

institute

'ɪnstɪtju:t/

noun

1. **1.**
an organization having a particular purpose, especially one that is involved with science, education, or a specific profession.
"the Institute of Architects"
synonyms: [organization](#), [establishment](#), [institution](#), [foundation](#), [centre](#); [More](#)
2. **2.**
archaic
a commentary, treatise, or summary of principles, especially concerning law.
"Coke's Institutes of the Laws of England"
verb
1. **1.**
introduce or establish (a scheme, undertaking, or policy).
"the state instituted a national lottery"
synonyms: set in motion, put in motion, get under way, get going, get off the ground, get in operation, [start](#), [begin](#), [initiate](#), [launch](#), lay the foundations of, lay the first stone of, sow the seeds of, set up, [inaugurate](#), [found](#), [establish](#), put in place, [organize](#), get working, get functioning, [activate](#), [actuate](#), [generate](#), [cause](#), bring about;
2. **2.**
appoint (someone) to a position, especially as a cleric.
"his sons were **instituted to** the priesthood"
synonyms: [install](#), [instate](#), [induct](#), [invest](#), [inaugurate](#), [introduce](#), admit into office, swear in, [initiate](#);

institution

in·sti·tu·tion

(ɪn'stɪ-tuʊ'shən, -tyoʊ'-)

n.

1. The act of instituting: *the institution of reforms.*

2.

a. A custom, practice, relationship, or behavioral pattern of importance in the life of a community or society: *the institutions of marriage and the family.*

b. *Informal* One long associated with a specified place, position, or function.

3.

a. An established organization or foundation, especially one dedicated to education, public service, or culture.

b. The building or buildings housing such an organization.

c. A place for the care of persons who are destitute, disabled, or mentally ill.

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institution

(,ɪnstɪˈtʃuːʃən)

n

1. the act of instituting

2. an organization or establishment founded for a specific purpose, such as a hospital, church, company, or college

3. the building where such an organization is situated

4. an established custom, law, or relationship in a society or community

5. (Stock Exchange) Also called: **institutional investor** a large organization, such as an insurance company, bank, or pension fund, that has substantial sums to invest on a stock exchange

6. a constant feature or practice: *Jones' drink at the bar was an institution.*

7. (Ecclesiastical Terms) the appointment or admission of an incumbent to an ecclesiastical office or pastoral charge

8. (Ecclesiastical Terms) *Christian theol* the creation of a sacrament by Christ, esp the Eucharist

,ɪnstɪˈtʃuːʃənəri *adj*

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in•sti•tu•tion

(,ɪn stɪˈtʃən, -ˈtju-)

n.

1. an organization or establishment devoted to the promotion of a cause or program, esp. one of a public, educational, or charitable character.
2. the building devoted to such work.
3. a place for the care or confinement of people, as mental patients.
4. a well-established and structured pattern of behavior or of relationships that is accepted as a fundamental part of a culture: *the institution of marriage*.
5. any established law, custom, etc.
6. any familiar, long-established person, thing, or practice; fixture.
7. the act of instituting.
8.
 - a. the establishment by Christ of a sacrament, esp. the Eucharist.
 - b. the investment of a cleric with a spiritual charge.

[1350–1400; Middle English < Latin *institutio*]

inˈstiˌtuˈtionˌerɪ, *adj.*

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institution

- First a noun of action or process that became a general and abstract noun describing something objective and systematic.

See also related terms for [objective](#).

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Institution

an established or organized society, usually with its own premises.

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Thesaurus Antonyms Related Words Synonyms Legend:

N 1 institution - an organization founded and united for a specific purpose
ou .
n [establishment](#)

[organization](#), [organisation](#) - a group of people who work together

[medical institution](#) - an institution created for the practice of medicine

[financial institution](#), [financial organisation](#), [financial](#)

[organization](#) - an institution (public or private) that collects funds (from the public or other institutions) and invests them in financial assets

[issuer](#) - an institution that issues something (securities or publications or currency etc.)

[charity](#) - an institution set up to provide help to the needy

[company](#) - an institution created to conduct business; "he only invests in large well-established companies"; "he started the company in his garage"

[organized](#)

[religion](#), [religion](#), [faith](#) - an institution to express belief in a divine power; "he was raised in the Baptist religion"; "a member of his own faith contradicted him"

[vicariate](#), [vicarship](#) - the religious institution under the authority of a vicar

[educational institution](#) - an institution dedicated to education

[honorary society](#), [academy](#) - an institution for the advancement of art or science or literature

2 institution - an establishment consisting of a building or complex of buildings where an organization for the promotion of some cause is situated

[establishment](#) - a public or private structure (business or governmental or educational) including buildings and equipment for business or residence

[nursing home](#), [rest](#)

[home](#), [home](#) - an institution where people are cared for; "a home for the elderly"

[orphans' asylum](#), [orphanage](#) - a public institution for the care of orphans

[penal facility](#), [penal](#)

[institution](#) - an institution where persons are confined for punishment and to protect the public

3 institution - a custom that for a long time has been an important feature of some group or society ; "the institution of marriage"; "the institution of slavery"; "he had become an institution in the theater"

[custom](#), [tradition](#) - a specific practice of long standing

[levirate](#) - the biblical institution whereby a man must marry the widow of his childless brother in order to maintain the brother's line

4 institution - the act of starting something for the first time; introducing something new; "she looked forward to her initiation as an adult"; "the foundation of a new scientific society"

[founding](#), [instauration](#), [origination](#), [initiation](#), [innovation](#), [creation](#), [foundation](#), [introduction](#)

[commencement](#), [start](#), [beginning](#) - the act of starting something; "he was responsible for the beginning of negotiations"

[authorship](#), [paternity](#) - the act of initiating a new idea or theory or writing; "the authorship of the theory is disputed"

5 institution - a hospital for mentally incompetent or unbalanced person

[insane asylum](#), [mental home](#), [mental hospital](#), [mental institution](#), [psychiatric hospital](#), [asylum](#)

[booby hatch](#), [crazy house](#), [cuckoo's nest](#), [funny farm](#), [funny house](#), [loony bin](#), [madhouse](#), [nut house](#), [nuthouse](#), [sanatorium](#), [snake pit](#), [Bedlam](#) - pejorative terms for an insane asylum

[hospital](#), [infirmery](#) - a health facility where patients receive treatment

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noun

1. [establishment](#), [body](#), [centre](#), [school](#), [university](#), [society](#), [association](#), [college](#), [institute](#), [organization](#), [foundation](#), [academy](#), [guild](#), [conservatory](#), [fellowship](#), [seminary](#), [seat of learning](#) *Class size varies from one type of institution to another.*

2. [custom](#), [practice](#), [tradition](#), [law](#), [rule](#), [procedure](#), [convention](#), [ritual](#), [fixture](#), [rite](#) *I believe in the institution of marriage.*

3. [creation](#), [introduction](#), [establishment](#), [investment](#), [debut](#), [foundation](#), [formation](#), [installation](#), [initiation](#), [inauguration](#), [enactment](#), [inception](#), [commencement](#), [investiture](#) *the institution of the forty-hour week*

4. [home](#), [hostel](#), [residential care](#)
[home](#), [asylum](#), [prison](#) *He spent 40 years in an institution before being released last year.*

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institution

noun

The act of founding or establishing:

[constitution](#), [creation](#), [establishment](#), [foundation](#), [organization](#), [origination](#), [start-up](#).

Translations

Spanish / Español

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institution

[ˌɪnstɪˈtjuːʃən] *N*

1. (= *act, founding*) → [fundación](#) *f*, [institución](#) *f*; (= *initiation*) → [iniciación](#) *f* (*Jur*) [*of proceedings*] → [entablación](#) *f*

2. (= *organization*) → [institución](#) *f*

3. (= *workhouse*) → [asilo](#) *m*; (= *madhouse*) → [manicomio](#) *m*; (= *hospital*) → [hospital](#) *m*

4. (= *custom*) → [institución](#) *f*

tea is a British institution → el té es una [institución](#) en [Gran Bretaña](#)

it is too much of an institution to abolish → es una [costumbre](#) demasiado [arraigada](#) para poder abolirla

5. (= *person*) *he became an institution at the Daily Star* → se [convirtió](#) en toda una [institución en el](#) Daily Star

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institution

→ [institución](#)

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institution

n. institución; fundación; establecimiento; [*mental*] asilo, manicomio; [*home for the aged*] asilo de ancianos.

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institution

n asilo, residencia, hospital *m*, establecimiento que ofrece cuidados prolongados (*esp. para pacientes psiquiátricos*); **mental** — hospital psiquiátrico *or* mental

