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re·solve | ri-'zɒl, -zɒlv, əsɒ-'zɒlv or -'zɒlv

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Something that is ooid is

Example: **RESOLVE** in a Sentence

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a wound from shrapnel

anything unpleasant

an egg

a tennis ball



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1 *obsolete* : DISSOLVE, MELT

2 a : **BREAK UP, SEPARATE** • the prism *resolved* the light into a play of colors
b : to reduce by analysis • *resolve* the problem into simple elements

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c : to distinguish between or make independently visible adjacent parts of

d : to separate (a racemic compound or mixture) into the two components

3 : to cause **resolution** of (a pathological state)

4 a : to deal with successfully : clear up • *resolve* doubts • *resolve* a dispute

b : to find an answer to

c : to make clear or understandable

d : to find a mathematical solution of

e : to split up into two or more components especially in assigned directions • *resolve* a vector

5 : to reach a firm decision about • *resolve* to get more sleep • *resolve* disputed points in a text

6 a : to declare or decide by a formal resolution and vote

b : to change by resolution or formal vote • the house *resolved* itself into a committee

7 : to make (something, such as one or more voice parts or the total musical harmony) progress from dissonance to consonance

8 : to work out the resolution of (something, such as a play)

intransitive verb

1 : to become separated into component parts; *also* : to become reduced by dissolving or analysis

2 : to form a resolution : **DETERMINE**

3 : **CONSULT, DELIBERATE**

4 : to progress from dissonance to consonance

—*resolvable*  \-'zäl-və-bəl, -'zoi- *also* -'zä-və- or -'zö-və- \ *adjective*

—*resolver* *noun*

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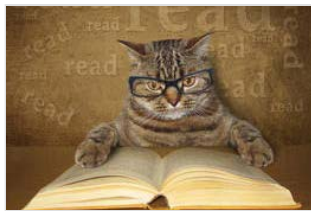
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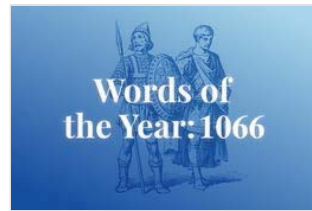
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Examples of RESOLVE in a Sentence

The brothers finally *resolved* their conflict.

The issue of the book's authorship was never *resolved*.

His speech did nothing to *resolve* doubts about the company's future.

They haven't been able to *resolve* their differences.

She *resolved* to quit smoking.

He *resolved* that he would start dating again.

The committee *resolved* to override the veto.

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Recent Examples of RESOLVE from the Web

While the impossibility of *resolving* conservative and moderate Republicans' goals for the health care system was the biggest obstacle to passage, McConnell's underhandedness helped seal its fate.

- Margaret Hartmann, *Daily Intelligencer*, "Who's to Blame for the GOP Health Care Debacle, Trump or McConnell," 19 July 2017

By 2015, that number had been whittled to seven, Garrett said, and all have since been *resolved*.

- Phil Diehl, *sandiegouniontribune.com*, "Twice annual tree trimming is not enough for seaside condo owner," 11 July 2017

Ironically, what Saint-Gaudens had intended, more than a century ago, as a monumental public sculpture *resolved* into something with a much gentler impact.

- Victoria Dawson, *Smithsonian*, "Conservation of a Pair of Saint-Gaudens Goes al Fresco at the Freer," 18 July 2017



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Origin and Etymology of RESOLVE

Middle English, from Latin *resolvere* to unloose, dissolve, from *re-* + *solvere* to loosen, release — more SOLVE

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RESOLVE Synonyms

Synonyms

choose, conclude, determine, figure, name, opt, decide, settle (on or upon)

Antonyms

join, link, unify, unite



Synonym Discussion of RESOLVE

DECIDE, **DETERMINE**, **SETTLE**, **RULE**, **RESOLVE** mean to come or cause to come to a conclusion. **DECIDE** implies previous consideration of a matter causing doubt, wavering, debate, or controversy. she *decided* to house **DETERMINE** implies fixing the identity, character, scope, or direction of something. *determine* cause of the problem **SETTLE** implies a decision reached by someone with power to end all dispute or uncertainty. the dean's decision *settled* the campus alcohol policy **RULE** implies a determination by

or administrative authority. • the judge *ruled* that the evidence was inadmissible **RESOLVE** implies an expressed or clear decision or determination to do or refrain from doing something. • he *resolved* to c smoking

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noun | re·solve

Definition of RESOLVE

1 : fixity of purpose : **RESOLUTENESS**

2 : something that is **resolved**

3 : a legal or official determination, especially : a formal **resolution**

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His comments were intended to weaken her *resolve* but they only served to strengthen it.

a naval pilot who has been unwavering in his *resolve* to become an astronaut

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If anything, the rancor of the protesters has strengthened her *resolve*.

— Joe Marusak, *charlotteobserver*, "Man raped date after she said she worked at an abortion clinic," 26 June 20

VanLoh's approach steeled the *resolve* of critics who would emerge on the KCI debate, those who felt I City Hall was going to foist airport expenses upon residents.

— Steve Vockrodt And Lynn Horsley, *kansascity.com*, "'Original sins': Early errors erode KCI project perception, progress as deadlines loom," 25 June 2017

So on this summer diet plan, the only discipline necessary is the *resolve* to step away, for just a little wf every day, from the online madness.

— Mary Schmich, *chicagotribune.com*, "Reduce the social media in your summer diet," 15 June 2017



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Synonyms

decidedness, decision, decisiveness, determinedness, firmness, granite, purposefulness, resoluteness, resolution, determination, stick-to-itiveness

Antonyms



Phrases Related to RESOLVE

Related Phrases

resolve/settle differences

RESOLVE Defined for English Language Learners

resolve 

verb

Definition of RESOLVE for English Language Learners

: to find an answer or solution to (something) : to settle or solve (something)

: to make a definite and serious decision to do something

: to make a formal decision about something usually by a vote

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resolve

noun

Definition of RESOLVE for English Language Learners

: a strong determination to do something

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verb | re·solve | \ri-'zälv\

Definition of RESOLVE for Students

resolved; resolving

1 : to find an answer to : SOLVE • They *resolved* the difficulty.

2 : to reach a firm decision about something • I *resolve* to work hard.

3 : to decide by a formal resolution and vote

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