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adverb

in favor of a proposition, opinion, etc.

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noun, plural pros.

a proponent of an issue; a person who upholds the affirmative in

an argument, consideration, vote, etc., for something.

Compare con^{1} .

Origin:

1350-1400; Middle English < Latin pro (prep) in favor of, for; akin to per-, Greek pró, Sanskrit pra

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adjective

professional.

noun, plural pros.

professional.

the pros, the professional athletic leagues, as of football, baseball, or basketball: He's sure to be signed by the pros.

Origin:

1840-50; shortened form

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Example sentences

Ask them to provide specific examples for their pro and con statements, based

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After the first talk, on the pro side, she had to

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"The essential is to go on squirming forever at the end of the line, as long as there are waters and banks and ravening in heaven a sporting God to plague his creature, per **pro** his chosen shits."

-Samuel Beckett

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pro·fes·sion·al **(1)** [pruh-fesh-uh-nl] adjective

- following an occupation as a means of livelihood or for gain: a professional builder.
- of, pertaining to, or connected with a <u>profession</u>: professional studies.
- appropriate to a <u>profession</u>: professional objectivity.
- engaged in one of the learned <u>professions</u>: A lawyer is a professional person.
- following as a business an occupation ordinarily engaged in as a pastime: a professional golfer.

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noun

- a person who belongs to one of the <u>professions</u>, especially one of the learned <u>professions</u>.
- 11. a person who earns a living in a sport or other occupation frequently engaged in by amateurs: a golf professional.
- an expert player, as of golf or tennis, serving as a teacher, consultant, performer, or contestant; pro.
- 13. a person who is expert at his or her work: You can tell by her comments that this editor is a real professional.

Origin:

1740–50; profession + $-al^{\frac{1}{2}}$

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professional (prəˈfεʃən ə l)

— adi

1.of, relating to, suitable for, or engaged in as a profession 2.engaging in an activity for gain or as a means of livelihood

3.a. extremely competent in a job, etc

- b. (of a piece of work or anything performed) produced with competence or skill
- 4.undertaken or performed for gain or by people who are paid

Example sentences

And finally pantyhose give a sophisticated, polished, finished or **professional**

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-W.H. Auden

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