

utilize

play

verb uti·lize \ 'yü-tə-, līz\

Simple Definition of UTILIZE

Popularity: Top 30% of words

- : 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\-, lī-zə-bəl\ adjective

uti·li·za·tion play\,yü-tə-lə-'zā-shən\ noun

uti·liz·er play\ 'yü-tə-, lī-zər\ noun

See utilize defined for English-language learners

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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