

Adjust and Its Multiple Forms in Academic Text

Instructions: The word *adjust* has both noun, verb, and adjective forms and occurs quite frequently with other words in academic texts. In this task, you are going to examine example sentences with *adjust* taken from the OER-AEC and answer questions about them. What patterns do you see in the use of *adjust*? Some guiding questions have been provided to help you guess the patterns. You may work with a partner or in a small group if you wish.

Example Sentences

1. It can take years to fully adjust to living in a new culture.
2. How long does it take for wages and prices to adjust, and for the economy to rebound to its potential GDP?
3. In the short run, firms cannot change the usage of fixed inputs, while in the long run, the firm can adjust all factors of production.
4. After adjusting for inflation, the federal minimum wage dropped more than 30 percent from 1967 to 2010, even though the nominal figure climbed from 1.40 to 7.25 per hour.
5. The key question is how expenditures in each category will adjust as national income rises.
6. An adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) is a type of loan that one can use to purchase a home in which the interest rate varies with the rate of inflation.
7. When a price, wage, or interest rate is adjusted automatically with inflation, economists use the term indexed.
8. By 1980, the economy had adjusted back to 4% unemployment and the inflation rate had returned to 2%.
9. Even so, many home heating bills rose, so people adjusted their consumption in other ways, too.
10. The good news for unions and their members is that their members earn about 20% more than nonunion workers, even after adjusting for factors such as years of work experience and education level.
11. The real value is the value after adjusting for changes in inflation.
12. After adjusting to remove the effects of inflation, this represents a roughly 20-fold increase in the economy's production of goods and services.

13. The U.S. income tax is charged on the nominal interest received in dollar terms, without an adjustment for inflation.
14. With a technological improvement that brings about a reduction in costs of production, an adjustment process will take place in the market.
15. In an economy where most people have rational expectations, economic adjustments may happen very quickly.

Questions

1. Can you find some examples of *adjust* as a verb? Write the number of the sentences where *adjust* is a verb.

2. Can you find some examples of *adjust* as a noun? Write the number of the sentences where *adjust* is a noun.

3. How about *adjust* as an adjective?

4. What are the most frequent words which occur before or after *adjust* as a verb?

5. What are the most frequent words which occur before or after *adjust* as a noun?

6. What are the most frequent words which occur before or after *adjust* as an adjective?

7. What else do you notice about the use of *adjust* in academic texts? Can you find some examples of *adjust* being used in the passive voice?
