

au·then·tic (ô-thĕn' tĭk)

adj.

1. Conforming to fact and therefore worthy of trust, reliance, or belief: an authentic account by an eyewitness.
2. Having a claimed and verifiable origin or authorship; not counterfeit or copied: an authentic medieval sword.

[Middle English *autentik*, from Old French *authentique*, from Late Latin *authenticus*, from Greek *authentikos*, from *authentĕs*, *author*.]

au·then' ti·cal·ly *adv.*

Synonyms: authentic, bona fide, genuine, real¹, true, undoubted, unquestionable

These adjectives mean not counterfeit or copied: *an authentic painting by Corot; a bona fide transfer of property; genuine crabmeat; a real diamond; true courage; undoubted evidence; an unquestionable antique.*

Antonym: [counterfeit](#)

authentic [ɔ:'θentɪk]

adj

1. of undisputed origin or authorship; genuine an authentic signature
2. accurate in representation of the facts; trustworthy; reliable an authentic account

authentically *adv*

authenticity [ɔ:θen'tɪsɪti] *n*

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Pronunciation: \ə-'then-tik, ô-\

Function: *adjective*

Etymology: Middle English *autentik*, from Anglo-French, from Late Latin *authenticus*, from Greek *authentikos*, from *authentĕs* perpetrator, master, from *aut-* + *-hentĕs* (akin to Greek *anyein* to accomplish, Sanskrit *sanoti* he gains)

Date: 14th century

2 a : worthy of acceptance or belief as conforming to or based on fact <paints an authentic picture of our society> **b** : conforming to an original so as to reproduce essential features <an authentic reproduction of a colonial farmhouse> **c** : made or done the same way as an original <authentic Mexican fare>

3 : not false or imitation : [real](#), [actual](#) <based on authentic documents> <an authentic cockney accent>