



New Collegiate Dictionary

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ex-plic-a-te \ek-splə-kāt\ *vt* -cat-ed; -cat-ing [L *explicatus*, pp. of *explicare*, lit., to unfold, fr. *ex-* + *plicare* to fold — more at *PLY*] 1: to give a detailed explanation of 2: to develop the implications of; analyze logically *syn* see *EXPLAIN* — **ex-plic-a-tion** \ek-splə-kā-shən\ *n* — **ex-plic-a-tor** \ek-splə-kāt-ər\ *n*

ex-plic-a-tion de texte \ek-splə-kā-syō-də-tekst\ *n*, *pl* *explications de texte* \same\ [F, lit., explanation of text]: a method of literary criticism involving a detailed analysis of each part of a work

ex-plic-a-tive \ek-splik-ət-iv, 'ek-splə-kāt-\ *adj*: serving to explicate: EXPLANATORY; *specif*: serving to explain logically what is contained in the subject <an ~ proposition> — **ex-plic-a-tive-ly** *adv*

explicative *n*: an explicative expression

ex-plic-a-to-ry \ek-splik-ə-tōr-ē, 'ek-(ə)splik-, -tōr-\ *adj*: EXPLICATIVE

ex-plic-it \ik-'splis-ət\ *adj* [F or ML: F *explicite*, fr. ML *explicitus*, fr. L, pp. of *explicare*] 1 *a*: free from all vagueness and ambiguity <an ~ statement of the problem> 2: fully developed or formulated <an ~ statement of his objectives> 3: unreserved and unambiguous in expression 4: externally visible 5: involving direct payment <~ costs> — **ex-plic-it-ly** *adv* — **ex-plic-it-ness** *n*

syn EXPLICIT, EXPRESS, SPECIFIC, DEFINITE *shared meaning element*: perfectly clear and unambiguous *ant* ambiguous

explicit function *n*: a mathematical function defined by an expression containing only independent variables — compare IMPLICIT FUNCTION

ex-plode \ik-'splo-d\ *vb* **ex-plod-ed**; **ex-plod-ing** [L *explodere* to drive off the stage by clapping, fr. *ex-* + *plaudere* to clap] *vt* 1 *archaic*: to drive from the stage by noisy disapproval 2: to bring into disrepute or discredit <~ a rumor> 3: to cause to explode or burst noisily <~ dynamite> <~ a bomb> ~ *vi* 1: to burst forth with sudden violence or noise <~ with anger> 2 *a*: to undergo a rapid chemical or nuclear reaction with the production of noise, heat, and violent expansion of gases <dynamite ~s> <an atomic bomb ~s> *b*: to burst violently as a result of pressure from within — **ex-plod-er** *n*

ex-plod-ed *adj*: showing the parts separated but in correct

exponential function *n*: a mathematical function in which an independent variable appears in one of the exponents — called also *exponential*

ex-po-nen-ti-a-tion \ek-spə-nen-chē-'ā-shən\ *n* [*exponent* + *-iation* (as in *differentiation*)]: INVOLUTION 2

ex-port \ek-'spō(ə)rt, -'spō(ə)rt, 'ek-\ *vb* [L *exportare*, fr. *ex-* + *portare* to carry — more at *FARE*] *vt* 1: to carry away: REMOVE 2: to carry or send (as a commodity) to some other place (as another country) ~ *vi*: to export something abroad — **ex-port-a-bil-i-ty** \(ə)ek-'spōrt-ə-'bil-ət-ē, -'spōrt-\ *n* — **ex-port-able** \ek-'spōrt-ə-bəl, -'spōrt-, 'ek-\ *adj*

ex-port \ek-'spō(ə)rt, -'spō(ə)rt\ *n* 1: something exported; *specif*: a commodity conveyed from one country or region to another for purposes of trade 2: an act of exporting: EXPORTATION <the ~ of wheat>

export \ek-\ *adj*: of or relating to exportation or exports <~ duties>

ex-por-ta-tion \ek-'spōr-'tā-shən, -'spōr-, -'spər-\ *n*: an act of exporting; *also*: a commodity exported

ex-port-er \ek-'spōrt-ər, -'spōrt-, 'ek-\ *n*: one that exports; *specif*: a wholesaler who sells to merchants or industrial consumers in foreign countries

ex-pose \ik-'spōz\ *vt* **ex-posed**; **ex-posing** [ME *exposen*, fr. MF *exposer*, fr. L *exponere* to set forth, explain (perf. indic. *exposui*), fr. *ex-* + *ponere* to put, place — more at *POSITION*] 1 *a*: to deprive of shelter, protection, or care <~ troops needlessly> *b*: to submit or subject to an action or influence; *specif*: to subject (a sensitive photographic film, plate, or paper) to the action of radiant energy *c*: to abandon (an infant) esp. by leaving in the open: DESERT 2: to lay open to view; as *a*: to offer publicly for sale *b*: to exhibit for public veneration *c*: to reveal the face of (a playing card) 3 *a*: to bring to light (as something shameful): UNMASK *b*: to disclose the faults or crimes of <~ a murderer> — **ex-pos-er** *n*

ex-po-sé or **ex-po-se** \ek-spō-'zā, -spə-\ *n* [F *exposé*, fr. pp. of *exposer*] 1: a formal recital or exposition of facts: STATEMENT 2: an exposure of something discreditable <a newspaper ~ of crime conditions>

ex-posed \ik-'spōzd\ *adj* 1: open to view <an ~ card> 2