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[si-**lekt**]

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verb (used with object)

- 1 to choose in preference to another or others; pick out.

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verb (used without object)

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- 2 of special value or excellence; [choice](#).
- 3 careful or fastidious in selecting; [discriminating](#).
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Other Words From

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Word History and Origins

Origin of [select](#)¹

First recorded in 1555–65; from *Latin sēlēctus* (past participle of *sēligere* “to gather apart”), equivalent to *sē-* “apart” + *leg(ere)* “to gather, choose” + *-tus* past participle suffix; [lection \(def \)](#), [se-](#)

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Example Sentences

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Then select Option 1 to input the last six digits of your Social Security number as well as your Zip code.

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Next, Pymetrics's system compares the data from those 50 employees with game data from more than 10,000 people randomly selected from over two million.

From [MIT Technology Review](#)

All the participants had to do was select the questions they were going to ask a conversation partner — again, from the pool of questions ranked by sensitivity.

From [Freakonomics](#)

Adjust the heat by selecting one of the three levels based on the outside temperature, calculated for 5, 32, and 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

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All it needs is one more “pipe” to select and transmit the crucial information.

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You can even buy containers of their Cereal Milk in select stores.

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And, second, we already use sortition to select an important deliberative body, the trial jury.

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Until recently, being published was a pleasure afforded only to a select few.

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Roark was a staffer on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and focused on NSA oversight.

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I do not care very much how you censor or select the reading and talking and thinking of the schoolboy or schoolgirl.

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Of the methods given, the physician should select the one which best meets his needs.

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New proposals regarding telephone charges are expected as soon as the Select Committee has reported.

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There is no necessity for giving a table of all of their tones here; we select the two most useful.

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Then, as Man did not make nor select his power of choice, Man cannot be blamed if that power chooses evil.

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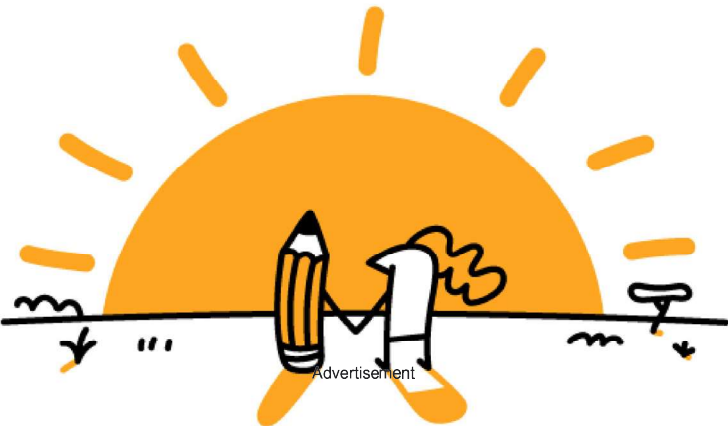
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