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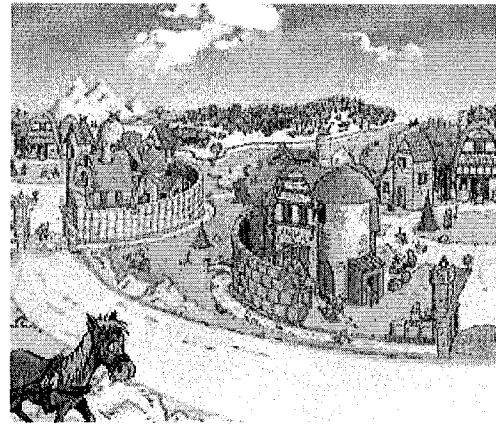
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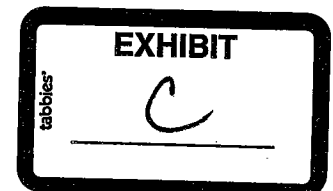
- acquaintance with facts, truths, or principles, as from study or investigation; general erudition: *knowledge of many things.*
 - familiarity or conversance, as with a particular subject or branch of learning: *A knowledge of accounting was necessary for the job.*
 - acquaintance or familiarity gained by sight, experience, or report: *a knowledge of human nature.*
 - the fact or state of knowing; the perception of fact or truth; clear and certain mental apprehension.
 - awareness, as of a fact or circumstance: *He had knowledge of her good fortune.*
 - something that is or may be known; information: *He sought knowledge of her activities.*
 - the body of truths or facts accumulated in the course of time.
 - the sum of what is known: *Knowledge of the true situation is limited.*
 - Archaic.* sexual intercourse. Compare CARNAL KNOWLEDGE.
- adjective
- creating, involving, using, or disseminating special knowledge or information: *A computer expert can always find a good job in the knowledge industry.*
- idiom
- to one's knowledge; according to the information available to one: *To my knowledge he hasn't been here before.*



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 n.


1. The state or fact of knowing.
2. Familiarity, awareness, or understanding gained through experience or study.
3. The sum or range of what has been perceived, discovered, or learned.
4. Learning; erudition: *teachers of great knowledge*.
5. Specific information about something.
6. Carnal knowledge.


[Middle English *knoulech* : *knouen*, *to know*; see **know** + *-leche*, *n. suff.*]

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study or experience. *Knowledge* is the broadest: "*Science is organized knowledge*" (Herbert Spencer).
Information often implies a collection of facts and data: "*A man's judgment cannot be better than the information on which he has based it*" (Arthur Hays Sulzberger).
Learning usually refers to knowledge gained by schooling and study: "*Learning ... must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence*" (Abigail Adams).
Erudition implies profound, often specialized knowledge: "*Some have criticized his poetry as elitist, unnecessarily impervious to readers who do not share his erudition*" (Elizabeth Kastor).
Lore is usually applied to knowledge gained through tradition or anecdote about a particular subject: "*Many American folktales concern the lore of frontier life*.
Scholarship is the mastery of a particular area of learning reflected in a scholar's work: "*A good journal article shows ample evidence of the author's scholarship*."

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knowledge

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knowledge

noun
 the psychological result of perception and learning and reasoning [syn: *cognition*]

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knowledge¹ [ˈnɒlɪdʒ] *noun*

the fact of knowing
 Example: *She was greatly encouraged by the knowledge that she had won first prize in the competition.*

<i>Arabic:</i> معرفة	<i>Japanese:</i> ~を知っていること
<i>Chinese (Simplified):</i> 知道	<i>Korean:</i> 인식
<i>Chinese (Traditional):</i> 知道	<i>Latvian:</i> zināšana
<i>Czech:</i> zpráva	<i>Lithuanian:</i> žinojimas
<i>Danish:</i> kendskab	<i>Norwegian:</i> kjennskap, viten
<i>Dutch:</i> wetenschap	<i>Polish:</i> wiedza
<i>Estonian:</i> teadmine	
<i>Finnish:</i> tieto	

<i>French:</i> connaissance	<i>Portuguese (Brazil):</i> conhecimento
<i>German:</i> das Wissen	<i>Portuguese (Portugal):</i> conhecimento
<i>Greek:</i> γνώση	<i>Romanian:</i> cunoaștere
<i>Hungarian:</i> vminek az ismeretében	<i>Russian:</i> известие
<i>Icelandic:</i> vitneskja	<i>Slovak:</i> správa
<i>Indonesian:</i> pengetahuan	<i>Slovenian:</i> zavešt
<i>Italian:</i> conoscenza	<i>Spanish:</i> conocimiento
	<i>Swedish:</i> vetskap, kännedom
	<i>Turkish:</i> bilme, haberdar olma

knowledge² ['nɒlɪdʒ] *noun*

information or what is known

Example: *He had a vast amount of knowledge about boats.*

<i>Arabic:</i> منظومات	<i>Japanese:</i> 知識
<i>Chinese (Simplified):</i> 知识	<i>Korean:</i> 지식
<i>Chinese (Traditional):</i> 知識	<i>Latvian:</i> zināšanas
<i>Czech:</i> vědomost, znalost	<i>Lithuanian:</i> žinios
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<i>Italian:</i> conoscenza*	<i>Turkish:</i> bilgi, malûmat

knowledge³ ['nɒlɪdʒ] *noun*

the whole of what can be learned or found out

Example: *Science is a branch of knowledge about which I am rather ignorant.*

<i>Arabic:</i> علم	<i>Japanese:</i> 学問
<i>Chinese (Simplified):</i> 学问	<i>Korean:</i> 지식, 학문
<i>Chinese (Traditional):</i> 學問	<i>Latvian:</i> zināšanas
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<i>Dutch:</i> wetenschap	<i>Polish:</i> wiedza
<i>Estonian:</i> teadmus, tunnetus	<i>Portuguese (Brazil):</i> conhecimento
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<i>French:</i> savoir	<i>Romanian:</i> știință
<i>German:</i> die Wissenschaft	<i>Russian:</i> знание
<i>Greek:</i> το σύνολο	<i>Slovak:</i> poznanie
	<i>Slovenian:</i> vedenje
	<i>Spanish:</i> conocimiento, saber

<p>των γνώσεων, το επιστητό</p> <p><i>Hungarian:</i> tudomány <i>Icelandic:</i> þekking <i>Indonesian:</i> pengetahuan <i>Italian:</i> sapere</p>	<p><i>Swedish:</i> vetande, vetenskap, lärdom</p> <p><i>Turkish:</i> bilim, ilim</p>
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See also: knowledgeable, general knowledge

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knowledge *artificial intelligence, information science*

The objects, concepts and relationships that are assumed to exist in some area of interest. A collection of knowledge, represented using some knowledge representation language is known as a knowledge base and a program for extending and/or querying a knowledge base is a knowledge-based system.

Knowledge differs from data or information in that new knowledge may be created from existing knowledge using logical inference. If information is data plus meaning then knowledge is information plus processing.

A common form of knowledge, e.g. in a Prolog program, is a collection of facts and rules about some subject.

For example, a knowledge base about a family might contain the facts that John is David's son and Tom is John's son and the rule that the son of someone's son is their grandson. From this knowledge it could infer the new fact that Tom is David's grandson. See also Knowledge Level.

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Ac*knowl"edge), v. t. [imp. & p. p. Acknowledged; p. pr. & vb. n. Acknowledging.] [Prob. fr. pref. a- + the verb knowledge. See Knowledge, and cf. Acknow.]

1. To of or admit the knowledge of; to recognize as a fact or truth; to declare one's belief in; as, to acknowledge the being of a God.

I acknowledge my transgressions. --Ps. li. 3.

For ends generally acknowledged to be good. --Macaulay.

2. To own or recognize in a particular character or relationship; to admit the claims or authority of; to give recognition to.

In all thy ways acknowledge Him. --Prov. iii. 6.

By my soul, I'll ne'er acknowledge thee. --Shak.

3. To own with gratitude or as a benefit or an obligation; as, to acknowledge a favor, the receipt of a letter.

They his gifts acknowledged none. --Milton.

4. To own as genuine; to assent to, as a legal instrument, to give it validity; to avow or admit in legal form; as, to acknowledge a deed.

Syn: To avow; proclaim; recognize; own; admit; allow; concede; confess.

Usage: Acknowledge, Recognize. Acknowledge is opposed to keep back, or conceal, and supposes that something had been previously known to us (though perhaps not to others) which we now feel bound to lay open or make public. Thus, a man acknowledges a secret marriage; one who has done wrong acknowledges his fault; and an author acknowledges his obligation to those who have aided him; we acknowledge our ignorance. Recognize supposes that we have either forgotten or not had the evidence of a thing distinctly before our minds, but that now we know it (as it were) anew, or receive and admit in on the ground of the evidence it brings. Thus, we recognize a friend after a long absence. We recognize facts, principles, truths, etc., when their evidence is brought up fresh to the mind; as, bad men usually recognize the providence of God in seasons of danger. A foreign minister, consul, or agent, of any kind, is recognized on the ground of his producing satisfactory credentials. See also Confess.

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Knowl"edge, n. [OE. knowlage, knowlege, knowleche, knowleche. The last part is the Icel. suffix -leikr, forming abstract nouns, orig. the same as Icel. leikr game, play, sport, akin to AS. I[=a]c, Goth. laiks dance. See Know, and cf. Lake, v. i., Lark a frolic.]

1. The act or state of knowing; clear perception of fact, truth, or duty; certain apprehension; familiar cognizance; cognition.

Knowledge, which is the highest degree of the speculative faculties, consists in the perception of the truth of affirmative or negative propositions. --Locke.

2. That which is or may be known; the object of an act of knowing; a cognition; -- chiefly used in the plural.

There is a great difference in the delivery of the mathematics, which are the most abstracted of knowledges. --Bacon.

Knowledges is a term in frequent use by Bacon, and, though now obsolete, should be revived, as without it we are compelled to borrow "cognitions" to express its import. --Sir W. Hamilton.

To use a word of Bacon's, now unfortunately obsolete, we must determine the relative value of knowledges. --H. Spencer.

3. That which is gained and preserved by knowing; instruction; acquaintance; enlightenment; learning; scholarship; erudition.

Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. --1 Cor. viii. 1.

Ignorance is the curse of God; - Knowledge, the wing wherewith we fly to heaven. --Shak.

4. That familiarity which is gained by actual experience; practical skill; as, a knowledge of life.

Shipmen that had knowledge of the sea. --1 Kings ix. 27.

5. Scope of information; cognizance; notice; as, it has not come to my knowledge.

Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldst take knowledge of me? --Ruth ii. 10.

6. Sexual intercourse; -- usually preceded by carnal; as, carnal knowledge.

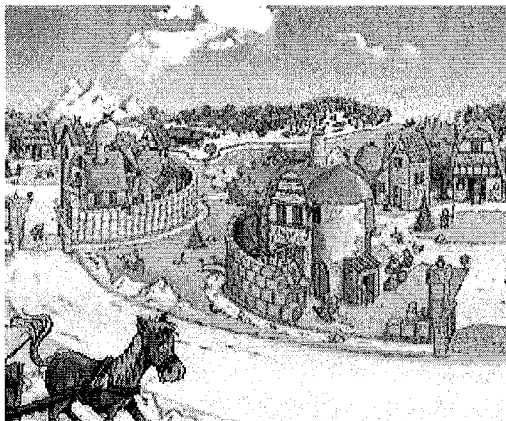
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