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Latin, as above Latin exemplum, akin to eximere to take out (ex- ex-1 + emere to buy, origin, originally take); replacing Middle English example Middle French example Middle English exa(u)mple 13501400 1. Example, sample, specimen refer to an individual phenomenon taken as representative of a type, or to a part representative of the whole. Example is used of an object, condition, etc. that is assumed to illustrate a certain principle or standard:a good example of baroque architecture.Sample refers to a small portion of a substance or to a single representative of a group or type that is intended to show what the rest of the substance or the group is like:a sample of yarn.Specimen usually suggests that the "sample" chosen is intended to serve a scientific or technical purpose:a blood specimen; zoological specimens. 2. Seeideal.3. Seeecase1. Collins Concise English Dictionary HarperCollins Publishers:-example /zɪmp/ n a specimen or instance that is typical of the group or set of which it forms part; sample a person, action, thing, etc. that is worthy of imitation; pattern: you must set an example to the younger children a precedent, illustration of a principle, or model: an example in a maths book a punishment or the recipient of a punishment serving or intended to serve as a warning; the headteacher made an example of him/or example as an illustration; for instance vb (transitive; now usually passive) to present an example of; exemplifyEtymology: 14th Century; from Old French, from Latin exemplum pattern, from eximere to take out, from ex- 1 + emere to purchase noun (6)verb (used with object) (1)View synonyms for exampleone of a number of things, or a part of something, taken to show the character of the whole.This painting is an example of his early work.Synonyms: specimen, samplea pattern or model, as of something to be imitated or avoided an instance serving for illustration; a representative case.The case histories gave carefully detailed examples of this disease an instance illustrating a rule or method, as a mathematical problem proposed for solution an instance, especially of punishment, serving as a warning to others.Public executions were meant to be examples to the populace.a precedent; parallel case.an action without example.Rare.to give or be an example of; exemplify (used in the passive)a specimen or instance that is typical of the group or set of which it forms part; samplea person, action, thing, etc. that is worthy of imitation; patternyou must set an example to the younger childrena precedent, illustration of a principle, or modelan example in a maths booka punishment or the recipient of a punishment serving or intended to serve as a warningthe headmaster made an example of himas an illustration; for instanceCollins English Dictionary Complete & Unabridged 2012 Digital Edition William Collins Sons & Co. 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See case 1.Examples have not been reviewed.When he encounters strong resistance from, for example, the courts and the public, he appears to back down, which buys time to regroup and find other ways to advance his agenda.For example, the World Health Organization says adults should do at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity every week.He points to the continuing trade talks between Canada and the US as an example of the change in atmosphere.The scenes from the Barasoain Church north of the Philippine capital Manila soon went viral on social media and made the rounds as another example of Filipino resilience in the face of calamity.The building of infrastructure to power AI systems, for example, will create high-paying jobs for Americans, the plan said.casellustrationlessonobjectpartpatternprecedentsymbolexaminershipexamineBrowse#aabcbccdeeffghhijikkllmmnnoppqrrssttuuvvwxxyzzAboutCareersContact usCookies, terms, & privacyHelpFollow usGet the Word of the Day every day! 2025 Dictionary.com, LLCas in instance, modelView definitions for exampleExamples have not been reviewed.When he encounters strong resistance from, for example, the courts and the public, he appears to back down, which buys time to regroup and find other ways to advance his agenda.For example, the World Health Organization says adults should do at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity every week.He points to the continuing trade talks between Canada and the US as an example of the change in atmosphere.The scenes from the Barasoain Church north of the Philippine capital Manila soon went viral on social media and made the rounds as another example of Filipino resilience in the face of calamity.The building of infrastructure to power AI systems, for example, will create high-paying jobs for Americans, the plan said.From Roget's 21st Century Thesaurus, Third Edition Copyright 2013 by the Philip Lief Group.Browse#aabcbccdeeffghhijikkllmmnnoppqrrssttuuvvwxxyzzAboutCareersContact usCookies, terms, & privacyHelpFollow usGet the Word of the Day every day! 2025 Dictionary.com, LLC From Middle English example, from Old French essample (French: exemple), from Latin exemplum (literally what is taken out (as a sample), a sample, pattern, specimen, copy for imitation, etc.), from exim (take out), from ex (out) + em (buy; acquire); see exempt. Compare ensample, sample, exemplar. Displaced native Middle English bisne, forbus, forbusen (example, model, template, exemplar) (from Old English bsen, forebsen, forebsen (example, model, template, exemplar) and Middle English byspel (example, proverb) (from Old English bspel). From Wiktionary Middle English from Old French example, essaumple, from Latin exemplum from eximere to take out ex- ex- emere to take em- in Indo-European roots From American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, 5th Edition Also found in: Thesaurus, Legal, Acronyms, Idioms, Wikipedia. (g-zmpl)n. 1. One that is representative of a group as a whole: the squirrel, an example of a rodent; introduced each new word with examples of its use.2. One serving as a pattern of a specific kind: set a good example by arriving on time.3. A similar case that constitutes a model or precedent: a unique episode, without example in maritime history.4. a. A punishment given as a warning or deterrent: saw the boy's suspension as an example to all students considering breaking the rules.b. One that has been given such a punishment: made an example of the offender.5. A problem or exercise used to illustrate a principle or method.Idiom: for example As an illustrative instance: Wear something simple; for example, a skirt and blouse.[Middle English, from Old French example, essaumple, from Latin exemplum, from eximere, to take out - ex, ex- + emere, to take; see em- in Indo-European roots.]Synonyms: example, instance, illustration, specimen These nouns refer to what is representative or serves to explain a larger group or class. An example is a typically representative part that demonstrates the character of the whole. "Of the despotism to which unrestrained military power leads we have plenty of examples from Alexander to Mao" (Samuel Eliot Morison). An instance is an example that is cited to prove or illustrate a point: offered the statistics as an instance of why the penal system needed to be overhauled. A case is an example belonging to a particular category; a case of life imitating art. An illustration clarifies or explains: "[The author] has provided an illustration of a first-rate experimental mind at work" (Richard Bernstein). Specimen often denotes an individual, representative member of a group or class: This poem is an excellent specimen of her work.American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. (zmpl) n1. a specimen or instance that is typical of the group or set of which it forms part; sample2. a person, action, thing, etc. that is worthy of imitation; pattern: you must set an example to the younger children. 3. a precedent, illustration of a principle, or model: an example in a maths book. 4. a punishment or the recipient of a punishment serving or intended to serve as a warning: the headmaster made an example of him. 5. for example as an illustration; for instancevb (tr; now usually passive) to present an example of; exemplify(C14; from Old French, from Latin exemplum pattern, from eximere to take out, from ex-1 + emere to purchase[Collins English Dictionary Complete and Unabridged, 12th Edition 2014 HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014 (gzp pl, -zm) n. v. -pled, -pling. n. 1. one of a number of things, or a part of something, taken to show the character of the whole. 2. a pattern or model, as of something to be imitated or avoided: to set a good example. 3. an instance serving for illustration; specimen. 4. an instance illustrating a rule or method, as a mathematical problem proposed for solution. 5. an instance, esp. of punishment, serving as a warning to others. 6. a precedent; parallel case: an action without example. v.t. 7. to give or be an example of; exemplify (used in the passive). 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'for example'When you mention an example of something, you often say 'for example'.Switzerland, for example, has four official languages.There must be some discipline in the home. For example, I do not allow my daughter to play with my computer.Be Careful!Don't say 'by example'.Collins COBUILD English Usage HarperCollins Publishers 1992, 2004, 2011, 2012Past participle: exempladGerund: exemplingImperative:PresentPreteritePresent ContinuousPresent PerfectPast ContinuousPast PerfectFuture ContinuousPresent Perfect ContinuousFuture Perfect ContinuousPast Perfect ContinuousPast Perfect ConditionalPast ConditionalCollins English Verb Tables HarperCollins Publishers 2011 Noun1.example - an item of information that is typical of a class or group; "this patient provides a typical example of the syndrome"; "there is an example on page 10"instance, illustration, representativeinformation - knowledge acquired through study or experience or instructionapology, excuse - a poor excuse for an automobile'exception - an instance that does not conform to a rule or generalization; "all her children were brilliant; the only exception was her last child"; "an exception tests the rule"quintessence - the most typical example or representative of a typesample - a small part of something intended as representative of the wholespecimen - an example regarded as typical of its class2.example - a representative form or pattern; "I profited from his examples"loadstar, lodestar - something that serves as a model or guideopitome, prototype, paradigm, image - a standard or typical example; "he is the prototype of good breeding"; "he provided America with an image of the good father"microcosm - a miniature model of somethingarchetype, original, pilot - something that serves as a model or a basis for making copies; "this painting is a copy of the original"template, templet, guide - a model or standard for making comparisonsprefiguration - an example that prefigures or foreshadows what is to come3.example - something to be imitated; "an exemplar of success"; "a model of clarity"; "he is the very model of a modern major general'exemplar, good example, modelideal - the idea of something that is perfect; something that one hopes to attainbeaut, beauty - an outstanding example of its kind; "his roses were beauties"; "when I make a mistake it's a beaut"pacemaker, pacesetter - a leading instance in its field; "the new policy will be a pacesetter in community relations"pattern - a model considered worthy of imitation; "the American constitution has provided a pattern for many republics"prodigy - an impressive or wonderful example of a particular quality; "the Marines are expected to perform prodigies of valor"4.example - punishment intended as a warning to others; "they decided to make an example of him"deterrent example, object lesson, lessonadmonition, word of advice, monition, warning - cautionary advice about something imminent (especially imminent danger or other unpleasantness); "a letter of admonition about the dangers of immorality"; "the warning was to beware of surprises"; "his final word of advice was not to play with matches"5.example - an occurrence of something; "it was a case of bad judgment"; "another instance occurred yesterday"; "but there is always the famous example of the Smiths'happening, natural event, occurrence, occurrent - an event that happenshumiliation, mortification - an instance in which you are caused to lose your prestige or self-respect; "he had to undergo one humiliation after another"bit, piece - an instance of some kind; "it was a nice piece of work"; "he had a bit of good luck"time, clip - an instance or single occasion for some event; "this time he succeeded"; "he called four times"; "he could do ten in a clip"6.example - a task performed or problem solved in order to develop skill or understanding; "you must work the examples at the end of each chapter in the textbook"lesson - a task assigned for individual study; "he did the lesson for today"Based on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.noun1. instance, specimen, case, sample, illustration, case in point, particular case, particular instance, typical case, exemplification, representative case, xample (S.M.S.) examples of sexism and racism in the police force2. illustration, model, ideal, standard, norm, precedent, pattern, prototype, paradigm, archetype, paragon, exemplar, xample (S.M.S.) This piece is a perfect example of symphonic construction.3. warning, lesson, caution, deterrent, admonition, xample (S.M.S.) We were punished as an example to others, for example as an illustration, like, such as, for instance, to illustrate, by way of illustration, exempli gratia (Latin), e.g., to cite an instance You could, for example, walk instead of taking the car.Proverbs'Practise what you preach"Collins Thesaurus of the English Language Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002noun3. A closely similar case in existence or in the past.4. An instance that warns or discourages prospective imitators:The American Heritage Roget's Thesaurus. Copyright 2013, 2014 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. 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Ltd. 1980 HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2007Collins Italian Dictionary 1st Edition HarperCollins Publishers 1995 (gzamp) noun1. something that represents other things of the same kind; a specimen, an example of his handwriting, voorbeeld exemplo vzorek, ukzka das Beispiel eksempel ejemplo midis ote spicmen primjer, uzorak mnta(darab) contoh dmi esempio, campione , pavyzdys paraugs contoh staaljeeksempel, eksempelpryzkad exemplo exemplu, specimen ukka primer primer prov rnek mu 2. something that shows clearly or illustrates a fact etc. Can you give me an example of how this word is used? model exemplo pklad das Beispiel eksempel ejemplo midis esimerkki example primjer plda contoh dmi esempio , pavyzdys piemrs contoh voorbeeldeksempel, prvepryzkad exemplo exemplu zgled primer exempel rnek, misal v d 3. a person or thing that is a pattern to be copied. She was an example to the rest of the class. voorbeeld exemplo vzor das Vorbild eksempel; forbillede ejemplo eeskjuu esikuva exemple primjer plda teladan formdi, fyrimynd esempio (i) pavyzdys paraugs contoh voorbeeldeforbilde, eksempelvzr exemplo exemplu (pentru) vzor zgled primer fredne mek insan/davran : gng for example (often abbreviated to eg) (idi) for instance; as an example. Several European countries have no sea-coast for example, Switzerland and Austria. lyvoorbeeld por exemplo napklad zum Beispiel, beispjelsweise for eksempel; f.eks.; fx por ejemplo niteks esimerkiksi par exemple na primjer pldul misalnya til dmis per esempio pavyzdui piemram sebagai contoh bijvoorbeeldfor eksempel na pryzkad por exemplo de exemplu napklad na primer na primer til exempel, exempelvis mein, mesei chng hn make an example of to punish as a warning to others. The judge decided to make an example of the young thief and sent him to prison for five years. as voorbeeld laat dien tornar un exemplo exemplrn potrestat ein Exempel statuieren statuere et eksempel dar un castigo ejemplar teistele hoiatuseks karistama tehd varoittava esimerkki faire un exemple de primjerno kazniti pldsan megbntet vkit menghukum sebagai contoh pada orang yang lain refsa e-m (rum til varnaar) dare una punizione esemplare nubausti k, kad bt pamoka kitiems sodt kdu par brdijnumu contoh dijadiikan contoh tot voorbeeld stelen straffe til skrekk og advarsel ukara dla pryzkadu tornar un exemplo/azer exemplo em, castigar exemplarmente a da olecie potresta na vstrahu (kaznovati) v svarilen zgled kazniti nekog za primer statuera ett exempel libret olsun dive ceza vernek , pht al lm gng set (someone) an example to act in such a way that other people will copy one's behaviour. Teachers must set a good example to their pupils. n voorbeeld stel dar exemplo dvat pklad ein gutes Beispiel gehen lade vre til eksempel; foreg med et godt eksempel dar buen ejemplo heaks eeskjuus olema toimia esikuvana donner l'exemple biti primjerom pldt mutat membri teladan gefa gott formdi dare il buon esempio rodyty pavyzd rnt piemru contoh een voorbeeld geven vre et godt forbilde dava (komu) pryzkad dar exemplo a da un exemplu dva prklad dajati zgled dati primer freg med gott exempel rnek olnak na gng tt Kernerman English Multilingual Dictionary 2006-2013 K Dictionaries Ltd. pklad eksempel Beispiel ejemplo esimerkki exemple primjer esempio voorbeeld eksempel pryzkad exemplo exempel rnek v d Multilingual Translator HarperCollins Publishers 2009English-Spanish Medical Dictionary Farlex 2012 Want to thank TFD for its existence? Tell a friend about us, add a link to this page, or visit the webmaster's page for free fun content. Link to this page: "Pray, mother," said the young one, "do but set the example yourself, and I will follow you."Of the first, those that had an humble origin and rose to the greatness they still preserve, the Ottoman house may serve as an example, which from an humble and lowly shepherd, its founder, has reached the height at which we now see it.But as a more concise, and at the same time equally satisfactory, evidence, I will refer to the example of two States, attested by two unexceptionable authorities.Here we have an example from everyday, commonplace life.But even as expounded by its author it does not explain, and in truth is incompatible with some incidents of, the occurrences related in these memoranda: for example, the sound of Charles Ashmore's voice.* How, for example, can we obtain such knowledge as the following: "If we look at, say, a red nose and perceive it, and after a little while ekphore, its memory-image, we note immediately how unlike, in its likeness, this memory-image is to the original perception" (A. "I don't care who knows it -- I think we are both of us shamefully ill-used!" With those words, the young lady followed her sister's example by seating herself on a hall chair and looking aimlessly out through the open house door."These STRULDBRUGS and I would mutually communicate our observations and memorials, through the course of time; remark the several gradations by which corruption steals into the world, and oppose it in every step, by giving perpetual warning and instruction to mankind; which, added to the strong influence of our own example, would probably prevent that continual degeneracy of human nature so justly complained of in all ages.The deeds of Gogomy and his fellows had been a bad example for the one hundred and fifty new recruits.Let us suppose an inhabitant of some remote and superior region, yet unskilled in the ways of men, having read and considered the precepts of the gospel, and the example of our Saviour, to come down in search of the true church: if he would not inquire after it among the cruel, the insolent, and the oppressive; among those who are continually grasping at dominion over souls as well as bodies; among those who are employed in procuring to themselves impunity for the most enormous villainies, and studying methods of destroying their fellow-creatures, not for their crimes but their errors; if he would not expect to meet benevolence, engage in massacres, or to find mercy in a court of inquisition, he would not look for the true church in the Church of Rome.As the number of the sides increases, a Polygon approximates to a Circle; and, when the number is very great indeed, say for example three or four hundred, it is extremely difficult for the most delicate touch to feel any polygonal angles.But when the tragic incident occurs between those who are near or dear to one another--if, for example, a brother kills, or intends to kill, a brother, a son his father, a mother her son, a son his mother, or any other deed of the kind is done these are the situations to be looked for by the poet. 1 : a person or way of behaving that is seen as a model that should be followed [count] He was inspired by the example of his older brother. [=he wanted to do what his older brother did] You should try to follow her example. [=try to do as she does] Let that be an example to you! [=let that show you what you should or should not do] He set a good/bad example for the rest of us. It's up to you to set an example. [=to behave in a way that shows other people how to behave] [+] more examples [-] hide examples [+] Example sentences [-] Hide examples [noncount] She chooses to lead by example. [=to lead by behaving in a way that shows others how to behave] 2 [count] a : someone or something that is mentioned to help explain what you are saying or to show that a general statement is true She gave/offered several examples to show that the program is effective. b : something or someone chosen from a group in order to show what the whole group is like We've chosen three examples of contemporary architecture for closer study. a classic example of the artist's work 3 [count] a : a phrase or sentence that shows how a word is used The dictionary includes thousands of examples. b : something (such as a problem that a student has to solve) that is used to teach how a rule or process works for example used when you are mentioning a specific person or thing that helps to explain what you are saying or to show that a general statement is true Things are getting better. Last year, for example [=for instance], the company achieved record sales in Europe. It was obvious that her memory was failing. For example, she would often forget where she put her car keys. A lot of my friends were thereJohn and Linda, for example, make an example of If you make an example of a person who has done something wrong, you punish that person as a way of warning other people not to do the same thing. Although it was only his first offense, the judge decided to make an example of him and sentence him to prison.

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