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adjective Idioms jump to other results (often disapproving) tending to follow what is done or considered acceptable by society in general; normal and ordinary, and perhaps not very interestingconventional behaviour/moralityShe's very conventional in her views. opposite unconventionalExtra ExamplesHe turned out to be a very conventional young man.The imagery in the poem is somewhat conventional.They rejected what they saw as the hypocrisy of conventional society.Oxford Collocations DictionaryverbsadverbSee full entry [usually before noun] following what is traditional or the way something has been done for a long timeconventional methods/approachestIt's not a hotel, in the conventional sense, but rather a whole village turned into a hotel.You can use a microwave or cook it in a conventional oven. opposite unconventionalExtra ExamplesHer face is not beautiful in conventional terms.My sister was taught to read by more conventional methods.Raising such a large amount of money from conventional sources would be difficult.She had a fairly conventional start to her career.Oxford Collocations DictionaryverbsadverbSee full entry [usually before noun] (of medical treatment) using the usual scientific methods of Western medicine such as artificial drugs and operationsconventional medicineConventional treatments for this condition have been only partially successful. compare alternative medicine, complementary medicineTopics Healthcaresb2 [usually before noun] (especially of weapons) not nuclearconventional forces/weaponsA conventional war would still cause unacceptable devastation.a conventional power station (= using oil or coal as fuel, rather than nuclear power) Word Originate 15th cent. (in the sense relating to a formal agreement or convention): from French conventionnel or late Latin conventionalis, from Latin conventio(n-) meeting, covenant, from the verb convenire assemble, agree, fit, from con- together + venire come.Idioms conventional/received/popular wisdom the view or belief that most people holdConventional wisdom has it that riots only ever happen in cities.Extra ExamplesConventional wisdom has it that all sense of community has gone, but that is not the case where I live.The received wisdom is that the book is always better than the film.Contrary to conventional wisdom, stress is not always a bad thing.Popular wisdom has it that higher oil prices are bad for economic growth. See conventional in the Oxford Advanced American DictionarySee conventional in the Oxford Learner's Dictionary of Academic English adjective (8)View synonyms for conventionalconforming or adhering to accepted standards, as of conduct or taste.pertaining to convention or general agreement; established by general consent or accepted usage; arbitrarily determined.Synonyms: customary, habitual, usualordinary rather than different or original.conventional phraseology.not using, making, or involving nuclear weapons or energy; nonnuclear.Art.in accordance with an accepted manner, model, or tradition.(of figurative art) represented in a generalized or simplified manner.of or relating to a convention, agreement, or compact.Law.resting on consent, express or implied.of or relating to a convention or assembly.following the accepted customs and proprieties, esp in a way that lacks originalityestablished by accepted usage or general agreementof or relating to a convention or assemblylaw based upon the agreement or consent of partiesarts represented in a simplified or generalized way: conventionalized(of weapons, warfare, etc) not nuclearCollins English Dictionary Complete & Unabridged 2012 Digital Edition William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012conventionally adverbconventionalist nounanticonventional adjectiveanticonventionally adverbanticonventionalist nounnonconventional adjectivenonconventionally adverbquasi-conventional adjectivequasi-conventionally adverbsemiconventional adjectivevesemiconventionally adverbExamples have not been reviewed.But dense forest and tree canopies made cellphones and conventional radio frequencies useless.Since the conventional broadcast season is over, there are no live sports telecasts to boost overall network numbers.The 23-year-old has operated predominantly down the middle as a conventional number 10 for much of this season, but at times he struggled in that position.The King's views, including on the environment, were "once seen as an outlier, but now many elements have been accepted and adopted as conventional thought and mainstream practice, embraced around the world".The endgame, when we get to it, could not be any more conventional which, I imagine, is the idea.currentordinaryregulartraditionaltypicalconventionconventionalismBrowse#aabbcdddeeffghhhijjkkllmmnnoppqrrssttuuvvwxxyzzAboutCareersContact usCookies, terms, & privacyHelpFollow usGet the Word of the Day every day! 2025 Dictionary.com, LLCConventionalA convention is a set of agreed, stipulated, or generally accepted standards, norms, social norms, or criteria, often taking the form of a custom.In a social context, a convention may retain the character of an "unwritten law" of custom (for example, the manner in which people greet each other, such as by shaking each other's hands). Certain types of rules or customs may become law and sometimes they may be further codified to formalize or enforce the convention (for example, laws that define on which side of the road vehicles must be driven).In physical sciences, numerical values (such as constants, quantities, or scales of measurement) are called conventional if they do not represent a measured property of nature, but originate in a convention; for example an average of many measurements, agreed between the scientists working with these values. Also found in: Thesaurus, Legal, Financial, Acronyms, Idioms, Encyclopedia, Wikipedia.Related to conventional: Conventional weapons (kn-vnsh-nl)adj. 1. Based on or in accordance with general agreement, use, or practice; customary: conventional symbols; a conventional form of address.2. Conforming to established practice or accepted standards; traditional: a conventional church wedding.3. a. Devoted to or bound by conventions to the point of artificiality; ceremonious.b. Unimaginative; conformist: longed to escape from their conventional, bourgeois lives.4. Represented, as in a work of art, in simplified or abstract form.5. Law Based on consent or agreement; contractual.6. Of, relating to, or resembling an assembly.7. Using means other than nuclear weapons or energy: conventional warfare; conventional power plants.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. (knvnnl) adj.1. following the accepted customs and proprieties, esp in a way that lacks originality: conventional habits. 2. established by accepted usage or general agreement3. of or relating to a convention or assembly4. (Law) law based upon the agreement or consent of parties5. (Art Terms) arts represented in a simplified or generalized way; conventionalized6. (Military) (of weapons, warfare, etc) not nuclear (Bridge) bridge another word for convention7Collins English Dictionary Complete and Unabridged, 12th Edition 2014 HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014 (knvn nl) adj. 1. conforming or adhering to accepted standards, as of conduct or taste. 2. pertaining to or established by general consent or accepted usage: conventional symbols. 3. ordinary rather than different or original. 4. not using nuclear weapons or energy: conventional weapons; conventional warfare. 5. in accordance with an accepted manner, model, or tradition in art. 6. of or pertaining to a compact or convention. 7. of or pertaining to a convention or assembly. Random House Kernerman Webster's College Dictionary, 2010 K Dictionaries Ltd. Copyright 2005, 1997, 1991 by Random House, Inc. All rights reserved. Adj.1. conventional - following accepted customs and proprieties; "conventional wisdom"; "she had strayed from the path of conventional behavior"; "conventional forms of address:"formal - being in accord with established forms and conventions and requirements (as e.g. of formal dress); "pay one's formal respects"; "formal dress"; "a formal ball"; "the requirement was only formal and often ignored"; "a formal education"unoriginal - not original; not being or productive of something fresh and unusual; "the manuscript contained unoriginal emendations"; "his life had been unoriginal, conforming completely to the given pattern"- Gwethalyn Grahamunconventional - not conforming to accepted rules or standards; "her unconventional dress and hair style"unconventional - not conventional or conformist; "unconventional life styles"2.conventional - conforming with accepted standards; "a conventional view of the world"orthodox - adhering to what is commonly accepted; "an orthodox view of the world"3.conventional - (weapons) using energy for propulsion or destruction that is not nuclear energy; "conventional warfare"; "conventional weapons"nuclear, atomic - (weapons) deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy; "nuclear war"; "nuclear weapons"; "atomic bombs"4.conventional - unimaginative and conformist; "conventional bourgeois lives"; "conventional attitudes"unconventional - not conventional or conformist; "unconventional life styles"5.conventional - represented in simplified or symbolic formbeaux arts, fine arts - the study and creation of visual works of artnonrepresentational - of or relating to a style of art in which objects do not resemble those known in physical nature6.conventional - in accord with or being a tradition or practice accepted from the past; "a conventional church wedding with the bride in traditional white"; "the conventional handshake"traditional - consisting of or derived from tradition; "traditional history"; "traditional morality"7.conventional - rigidly formal or bound by convention; "their ceremonious greetings did not seem heartfelt"formal - being in accord with established forms and conventions and requirements (as e.g. of formal dress); "pay one's formal respects"; "formal dress"; "a formal ball"; "the requirement was only formal and often ignored"; "a formal education"Based on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection, 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.adjective1. proper, conservative, correct, formal, respectable, bourgeois, genteel, staid, conformist, decorous, Pooterish a respectable married woman with conventional opinions4. original, routine, stereotyped, pedestrian, commonplace, banal, prosaic, run-of-the-mill, hackneyed, vanilla (slang) This is a rather conventional work by a mediocre author: unoriginal abnormal, uncommon, unconventional, off-the-wall (slang), unorthodox, left-field (informal)Collins Thesaurus of the English Language Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002adjective3. Fond of or given to ceremony:ceremonious, courtly, formal, punctilious.The American Heritage Roget's Thesaurus. Copyright 2013, 2014 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. herkmmlichkonventionelltraditionellkonvensjonelltradisjonsbundeti trd med skikk og bruktheo tp qun thng thngCollins Spanish Dictionary - Complete and Unabridged 8th Edition 2005 William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1971, 1988 HarperCollins Publishers 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2005Collins English/French Electronic Resource. HarperCollins Publishers 2005 adj dress, attitudes, warfare, weapons konventionell; person, behaviour also konventionsgebunden; philosophy, beliefs, theory, manner, technique herkmmlich; theatre, music, style traditionell; symbol, mealtimes normalerweise blich; it is conventional to do something es ist normalerweise blich, etw zu tun; conventional medicine konventionelle Medizin; in the conventional sense im herkmmlichen SinnCollins German Dictionary Complete and Unabridged 7th Edition 2005. William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1980 HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2007Collins Italian Dictionary 1st Edition HarperCollins Publishers 1995 (knvenn) noun1. a way of behaving that has become usual: (an) established custom. Shaking hands when meeting people is a normal convention in many countries: He does not care about convention. konvensie, gebruik conveno konvence, spoletensk zvyklost der Brauch, die Frmlichkeit skik og brug; sdvane , convencin tava kynt usage - sastanak, skuptina illem(szabhyok) adat sivenja; vitekin regla convenzione elgisio norma, sigalusi nuostata, konvencija konvencija; paraa kelaziman konventiesklisk og bruk, konvensjonzycczaj, konwencja : () : : conveno obicei konvencia navada konvencija konvencion, vedertaget bruk gelenek, det ; quy c 2. in the United States a meeting of delegates from a political party for nominating a presidential candidate. kongres conveno pedvolebn sjezd die Versammlung, der Parteitag konvent convencin konvensi estinduskogu puolekokous convention konvencija konvensi konvensi rstefna convention, convegno suvaiaivimas sanksm konvensyen conventiellandsnte konvencja, zjazd : () : : : conveno convenie konvencia politini shod kongres konvent kongre () 'hi ngh conventional adjective (negative unconventional) according to the accepted standards etc; not outrageous or eccentric. conventional dress; the more conventional forms of art. konvensioneel convencional konvennt herkmmlch konventionel; traditionel , convencional kombekohane sovinnainen conventionnel uobiajen, prihvaen hagyommys konvensional vitekinn, venjulegur convezionale visutoinai primtas, prastinis, konvencionalus konvencionalis; visprpieemts; parasts konvensional conventioneelkonvensjonell, vanlig, i trd med skikk og bruk, tradisjonsbundet zvycczajowy, stereotypowy : convencional convencional konvennt obiajen, standarden konvencionalan konventionell, sedvanlig, traditionsbunden geleneksell, allagelmi , thng conventionality (-n-) noun vormlikheid convencionalismo konvennost die Herkmmllichkeit konventionalisme; traditionel holdning , convencionalismo kombekohasus sovinnaisuus usag(e)s admis konvencionalnost konvensi, szkcs, hagyomny adat istiadat sivenjufesta, viteknar venjur konvenzionalit , prastumas, konvencionalumas konvencionalitte; pieemto sabiedrisko normu ievroana sifat yang konvensional conventionaliteit konvensjonalisme, tradisjonsbundet holdning konvencjonalno convencionalismo konvensionalism konvennos konvencionalnost konvencionalnost traditionsbundenhet geleneksellik, treclilik theo quy c Kernerman English Multilingual Dictionary 2006-2013 K Dictionaries Ltd. konvennt konventionel traditionell convencionalan sovinnainen conventionnel konvencionalan convencionaloneel konvensjonell konwencjonalny convencional konventionell gelenekssel theo tp qun thng thng Multilingual Translator HarperCollins Publishers 2009English-Spanish/Spanish-English Medical Dictionary Copyright 2006 by The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. All rights reserved. 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: If they continued to sing like their great predecessor of romantic themes, they were drawn as by a kind of magnetic attraction into the Homeric style and manner of treatment, and became mere echoes of the Homeric voice; in a word, Homer had so completely exhausted the epic genre, that after him further efforts were doomed to be merely conventional. Only the rare and exceptional genius of Vergil and Milton could use the Homeric medium without loss of individuality; and this quality none of the later epic poets seem to have possessed."What's the good of Mercator's North Poles and Equators, Tropics, Zones, and Meridian Lines?" So the Bellman would cry; and the crew would reply "They are merely conventional signs!While the Italian author represents his gentlemen and ladies as selfishly fleeing from the misery of a frightful plague in Florence to a charming villa and a holiday of unreflecting pleasure, the gaiety of Chaucer's pilgrims rests on a basis of serious purpose, however conventional it may be.You despise my mother-I know you do--because she's conventional and bothers over puddings; but, oh goodness!"--she rose to her feet--"conventional, Cecil, you're that, for you may understand beautiful things, but you don't know how to use them; and you wrap yourself up in art and books and music, and would try to wrap up me.Like all men who have grown up in society, Prince Andrew liked meeting someone there not of the conventional society stamp.Ellmother burst out--and then, when it was too late, remembered the conventional restraints appropriate to the occasion.Or again he might have chanced on a model of all the virtues, or the repository of all knowledge, or anything equally harmless, conventional, and middle class.Before considering modern theories, let us look first at consciousness from the standpoint of conventional psychology, since this embodies views which naturally occur when we begin to reflect upon the subject.Who, taking his stand on the floor before them as chief executioner, would be attended by a conventional volunteer boy as executioner's assistant.To the Western world, life, save for the conventional hour or so set aside on the seventh day, is a thing profane. The officer's profanity sounded conventional. It relieved the tightened senses of the new men.I didn't come to Europe to lead a merely conventional life, I could do that at Bangor. I always used before a noun a - used and accepted by most people - usual or traditional The number sign is the conventional symbol for labeling something measured in pounds. Today, many patients seek healing through both alternative medicine and conventional medicine. [=the usual methods of healing or treating disease that are taught in Western medical schools] b : of a kind that has been around for a long time and is considered to be usual or typical While microwaves heat up food more quickly, most food tastes better when it is cooked in a conventional oven. 2 [more conventional; most conventional] : common and ordinary : not unusual Most of her books are conventional detective stories. His views on dating are more conventional than those of some of his friends. 3 always used before a noun : not nuclear conventional forces/warfare/war /knvnnlt/ noun [noncount] The conventionality of his views on economics surprised us. conventionally adverb He's not conventionally attractive, but he has an interesting face that is not at all unpleasant to look at.

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