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Making the Most of Word Reference

Important notice



At the end of this presentation, there is a link to a Microsoft Form quiz. We recommend you score an 80% or higher.

Please take your time viewing and studying this material before you proceed with the quiz.

Objectives

This module provides resources and strategies to support independent study in both English and Spanish courses. Word Reference is one of the many tools that will aid you throughout your academic life. We encourage you to use it!

By the end of this module you will:

- Learn how to use the features within this on-line dictionary.
- Be able to maximize the website's tools.
- Acquire the ability to utilize this resource in academic, personal, and professional settings.

What is Word Reference?

- Word Reference is a free online bilingual dictionary.
- Word reference provides:
 - Definitions
 - Pronunciation (variations)
 - Synonyms
 - Conjugation
 - Translations
 - Usage
 - Collocations



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enable 🔊 LISTEN: US

UK: ^{*} /ɪnˈeɪbəl/ | US: /ɛnˈeɪbəl/ , (en ăˈbəl)

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Inflections of 'enable' (v): (⇒ [conjugate](#))
 enables: v 3rd person singular
 enabling: v pres p
 enabled: v past
 enabled: v past p

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Principal Translations

Inglés	Español
enable [sth] ⇒ <i>vtr</i> (computers: turn on feature)	activar ⇒ <i>vtr</i> habilitar ⇒ <i>vtr</i>
	She enabled the compression feature of the software. Ella activó la prestación de compresión del software. Ella habilitó la prestación de compresión del software.
enable [sth] <i>vtr</i> (empower, make able, [sb])	posibilitar ⇒ <i>vtr</i> permitir ⇒ <i>vtr</i>
	The knife enabled him to cut open the box. El cuchillo le posibilitó abrir la caja. El cuchillo le permitió abrir la caja.

Additional Translations

Inglés	Español
enable [sth] <i>vtr</i> (make possible)	posibilitar ⇒ <i>vtr</i>
	This evidence enables a fresh look at the case.

Ver También:
 emulador
 emulous
 emulsification
 emulsifier
 emulsify
 emulsion
 EN
 en masse
 en route
 en suite
 enable
 enabled
 enabler
 enabling
 enact
 enactment
 enamel
 enameler
 enamelled
 enamelling
 enamelware

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How is this tool helpful?

Word Reference can help you...

- Discover new words
- Avoid repeating the same words
- Use words correctly according to its grammatical function
- Pronounce words correctly

Grammar and Usage

- Usage: The usage tool is helpful whenever a word belongs to different syntactic categories. Example: "answer"
 - I want an **answer**. (noun)
 - **Answer** me now! (verb)
- Collocation: The collocations tool will help you see the same word in many sentences or phrases which will help you grasp how it is usually used and what types of words usually come before or after it. Example: prepositions
 - responsible **for**
 - responsible **to**
- See more: <https://www.wordreference.com/EnglishUsage/>

Usage

If you look up the word "enable," Word Reference will provide with a few synonyms that are used in a similar way. For example, "permit" and "allow" are synonyms of "enable" and should be followed by an object and a to-infinitive clause. Then, it shows what the verb looks like in example sentences.

See Also:

- effort
- either
- either ... or
- elderly
- electric
- elevator
- else
- embarrassed
- emigration
- employ
- enable
- end
- endure
- enjoy
- enough
- ensure
- entirely
- equally
- equipment
- error
- especially

Settings:

Click on word:

gets translation

does nothing

Recent searches:

Save history

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[View All](#)

Links:

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enable LISTEN: US

UK: ^ˈ/ɪnˈeɪbəl/ | US: /ɛnˈeɪbəl/, (ɛn əˈbəl)

definition | in Spanish | English synonyms | English Collocations | Conjugator [EN] | in context | images

Inflections of 'enable' (v): (⇒ conjugate)

enables: v 3rd person singular

enabling: v pres p

enabled: v past

enabled: v past p

WordReference Collins English Usage © 2020

allow - permit - let - enable

Allow, permit, and **let** are all used to say that someone is given permission to do something, or is not prevented from doing something. Permit is a formal word.

1 'allow' and 'permit'

Allow and permit are followed by an object and a to-infinitive clause.

He allowed me to take the course.

They do not permit students to use calculators in exams.

You can say that people **are not allowed to** do something or **are not permitted to** do something.

Visitors are not allowed to take photographs in the museum.

Children are not permitted to use the swimming pool.

You can also say that something **is not allowed** or that it **is not permitted**.

Running was not allowed in the school.

Picnics are not permitted in the park.

2 'let'

Let is followed by an object and an infinitive without to.

Collocations

"Collocation" refers to word placement in different parts of a sentence according to the word's function.

For collocations of the word "enable," Word Reference provides eleven phrases in which the word is used in different contexts.



The screenshot shows the WordReference website interface for the word "enable". At the top right, there is a search bar and a dropdown menu set to "English collocations". The word "enable" is displayed in a large font, with a "LISTEN" button and a "US" flag. Below the word, the phonetic transcriptions are given: UK: /ɪnˈeɪbəl/ and US: /ɛnˈeɪbəl/ , (en āˈbəl). There are links for "definition", "English synonyms", "Conjugator", "in Spanish", "in French", "in context", and "images". The "Inflections of 'enable' (v): (⇒ conjugate)" section lists: enables: v 3rd person singular, enabling: v pres p, enabled: v past, and enabled: v past p. A copyright notice "WordReference English Collocations © 2020" is present. The word "enable" is followed by an information icon. Below that, the part of speech "v" is shown, followed by a list of 11 collocations: 1. enable the [development, investigation, production] of; 2. enable [javascript, flash, cookies]; 3. enable [this feature, this option, the program]; 4. enabled by [default, settings, a button]; 5. should have it enabled (by default); 6. enables you to achieve [your goals, success]; 7. enables you to [save, make, continue, see, enter]; 8. enables the [user, client, patient] to; 9. enables [students, workers] to; 10. enabled the victory [over, at, of]; 11. enabling him (in his addiction). A link "Is something important missing? Report an error or suggest an improvement." is provided. The section "'enable' also found in these entries:" lists "communication - customize - outward - refine - shine". At the bottom, it says "In other languages: Spanish | French | Italian | Portuguese | Romanian | German | Dutch | Swedish | Russian | Polish | Czech | Greek | Turkish | Chinese | Japanese | Korean | Arabic". On the left side of the page, there is a "See Also:" section with a list of related words: emphasize, empire, employ, employed, employee, employer, employment, empower, empowerment, empty, enable, enact, enamel, enchanted, enclose, enclosed, enclosure, encode, encompass, encore, and encounter. Below that is a "Settings:" section with "Click on word:" options: "gets translation" (selected) and "does nothing". The "Recent searches:" section shows "Save history" (checked) and a list of recent searches: "enable", "enable", and "influence". A "View All" link is at the bottom of the sidebar.



Verb Conjugator

The verb conjugator tool is available in four languages and provides a full table with all possible conjugations for each verb.

The table that follows provides the conjugations of the verb "enable."

See more: <https://www.wordreference.com/conj/EnVerbs.aspx>

Verb Conjugator

The table is divided in **verb tense** and **person** so you can easily find the verb conjugation that fits into your sentence.

enable

It is conjugated like: [like](#)

infinitive: present participle: past participle:	(to) enable enabling enabled	definition	in Spanish in French in Italian
Indicative			
<u>present</u> ⓘ	<u>simple past</u> ⓘ	<u>future</u>	
I enable	enabled	will enable	
you enable	enabled	will enable	
he, she, it enables	enabled	will enable	
we enable	enabled	will enable	
you enable	enabled	will enable	
they enable	enabled	will enable	
Perfect tenses			
<u>present perfect</u>	<u>past perfect</u> ⓘ	<u>future perfect</u>	
I have enabled	had enabled	will have enabled	
you have enabled	had enabled	will have enabled	
he, she, it has enabled	had enabled	will have enabled	
we have enabled	had enabled	will have enabled	
you have enabled	had enabled	will have enabled	
they have enabled	had enabled	will have enabled	
Continuous (progressive) and emphatic tenses			
<u>present continuous</u>	<u>past continuous</u>	<u>present emphatic</u>	<u>past emphatic</u>
I am enabling	was enabling	do enable	did enable
you are enabling	were enabling	do enable	did enable
he, she, it is enabling	was enabling	does enable	did enable
we are enabling	were enabling	do enable	did enable
you are enabling	were enabling	do enable	did enable
they are enabling	were enabling	do enable	did enable
Compound continuous (progressive) tenses			
<u>present perfect</u>	<u>past perfect</u>	<u>future</u>	<u>future perfect</u>
I have been enabling	had been enabling	will be enabling	will have been enabling
you have been enabling	had been enabling	will be enabling	will have been enabling
he, she, it has been enabling	had been enabling	will be enabling	will have been enabling
we have been enabling	had been enabling	will be enabling	will have been enabling
you have been enabling	had been enabling	will be enabling	will have been enabling
they have been enabling	had been enabling	will be enabling	will have been enabling
Conditional			



<u>are enabling</u>	<u>were enabling</u>	<u>do enable</u>	<u>did enable</u>
you are enabling	were enabling	do enable	did enable
<u>they are enabling</u>	<u>were enabling</u>	<u>do enable</u>	<u>did enable</u>

Compound continuous (progressive) tenses

<u>present perfect</u>	<u>past perfect</u>	<u>future</u>	<u>future perfect</u>
I have been enabling	had been enabling	will be enabling	will have been enabling
you have been enabling	had been enabling	will be enabling	will have been enabling
he, she, it has been enabling	had been enabling	will be enabling	will have been enabling
we have been enabling	had been enabling	will be enabling	will have been enabling
you have been enabling	had been enabling	will be enabling	will have been enabling
they have been enabling	had been enabling	will be enabling	will have been enabling

Conditional

<u>present</u>	<u>perfect</u> ①	<u>present continuous</u>	<u>perfect continuous</u>
I would enable	would have enabled	would be enabling	would have been enabling
you would enable	would have enabled	would be enabling	would have been enabling
he, she, it would enable	would have enabled	would be enabling	would have been enabling
we would enable	would have enabled	would be enabling	would have been enabling
you would enable	would have enabled	would be enabling	would have been enabling
they would enable	would have enabled	would be enabling	would have been enabling

Imperative

<u>present</u>
–
(you) enable!
–
(we) let's enable!
(you) enable!
–

Subjunctive

<u>present</u>	<u>past</u>	<u>future</u>
I enable	enabled	should enable
you enable	enabled	should enable
he, she, it enable	enabled	should enable
we enable	enabled	should enable
you enable	enabled	should enable
they enable	enabled	should enable

*Blue letters in conjugations are irregular forms. (example)

*Red letters in conjugations are exceptions to the model. (example)



This is only a glimpse of the many ways you can use Word Reference for your academic advancement. There are many other tools you can use to further expand your vocabulary or find answers about language and writing. We recommend:

• [Dictionary.com](https://www.dictionary.com)

• [RAE: dle.rae.es](https://dle.rae.es)

• [Sinonimosonline.com](https://www.sinonimosonline.com)

• [Writingcenter.unc.edu](https://writingcenter.unc.edu)

• [Fundeu.es](https://www.fundeu.es)

• [Owl.purdue.edu](https://owl.purdue.edu)

These are only a few of the many resources you will find available to you online. Explore the web and choose your favorite language tools!

After completing the module, click on the following link to take the quiz and send the report to your professor:

<https://forms.office.com/r/GddBrFGevJ>

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