

Adapt

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“Adapt” is a verb that talks about change. It is used in a few different ways. Here is the meaning and some example sentences:

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The verb “adapt” means to change something to use it for a new or different purpose. It is similar to modify.

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- + She always **adapts** the design to suit the individual customer.
- + The church was **adapted** for use first as a shopping arcade and then as a pub.
- + Hospitals have had to **adapt** to modern medical practices.
- + We often **adapt** interesting articles to be used in our lessons.
- + Before the internal combustion engine was **adapted** for boats, travelling the oceans required a lot of man power.

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Another related meaning of the verb “adapt” means to change to new conditions.

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- + Large companies are often slow to **adapt** to new innovations.
- + Being able to **adapt** to the conditions and terrain is what makes a great skier.
- + Unless the batter has a plan and can **adapt** to playing conditions, they will make a lot of mistakes.
- + The birds on the different islands **adapted** over time to the different conditions.

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The last meaning of the verb “adapt” is about changing a text to be used for a movie, on the radio, or on the stage.

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- + The film was **adapted** from a short story by Chekov.
- + The musical that has been wowing audiences was **adapted** from a 1960s movie.
- + Films are rarely as good as the books they are **adapted** from.
- + Today’s play was **adapted** for the radio by Steve Mclean.

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The pronunciation is /ə' dapt/.

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