



ROOT: “identitas” (v.).

Identify came into use in the 1640s and originates from the French *identifier* meaning to ‘regard as the same’ from Medieval Latin *identificare*, which stems from Late Latin *identitas*. Today, identify means to recognise or establish who or what (someone or something) is; to indicate or distinguish something.

SYNONYMS:

- Recognise
- Distinguish
- Pick out
- Find
- Locate
- Discern
- Establish
- Determine

Type of word: verb

4 syllables: i-den-tif-y

ANTONYMS:

- Miss
- Overlook
- Mistake
- Disregard
- Neglect
- Confuse
- Confound

IDENTIFY

WHEN YOU ARE ASKED TO IDENTIFY :

- GATHER ALL THE NECESSARY INFORMATION
- KNOW & UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR
- TO ACCURATELY **IDENTIFY** SOMETHING INVOLVES CAREFULLY ANALYSING ALL THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE AND CLOSELY PICKING OUT AND/OR RECOGNISING SOMETHING SPECIFIC

EXAMPLES:

We were able to **identify** the plant as belonging to the cactus family.

She woke to a crackling sound and sat up, trying to **identify** it.

QUOTES:

“How do you identify someone who needs encouragement? That person is breathing.”
S. Truett Cathy

“I identify who I am by who I am.”
Maggie Wilderotter

HOW I REMEMBER THE WORD

