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## administer

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verb ad·min·is·ter \əd-'mi-nə-stər\

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### Simple Definition of *administer*

- : to manage the operation of (something, such as a company or government) or the use of (something, such as property)
- : to provide or apply (something, such as justice) : to put (something) into effect
- : to give or present (something) officially or as part of a ceremony

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary

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### Full Definition of *administer*

administered

## administering

[play](#) \-st(ə-)rɪŋ\

1. transitive verb
2. *1* : to manage or supervise the execution, use, or conduct of <*administer a trust fund*>
3. *2 a* : to mete out : [dispense](#) <*administer punishment*>*b* : to give ritually <*administer the last rites*>*c* : to give remedially <*administer a dose of medicine*>
4. intransitive verb
5. *1* : to perform the office of [administrator](#)
6. *2* : to furnish a benefit : [minister](#) <*administer to an ailing friend*>
7. *3* : to manage affairs

## administrable

[play](#) \-strə-bəl\ *adjective*

## administrant

[play](#) \-strənt\ *noun*

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## Examples of administer in a sentence

1. As a cost-saving measure, voters have elected to have the two towns *administered* jointly.
2. The UN personnel are there to help *administer* the territory.
3. She's been hired to *administer* the fund.
4. The assistant will *administer* the test.
5. a priest to *administer* the sacraments

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## Origin and Etymology of administer

Middle English *administren*, from Anglo-French *administrer*, from Latin *administrare*, from *ad-* + *ministrare* to serve, from *minister* servant — more at [minister](#)

First Known Use: 14th century

## Related to administer

### Synonyms

[allocate](#), [apportion](#), [deal \(out\)](#), [dispense](#), [distribute](#), [dole out](#), [hand out](#), [mete \(out\)](#), [parcel \(out\)](#), [portion](#), [prorate](#)

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[misallocate](#)

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## ADMINISTER Defined for Kids

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verb ad·min·is·ter \əd-ˈmi-nə-stər\

### Definition of *administer* for Students

#### administered

#### administering

1. *1* : to be in charge of : [manage](#) <She administers an athletic program.>
2. *2* : to give out as deserved <administer justice>
3. *3* : to give officially <administer an oath> <The teacher administered the test.>
4. *4* : to give or supply as treatment <administer medicine>

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## Medical Dictionary

### administer

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transitive verb ad·min·is·ter \əd-ˈmin-ə-stər\

### Medical Definition of *administer*

#### administered

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#### administering

\st(ə-)rɪŋ [play](#)  
1. : to give (as medicine) remedially <the antibiotic may be administered orally or by injection>

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## Law Dictionary

### administer

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verb ad·min·is·ter \əd-ˈmi-nə-stər\

### Legal Definition of *administer*

#### administered

#### administering

1. transitive verb
1. *1* : to manage the affairs of (as a government or agency)
- 2a. *2a* : to direct or supervise the execution, use, or conduct of <administer a trust fund> b : to settle (an estate) under a court appointment as administrator or executor
- 3a. *3a* : to give ritually <administer an oath> b : to give (as a narcotic) for the purpose of ingesting
5. intransitive verb
6. *1* : to perform the office of an administrator or executor
7. *2* : to manage or conduct affairs

## administrable

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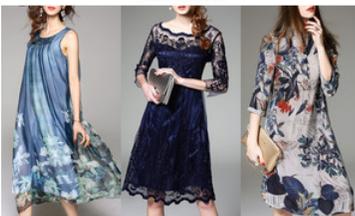
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