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perspective

**perspective**

/pəˈspektɪv/

*noun**plural perspectives***1** : a way of thinking about and understanding something (such as a particular issue or life in general)

[count]

[\[+\] Example sentences](#)— often + *on*[\[+\] Example sentences](#)

[noncount]

[\[+\] Example sentences](#)**2** [noncount]**a** : a condition in which a person knows which things are important and does not worry or think about unimportant things[\[+\] Example sentences](#)— often used after *in* or *into*[\[+\] Example sentences](#)**b** : the ability to understand which things are truly important and which things are not[\[+\] Example sentences](#)**3** [count] : the angle or direction that a person uses to look at an object[\[+\] Example sentences](#)**4** [noncount] : a way of showing depth or distance in a painting or drawing by making the objects that are far away smaller and making the objects that are closer to the viewer larger[\[+\] Example sentences](#)