utilize

verb uti·lize \'yū-tə-,līz\

Simple Definition of UTILIZE
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- to use (something) for a particular purpose

Full Definition of UTILIZE

uti·lized uti·liz·ing

1. transitive verb
2. to make use of: turn to practical use or account <I'm a great person for utilizing waste power — Robert Frost>

uti·liz·able play\-
li·zə-bəl\ adjective
uti·li·za·tion play\'yū-te-la-`zə-shən\ noun
uti·liz·er play\'yū-te-,lī-zər\ noun

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Examples of UTILIZE
1. Many of the library's resources are not utilized by townspeople.
2. <we must utilize all the tools at our disposal>

Origin of UTILIZE
French utiliser, from utile

First Known Use: 1807