidnsa vsak nainpremoenjes pomojosredstvo [minz]A. NB. CPD means test N prueba f de haberes (para determinar si una persona tiene derecho a determinada prestacin)see also means-testCollins Spanish Dictionary - Complete and Unabridged 8th Edition 2005 William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1971, 1988 HarperCollins Publishers 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006Collins English/French Electronic Resource. HarperCollins Publishers 2005 n Collins German Dictionary Complete and Unabridged 7th Edition 2005. William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1980 HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2007Collins Italian Dictionary 1st Edition HarperCollins Publishers 1995 (minz) noun singular or plural the instrument(s), method(s) etc by which a thing is, or may be, done or made to happen. By what means can we find out? metode meios prostedy, zpsob, acudalado jukas mens varakas mies homme trs ais znakovit vagonys embor orang kaya augur maur (uomo che ha i mezzi) pasturintis mogus turgs cilvks orang yang berkemampuan bemiddeld man formendelrik man zamony czowiek homem de posses om bogat zmon lovek premon lovek bogat ovek en vlbgrad (fragen) man varik ki nji gu c naturalik . sem divda samozemj auf jeden Fall selbstgellig , naturalmente, por supuesto mudigi, minugiprast kaikin mokomind certainement , svim sredstvina feltlen tentu saja fyfir alla muni certamente, senz'altro pracom, inoma katr zi, netoiki silakan natuurljkgjerne, naturljgvisoczzywie, ze wszecz miar sem divda binenees, samozrejme na vsak nan svakako s grna, fr all del elbette, phesiz - ; t nhin l vy by means of using. We escaped by means of a secret tunnel. deur middel van per meo de prostedictivm, pomoc mittels ved hjlp af por medio de, mediante abel, kaudu kytten au moyen de uz pmo vmi Ital, segtsgvel menggunakan me v a nota per mezzo di ... pasinaudant lietojot; izmantojot dengan menggunakan door middel vanhed hjelp av przy uyciu, przez por meio de cu ajutorul, folosindu-se de prostedictvnm s pomojo pomou medelst, med hjlp av, genom ... ile, vastasyla bng cch by no means1. definitely not. 'Can I go home now?' 'By no means! glad nie certamente que no v dnm ppad auf keinen Fall p ingen meid; under ingen omstndigheder de ninguna manera mitte mingil juhul ei missn nimess certainement pas nikako semmi esetre sem tidak boleh alih ekki (no di certo) ! inoma, ne nekd zi tidak boleh in geen gevalv ingen mte, under ingen omstndigheter w adnym vpadku/raze certainement que no deloc v iadnm ppade nikakor nikako ingalunda, p intet stt kesinlikle olmaz, hayr tuyt nhin khng (minz) noun plural money available or necessary for living etc. She's a person of considerable means. rykdóm, middelle recursos prostedy, penze die Geldmittel (pl.) midler , medios de vida, recursos economicos, ingresos rikkus rahavarat moyens, ressources potreba vagony uang fyfir mezzi\* turtas, los naudas ldzeki sumber pendapatan geldelike middelen midler, penger bogactwo, rodki recursos mijloace/resurse materiale finann prostredky premoenje sredstvo vmedij , ca ci a man of means a wealthy or rich man. 'n ryk person homem de posses majetn, bohat lovk ein gut bemittelter Mann en rig mand un hombre con dinero, un hombre acudalado jukas mens varakas mies homme trs ais znakovit vagonys embor orang kaya augur maur (uomo che ha i mezzi) pasturintis mogus turgs cilvks orang yang berkemampuan bemiddeld man formendelrik man zamony czowiek homem de posses om bogat zmon lovek premon lovek bogat ovek en vlbgrad (fragen) man varik ki nji gu c Kernerman English Multilingual Dictionary 2006-2013 K Dictionaries Ltd. prostedy middel Mittel medio vline moyens sredstva mezzi inkomen midler rodki meios medel yol phng tn Multilingual Translator HarperCollins Publishers 2009 Want to thank TFD for its existence? Tell a friend about us, add a link to this page, or visit the webmaster's page for free fun content. Link to this page: The problem with which we shall be concerned in this lecture is the problem of determining what is the relation called "meaning." The word "Napoleon," we say, "means" a certain person. 'My name means the shape I am--and a good handsome shape it is, too. Then when the person who asks me is not in his right mind I am by no means to make the return?'The average price of wage-labour is the minimum wage, i.e., that quantum of the means of subsistence, which is absolutely requisite in bare existence as a labourer. For instance, the same sound, SIE, means YOU, and it means SHE, and it means HER, and it means IT, and it means THEY, and it means THEM.I for my part noticed by the sense of sight, before I entered your Kingdom, that some of your people are Lines and others Points, and that some of the Lines are larger -- "You speak of an impossibility," interrupted the King; "you must have seen a vision; for to detect the difference between a Line and a Point by the sense of sight is, as every one knows, in the nature of things, impossible; but it can be detected by the sense of hearing, and by the same means my shape can be exactly ascertained."But surely love means perfect trust," said Rosalind.I mean, that we are liable to be imposed upon, and to confer our choicest favours often on the undeserving, as you must own was your case in your bounty to that worthless fellow Partridge: for two or three such examples must greatly lessen the inward satisfaction which a good man would otherwise find in generosity; nay, may even make him timorous in bestowing, lest he should be guilty of supporting vice, and encouraging the wicked; a crime of a very black dye, and for which it will by no means be a sufficient excuse, that we have not actually intended such an encouragement, unless we have used the utmost caution in chusing the objects of our beneficence. There is another art which imitates by means of language alone, and that either in prose or verse--which, verse, again, may either combine different metres or consist of but one kind--but this has hitherto been without a name. We are now to consider upon what the preservation of governments in general and of each state in particular depends; and, in the first place, it is evident that if we are right in the causes we have assigned for their destruction, we know also the means of their preservation; for things contrary produce contraries; but destruction and preservation are contrary to each other. One of them, whom I by no means thought the best, has given us a play, known to all the world, which I am almost ready to think with Zola is the greatest play of modern times; or if it is not so, I should be puzzled to name the modern drama that surpasses "La Morte Civile" of Paolo Giacometti. With Venetian mystery I seek those No Thoroughfares that, glide into them by means of dark courts, tempt the schoolmaster to follow, turn suddenly, and catch him before he can retreat. As a nounreferring toa method, a course of action, or a way in which something is accomplished, means can be either singular or plural. When a means is a single practice, its singularfor example, The best means of keeping teeth clean is to brush twice daily. When means denotes multiple practices, its pluralfor example, Some means of finding jobs are more effective than others. But when means definition is financial resources, it is always pluralfor example His means give him great luxury.The means is evident: to diminish the quantity of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere from fuel combustion [Asia News]The morality of a means depends upon whether the means is being employed at a time of imminent defeat or imminent victory. [Rules for Radicals, Saul Alinsky]Not all means are valid in defence of the private interests of a very small minority [letter to Financial Times]The political motivations and desired ends are much different, but the means are precisely the same: spectacle, provocation, brutish and simple acts in response to complex issues. [New Yorker]At the end of the day, this election isn't going to be decided by how rich you are or what your financial means are. [transcribed in Boston Globe]His means are relatively modest; his net worth is estimated in official disclosures between US\$70,000 (\$8961.961) and US\$1.8 million.[Today Online] noun(plural means)Idioms jump to other results [countable] an action, an object or a system by which a result is achieved; a way of achieving or doing something means of something Email is a highly effective means of communication.The state is in control of the means of production.We needed to get to London but we had no means of transport.Have you any means of identification? means of doing something Is there any means of contacting him? as a decided (of doing) something Interest rates are used as a means of controlling borrowing. means to do something They are using peaceful means to achieve their aims.Music is the best means we have to reach a wide audience. means to something Equality is an end in itself, not just a means to a goal. by means This weed can be controlled by various means. Extra ExamplesThe nations tried to solve their differences by peaceful means.Fishing is their only means of livelihood.We will use whatever means are necessary.Infringement of copyright includes distribution by electronic means.They cannot achieve their goal through legal means.War is famously the continuation of policy by other means.We will use every possible means to achieve our objective.Gold has been the preferred means of exchange for centuries.Oil lamps were the sole means of illumination.Painting had become his primary means of self-expression.We must look for an alternative means of escape.We have no means of knowing how they will react.The study aims to provide a means of testing the theory.Television is an effective means of communication.My English teacher provided me with the means to enjoy reading poetry.Topics Change, cause and effectb2Oxford Collocations Dictionaryadjectiveappropriateconvenienteffectveverb + meansprepositionby means (of)through means means forphrasethe end justifies the meansa means to an endby any means necessarySee full entry [plural] the money that a person hasa man of means (= a rich man) according to somebody's means People should pay according to their means. within somebody's means Are the monthly repayments within your means (= can you afford them)?Ty to live within your means (= not spend more money than you have) beyond somebody's means Private school fees are beyond the means of most people (= more than they can afford). means to do something He doesn't have the means to hire a lawyer. She must have independent means (= money that she did not earn) to live in such style.Topics Moneyc2Oxford Collocations Dictionaryadjectiveindependentprivatelimitedverb + meansmeans + nounprepositionaccording to your means beyond your means within your means phrasesSee full entry Word Originlate Middle English: plural of mean (noun), the early sense being intermediary.Idioms used to say that you are very willing for somebody to have something or do somethingDo you mind if I have a look? By all means. using dishonest methods if honest ones do not workShes determined to win, by fair means or foul. by no means [not by any (manner of) means not at allShe is by no means an inexperienced teacher. We haven't won yet, not by any means. the end justifies the means (saying) had or unfair methods of doing something are acceptable if the result of that action is good or positiveHe defended a morality in which the end justifies the means.That's only OK if you believe that the end justifies the means. a thing or an action that is not interesting or important in itself but is a way of achieving something elseHe doesn't particularly like the work but he sees it as a means to an end.I don't enjoy studying computingit's just a means to an end. the methods and materials available for doing somethingways and means of raising moneyNewspapers have ways and means of getting hold of secret information. See means in the Oxford Advanced American DictionarySee means in the Oxford Learner's Dictionary of Academic English noun (3)adjective (2)View synonyms for meaningWhat is intended to be, or actually is, expressed or indicated; signification; import.the three meanings of a word.Synonyms: trend, drift, gist, tenorthe end, purpose, or significance of something.What is the meaning of life? What is the meaning of this intrusion?Linguistics.the nonlinguistic cultural correlate, reference, or denotation of a linguistic form; expression.linguistic content (expression ), intentioned (usually used in combination).She's a well-meaning person.I have a sense of significance; expressive.the sense or significance of a word, sentence, symbol, etc; import; semantic or lexical contentthe purpose underlying or intended by speech, action, etc.the inner, symbolic, or true interpretation, value, or messagevalid content; efficacya law with little or no meaningphilosophythe sense of an expression; its connotationthe reference of an expression; its denotation. In recent philosophical writings meaning can be used in both the above senses See also senseCollins English Dictionary Complete & Unabridged 2012 Digital Edition William Collins Sons & Co. 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"I'm going to win by any means necessary."But she said using the colourful unwanted plastic "means that I've got a really vibrant source material to work with".mean proportionalmean sea levelBrowse#aabbcdddeeffghhijjkkllmmnnooppqrrsstuuvvwwxyzzAboutCareersContact usCookies, terms, & privacyHelpFollow usGet the Word of the Day every day! 2025 Dictionary.com, LLC

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