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# 1 minister

*noun* | min·is·ter | \ˈmi-nə-stər\

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Examples: MINISTER in a sentence 

## Definition of MINISTER

- 1 : AGENT
- 2 **a** : one officiating or assisting the officiant in church worship  
**b** : a clergyman especially of a Protestant communion
- 3 **a** : the superior of one of several religious orders —called also *minister-general*  
**b** : the assistant to the rector or the bursar of a Jesuit house
- 4 : a high officer of state entrusted with the management of a division of governmental activities
- 5 **a** : a diplomatic representative (as an ambassador) accredited to the court or seat of government of a foreign state  
**b** : a diplomatic representative ranking below an ambassador

See *minister* defined for English-language learners

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## Examples of MINISTER in a sentence

<the British *ministers* at the international peace conference>



<our *minister* gives an interesting sermon every week>

## Origin and Etymology of MINISTER

Middle English *ministre*, from Anglo-French, from Latin *minister* servant; akin to Latin *minor* smaller



## MINISTER Synonyms

Synonyms

agent, delegate, emissary, envoy, legate, ambassador, representative



## Other Christian Religious Terms

Pentateuch, blasphemy, curate, doxology, eremite, iconoclasm, liturgy, orison, pneuma, reliquary

# <sup>2</sup> minister

verb | min·is·ter

## Definition of MINISTER

**ministered** **ministering** \-st(ə-)rɪŋ\

intransitive verb

- 1 : to function as a minister of religion
- 2 : to give aid or service <*minister* to the sick>

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## First Known Use of MINISTER

## Other Christian Religious Terms

14th century

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# 14th Century

## Phrases related to MINISTER

### Related Phrases

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<sup>1</sup> minister 

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### Definition of MINISTER FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

: a person whose job involves leading church services, performing religious ceremonies (such as marriages), and providing spiritual or religious guidance to other people : a member of the clergy in some Protestant churches

: an official who heads a government department or a major section of a department in some countries (such as Britain)

: a person who represents his or her own government while living in a foreign country

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<sup>1</sup> minister 

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## Definition of MINISTER for Students



- 1 : a person who performs religious ceremonies especially in Protestant church services
- 2 : a government official at the head of a section of government activities <minister of education>
- 3 : a person who represents his or her government in a foreign country

<sup>2</sup> minister   
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## Definition of MINISTER for Students

**ministered** **ministering**

: to give help or care <minister to the sick>

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