

Trust

Main Entry:

¹trust Pronunciation:

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Function:*noun* Etymology:Middle English, probably of Scandinavian origin; akin to Old Norse *traust* trust; akin to Old English *tr?owe* faithful â€” more at [true](#)Date:13th century

1 a: assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something b: one in which confidence is placed

2 a: dependence on something future or contingent : [hope](#) b: reliance on future payment for property (as merchandise) delivered : [credit](#) <bought furniture on *trust*>

3 a: a property interest held by one person for the benefit of another b: a combination of firms or corporations formed by a legal agreement; *especially* : one that reduces or threatens to reduce competition

4*archaic* : [trustworthiness](#)

5 a (1): a charge or duty imposed in faith or confidence or as a condition of some relationship (2): something committed or entrusted to one to be used or cared for in the interest of another b: responsible charge or office c: [care](#), [custody](#) <the child committed to her *trust*>

â€” in trust : in the care or possession of a trustee

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