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taught ㄴㄹ ; teaching

Synonyms of *teach* >*transitive verb*

- 1 a** : to cause to know something
taught them a trade
- b** : to cause to know how
is *teaching* me to drive
- c** : to accustom to some action or attitude
teach students to think for themselves
- d** : to cause to know the disagreeable consequences of some action
I'll *teach* you to come home late
- 2** : to guide the studies of
- 3** : to impart the knowledge of
teach algebra
- 4 a** : to instruct by precept, example, or experience
- b** : to make known and accepted
experience *teaches* us our limitations
- 5** : to conduct instruction regularly in
teach school

intransitive verb

: to provide instruction : act as a teacher





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Choose the Right Synonym for *teach*

- TEACH, INSTRUCT, EDUCATE, TRAIN, DISCIPLINE, SCHOOL mean to cause to acquire knowledge or skill.
- TEACH applies to any manner of imparting information or skill so that others may learn.
- taught* us a lot about our planet
- INSTRUCT suggests methodical or formal teaching.
- instructs* raw recruits in military drill
- EDUCATE implies development of the mind.
- more things than formal schooling serve to *educate* a person
- TRAIN stresses instruction and drill with a specific end in view.
- trained* foreign pilots to operate the new aircraft
- DISCIPLINE implies training in habits of order and precision.
- a *disciplined* mind
- SCHOOL implies training or disciplining especially in what is hard to master.
- schooled* the horse in five gaits



- He enjoys *teaching* his students about history.
- She *taught* English for many years at the high school.
- The church *teaches* compassion and forgiveness.
- Someone needs to *teach* her right and wrong.

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- Talking with my mom about these beliefs *taught* me at a young age that conversations about work are necessarily personal.
- Emma Goldberg, *New York Times*, 8 Oct. 2023



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an, but in this moment, it's made clear what

– Peter Debruge, *Variety*, 7 Oct. 2023

It's been so fun meeting you at conferences and events around the city, and your emails have warmed my heart and *taught* me a lot.

– Anne Sraders, *Fortune*, 6 Oct. 2023

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Etymology

Middle English *techen* to show, instruct, from Old English *tæcan*; akin to Old English *tācn* sign — more at TOKEN entry 1

First Known Use

before the 12th century, in the meaning defined at transitive sense 1a

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practice-teach

teach (someone) a lesson

you can't teach an old dog new tricks

teach-in

show/teach (someone) a trick or two



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teach verb

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taught **'tôt** ; **teaching**

1 : to assist in learning how to do something : show how
teach a child to read

2 : to guide the studies of : INSTRUCT
teach a class



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- 4** : to be a teacher
- 5** : to cause to learn : cause to know the effects of an action
the experience *taught* him to be more careful



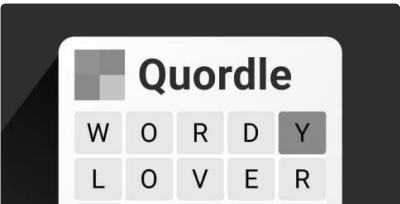
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