



# New Collegiate Dictionary

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**ex-plic-ate** \ˈek-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** \ˈek-splə-kā-shən\ *n* — **ex-plic-a-tor** \ˈek-splə-kāt-ər\ *n*

**ex-plic-a-tion de texte** \ˈek-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** \ˈek-splik-ət-iv, ˈek-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** \ˈek-splik-ə-tōr-ē, ˈek-(ə)splik-, -tōr-\ *adj*: *EXPLICATIVE*

**ex-plic-it** \ˈik-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> **b**: fully developed or formulated <an ~ statement of his objectives> 2: unreserved and unambiguous in expression 3: externally visible 4: 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** \ˈik-splod\ *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** \ˈek-spə-nen-chē-ā-shən\ *n* [*exponent* + *-ation* (as in *differentiation*)]: *INVOLUTION* 2

**ex-port** \ˈek-spō(ə)rt, -spō(ə)rt, ˈek-\ *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-abil-i-ty** \ˈ(ə)k-spōrt-ə-bil-ət-ē, -spōrt-\ *n* — **ex-port-able** \ˈek-spōrt-ə-bəl, -ˈspōrt-, ˈek-\ *adj*

**ex-port** \ˈek-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** \ˈek-\ *adj*: of or relating to exportation or exports <~ duties>

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

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

**ex-pose** \ˈik-spōz\ *vt* **ex-posed**; **ex-pos-ing** [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** \ˈek-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** \ˈik-spōzd\ *adj* 1: open to view <an ~ card> 2