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- 1 : in *person* <attend to the matter *personally*>
- 2 : as a person : in *personality* <*personally* attractive but not very trustworthy>
- 3 : for oneself : as far as oneself is concerned <*personally*, I don't want to go>
- 4 : in a *personal* manner <don't take this *personally*>

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- You will be held *personally* responsible for any losses or damages.
- The player was *personally* criticized by his coach.
- He blamed me *personally* for causing the problem.
- I was *personally* offended by the article.

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