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¹ worship

noun | wor·ship | \ˈwər-shəp also ˈwɔr-\

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Definition of WORSHIP

- 1 *chiefly British* : a person of importance —used as a title for various officials (as magistrates and some mayors)
- 2 : reverence offered a divine being or supernatural power; *also* : an act of expressing such reverence
- 3 : a form of religious practice with its creed and ritual
- 4 : extravagant respect or admiration for or devotion to an object of esteem <*worship* of the dollar>

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Examples of WORSHIP in a sentence

worship of gods and goddesses

Worship services are held daily.

the media's *worship* of celebrities



Origin and Etymology of WORSHIP

Middle English *worshipe* worthiness, respect, reverence paid to a divine being, from Old English *weorthscipe* worthiness, respect, from *weorth* worthy, worth + *-scipe* -ship

First Known Use: before 12th century



WORSHIP Synonyms

Synonyms

[adulation](#), [deification](#), [hero worship](#), [idolatry](#), [idolization](#), [worshipping](#) (*also* [worshiping](#))

Related Words

[adoration](#), [deference](#), [glorification](#), [reverence](#), [veneration](#); [idealization](#), [romanticization](#); [affection](#),



Other Forms of Address Terms

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² worship

verb | wor·ship

Definition of WORSHIP

worshipped *also* **worshipped** **worshipping** *also* **worshipping**

transitive verb

- 1** : to honor or reverence as a divine being or supernatural power
- 2** : to regard with great or extravagant respect, honor, or devotion <a celebrity *worshipped* by her fans>

intransitive verb

: to perform or take part in worship or an act of worship

—**worshipper** or **worshiper** *noun*

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Examples of WORSHIP in a sentence

Many ancient cultures *worshipped* the sun and moon.

They *worship* at this temple.

I *worship* God in my own way.

First Known Use of WORSHIP

13th century

13th Century

WORSHIP Synonyms

Synonyms

adore, deify, glorify, revere, reverence, venerate

Antonyms

abhor, abominate, despise, detest, execrate, hate, loathe

Synonym Discussion of WORSHIP

REVERE, **REVERENCE**, **VENERATE**, **WORSHIP**, **ADORE** mean to honor and admire profoundly and respectfully. **REVERE** stresses deference and tenderness of feeling <a professor *revered* by her students>. **REVERENCE** presupposes an intrinsic merit and inviolability in the one honored and a similar depth of feeling in the one honoring <*reverenced* the academy's code of honor>. **VENERATE** implies a holding as holy or sacrosanct because of character, association, or age <heroes still *venerated*>. **WORSHIP** implies homage usually expressed in words or ceremony <*worships* their memory>. **ADORE** implies love and stresses the notion of an individual and personal attachment <we *adored* our doctor>.

Phrases related to WORSHIP

Related Phrases

house of God/worship

place/house of worship

worship at the altar of

worship the ground someone walks on

WORSHIP Defined for English Language Learners

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Definition of WORSHIP FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

: the act of showing respect and love for a god especially by praying with other people who believe in the same god : the act of worshipping God or a god

: excessive admiration for someone

² worship

verb | wor·ship

Definition of WORSHIP FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

: to honor or respect (someone or something) as a god

: to show respect and love for God or for a god especially by praying, having religious services, etc.

: to love or honor (someone or something) very much or too much

WORSHIP Defined for Kids

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Definition of WORSHIP for Students

- 1 : deep respect toward God, a god, or a sacred object
- 2 : too much respect or admiration

² **worship** 

verb | wor·ship

Definition of WORSHIP for Students

worshipped *also* **worshiped** **worshipping** *also* **worshipping**

- 1 : to honor or respect as a divine being
- 2 : to regard with respect, honor, or devotion <She *worships* her son.>

3 : to take part in worship or an act of worship

—**worshipper** or **worshiper** *noun*

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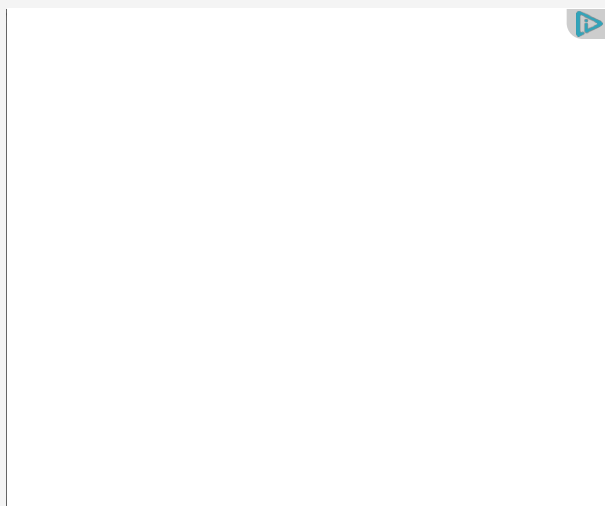


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bamboozle 

to trick or confuse (someone)

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1 noel

'Tis the season

2 flummadiddle, puppy

So many puppies

3 in omnia paratus

"You jump, I jump"

4 chyron

The word comes from the Chyron Cor...

5 emolument

From the Latin for "advantage"

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worrisomely



worrisomeness

worrit

worry



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'Awhile' vs. 'A While'

There are rules, but who's listening?



'Flaunt' vs. 'Flout'

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"The public is a hot mess"



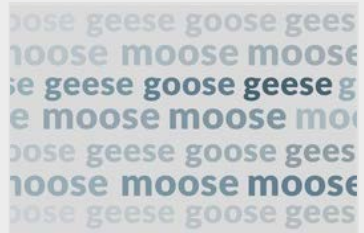
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If I were you, I'd watch this



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It is in fact a real word (but that doesn't n ...



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One goose, two geese.
One moose, tw ...

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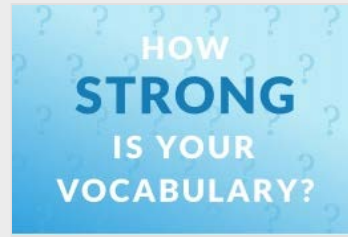
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