

Build Your Vocabulary

THE WORD FOR TODAY IS RECONCILE.

Reconcile has several meanings. It's a very handy word!

MEANING #1 for **reconcile** is to agree or become friendly again after a disagreement.

Example:

Sean hoped he would be able to **reconcile** with his father after years of not speaking to him.

MEANING #2 for **reconcile** is to make sure the numbers or facts in two documents match.

Example:

It is good to **reconcile** your checkbook with your bank statement to make sure your total is the same in both documents.

MEANING #3 for **reconcile** is to accept a fact or idea.

Example:

I am **reconciled** to the fact that I need to work hard to get my GED.

TRY THIS

Now read the following sentences and **put the number 1, 2, or 3** after each to show which meaning of **reconcile** is used in that sentence.

1. My sisters had a terrible fight. I traveled home to see them and help them **reconcile** their differences. _____
2. **Reconcile** yourself to the idea that you will have to exercise every day if you want to run the marathon. _____
3. Your estimate of what this project costs is very different from mine. Before we can go to the store to buy the materials we must **reconcile** the two estimates. _____

4. They almost got divorced but just before she hired a lawyer, they were able to **reconcile**.

5. You two are telling me very different accounts of how this clock got broken. You need to **reconcile** your stories. _____

MORE ABOUT RECONCILE!

Reconcile is part of a family of words .

Reconciliation, a noun, is the act of **reconciling**.

Example:

After the **reconciliation**, the two men became better friends than before.

Reconciled is the past tense of the verb to **reconcile**.

Example:

After a long discussion, we **reconciled** our differences.

NOW TRY THIS

Write a paragraph of four sentences about a time you had to make peace with someone. Use the word **reconcile**, **reconciliation**, or **reconciled** in your paragraph.
