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Definition of 'profile'

profile

(prəʊfaɪl)

Word forms: profiles

1. countable noun

Your **profile** is the outline of your face as it is seen when someone is looking at you from the side.
His handsome profile was turned away from us.

Synonyms: outline, lines, form, figure
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2. uncountable noun

If you see someone **in profile**, you see them from the side.
This picture shows the girl in profile.

3. countable noun

A **profile of** someone is a short article or program in which their life and character are described.
A Washington newspaper published comparative profiles of the candidates.

4. countable noun [oft N of n]

If the police make a **profile of** someone they are looking for, they write a description of the sort of person they are looking for.
...the FBI profile of the anthrax killer.

profiling (prəʊfaɪlɪŋ)

uncountable noun [usu with supp]

...a former FBI agent who pioneered psychological profiling in the 1970s.

DNA profiling would now be added to the struggle against vandalism.

5. See high profile

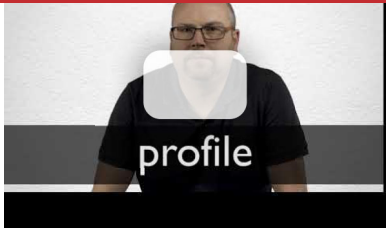
6. See also high-profile

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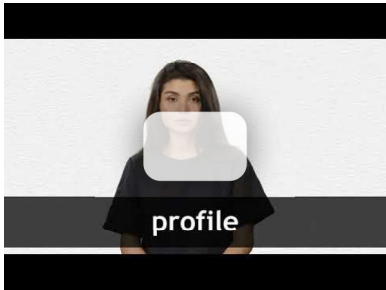
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- 1.
 - a. a side view of the face
 - b. a drawing of such a view
- 2. a view of anything in contour; outline
the profile of a distant hill
- 3. *US*
a short, vivid biographical and character sketch
- 4. a degree of exposure to or contact with others, esp. the public
a celebrity who keeps a low profile after a scandal
- 5.
 - a. a graph, diagram, piece of writing, etc. presenting or summarizing data relevant to a particular person or thing
 - b. a set of characteristics developed for use in identifying persons or things as being likely to belong to a certain group
- 6. *Architecture*
a side or sectional elevation of a building, etc.

verb transitive

Word forms: 'pro, filed or 'pro, filing

- 7. to sketch, write, or make a profile of
- 8. to give a specified profile to
- 9. to prepare a profile (sense 5) profile (sense 5b) of

SIMILAR WORDS: 'out, line

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Word origin

It *profilo* < *profilare*, to outline < *pro-* (< L *pro-*), before + *filo* (< L *filum*), thread, line: see pro¹ & file¹

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English Dictionary

- 1. the outline or contour of the human face, esp. the face viewed from one side
 - 2. a picture or representation of the side view of a head
 - 3. an outlined view, as of a city or mountain
 - 4. an outline of an object, as a molding, formed on a vertical plane passed through the object at right angles to one of its principal horizontal dimensions
 - 5. a drawing or the like representing this
 - 6. *Surveying*
a vertical section of the ground surface taken parallel to a survey line
Compare cross section (sense 6)
 - 7. a verbal, arithmetical, or graphic summary or analysis of the history, status, etc., of a process, activity, relationship, or set of characteristics
a biochemical profile of a patient's blood
a profile of national consumer spending
 - 8. an informal biography or a concisely presented sketch of the life and character of a person
 - 9. a set of characteristics or qualities that identify a type or category of person or thing
a profile of a typical allergy sufferer
 - 10. the look, configuration, or lines of something
cars with a modern profile
 - 11. degree of noticeability; visibility
 - 12. *Psychology*
a description of behavioral and personality traits of a person compared with accepted norms or standards
 - 13. *Theater*
a flat stage property or scenic piece cut from a firm, thin material, as of beaverboard or plywood, and having an irregular edge resembling the silhouette of a natural object
 - 14. *(in a gear)*
the outline of either end of a tooth
 - 15. *Shipbuilding*
a longitudinal elevation or section of a vessel
Compare outboard profile
- transitive verb
- 16. to draw a profile of
 - 17. to produce or present a history, description, or analysis of
The magazine will profile the candidate in its next issue

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Derived forms

profiler **noun**

Word origin

[1650–60; (n.) < It *profilo*, n. deriv. of *profilare* to delineate, outline, equiv. to *pro-* PRO-¹ + *-filare*, deriv. of *filo* line, thread < L *filum*]

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in British English

(ˈprəʊfaɪl ⓘ ⓘ)

noun

1. a side view, outline, or representation of an object, esp of a human face or head
2. a view or representation of an object, esp a building, in contour or outline
3. a short biographical sketch of a subject
4. personal information about a user that is displayed on a social media website
5. a graph, table, or list of scores representing the extent to which a person, field, or object exhibits various tested characteristics or tendencies
a population profile
6. a vertical section of soil from the ground surface to the parent rock showing the different horizons
7.
 - a. a vertical section of part of the earth's crust showing the layers of rock
 - b. a representation of such a section
8. the outline of the shape of a river valley either from source to mouth (**long profile**) or at right angles to the flow of the river (**cross profile**)

verb (transitive)

9. to draw, write, or make a profile of
10. to cut out a shape from a blank (as of steel) with a cutter

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Word origin

C17: from Italian *profilo*, from *profilare* to sketch lightly, from PRO-¹ + Latin *filum* thread

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There was no context to their profiles – just their name and their photo.

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He was showing the world he was helping young people and enhancing their profiles.

THE GUARDIAN (2018)

Most of her friends have changed their profiles too.

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Interviews were conducted across the country and the results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

THE GUARDIAN (2015)

There are those who take a different view, but they are keeping a low profile.

TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2016)

You walk round and the side profile is stunning.

THE SUN (2008)

Try our quiz below to see which parenting profile at the bottom best matches you.

THE SUN (2013)

Men whose profile pictures were taken outdoors on a sunny day with trees in the background were most popular.

TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2014)

We raise their profile, make films about them.

THE SUN (2012)

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architecture am I?****without columns or pilasters**

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intercolumniation

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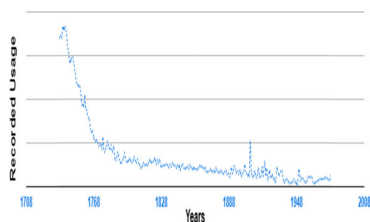
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