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isolate

verb

'aɪsəleɪt

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1 to separate somebody/something physically or socially from other people or things
isolate somebody/yourself/something Patients with the disease should be isolated.
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from somebody/something He was immediately isolated from the other prisoners. This decision will isolate the country from the rest of Europe.² isolate something (from something) (formal) to separate a part of a situation, problem, idea, etc. so that you can see what it is and deal with it separately It is possible to isolate a number of factors that contributed to her downfall.³ isolate something (from something) (technical) to separate a single substance, cell, etc. from others so that you can study it Researchers are still trying to isolate the gene that causes this abnormality.

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