



Meaning of **authenticate** in English



authenticate

verb [T]

US /ɑːˈθen.tə.keɪt/ UK /ɔːˈθen.tɪ.keɪt/

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to prove that something is real, true, or what people say it is:

- *They used carbon dating tests to authenticate the claim that the skeleton was two million years old.*

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- *Each of these signatures must be authenticated by a lawyer.*
- *Holograms can be used to authenticate documents.*





- *A password is used to authenticate a user.*
- *We offer electronic certificates that authenticate the identity of internet traders.*

authentication

noun [U] UK /ɔːˌθentɪˈkeɪʃən/ US /ɑːˌθentɪ-/

- *We needed to identify a data source that we could use for authentication.*

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EXAMPLES of authenticate

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When did we start signing our names to *authenticate* documents?

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If they only need to *authenticate* a handful of pills, for example, it'd cost less than if they need to differentiate between thousands.

From [TechCrunch](#)



He has studied several stigmata cases and uses a series of blood tests and mental examinations to try to *authenticate* them.

From [ABC News](#)



The painting, now authenticated, revealed its identity little-by-little during the conservation treatment.

From [CNN](#)



Cryptography has many important functions beyond the obvious one of securing our communications, including authenticating data.

From [CNN](#)



But that chip could easily be used as a secure personal identifier that could *authenticate* the user to a connected door lock, for instance.





Most two factor authentication technologies generate a one-time code for users to then provide to *authenticate* their identity.

From [VentureBeat](#)



Help me *authenticate* the things that are already out there.

From [NPR](#)



Once the session cookie is decrypted, hackers can exploit it to gain unauthorized access to the user account the session cookie is designed to *authenticate*.

From [Ars Technica](#)



The work is then authenticated by a certificate, and can only be resold with this certificate.

From [Huffington Post](#)



As privacy rules become stricter, and social networks and content sharing sites become more authenticated, users could become reluctant to explore new services.

From [Ars Technica](#)



Phones could also *authenticate* a user with voice biometrics, eye scans, or facial recognition, he said.

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It remained a specialist in using phones to *authenticate* callers' identities before its sale in 2006.

From [OregonLive.com](#)



What he found was a simple interface that allowed him to send commands to the router without being authenticated as the administrator.

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That method allowed us to *authenticate* elements up to an atomic number of around 107 or 108.

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box someone in

UK /bɒks/ US /bɑːks/

to move so close to someone or something that the person or thing cannot move away

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