

# Apprehension & Comprehension differ

## Apprehend is to know<sup>1</sup> by the senses

<b>Apprehend</b>	To perceive.   To seize, applied to Romance language fringe sense, <i>i.e.</i> lay hold with the mind.   To become or to be conscious by the senses of (any external perception).
<b>Δράττομαι</b>	To grasp with the mind (not as in grasping a drachma).
<b>Καταλαμβάνω</b>	To grasp, to seize for oneself. <i>Cf.</i> φαντασία (Phantasia), <i>esp.</i> in Stoicism.
<b>Συλλαμβάνω</b>	To collect, gather together, put together, lay hands on, seize, conceive, grasp the meaning of, comprehend.

## Comprehend is to know by the mind

<b>Comprehend</b>	To understand.   To seize, grasp, lay hold, catch with mind or senses.
<b>Αντιλαμβάνω</b>	To grasp with the mind, perceive, apprehend.

### Examples

“When the light shone in the darknesse, and our darknesse, though it apprehended, yet it comprehended it not.” Austin: *Medit.* 1635

“To *know* may mean either to perceive or apprehend, or it may mean to understand or comprehend. . . . Thus a blind man, who cannot *know* about light in the first sense, may *know* about light in the second, if he studies a treatise on optics.” Ward: *Encycl. Brit.* XX. 49 s.v. *Psychology*

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<sup>1</sup> Knowledge comes from gnosco, gnosis, jnana. Wit, from weid, vide, veda.



## Related Greek words

**Γνωρίζω**

To make known, point out.

**Κατανοέω**

To observe well, understand, appreciate, introspect.

### **Δράσις vs. Πράξις**

**Δράσις**

Strength, efficacy, action (*opp.* of passivity).

**Δράττομαι**

To grasp with the mind (not as in grasping a drachma).

**Δράω**

To accomplish, to do.

**Πράξις**

The result (*esp.* good results) or issue of business, action.



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