10/2/23	, 10:06 AM	Miscegenation Definition & Meaning - Merriam-Webster
<	miscegenation	× Q
	Dictionary	Thesaurus

# miscegenation noun

mis·ce·ge·na·tion ()mi-se-jə-'nā-shən ) mi-si-jə-'nā-

Synonyms of *miscegenation* >

: a mixture of races

*especially* : marriage, cohabitation, or sexual intercourse between a white person and a member of another race (see RACE entry 1 sense 1a)

NOTE: The word *miscegenation* is associated especially with historical laws against interracial marriage. In the United States, such laws were declared unconstitutional in 1967.

((,)mi-ˌse-jə-ˈnā-sh(ə-)nəl 🜒 ˌmi-si-jə-ˈnā- adjective

### **Recent Examples on the Web**

In 1934, the Production Code, colloquially known as the Hays Code, was adopted by the industry, officially disallowing onscreen *miscegenation* and interracial romance.

– Mayukh Sen, The New Yorker, 30 Aug. 2023

At first, the musical comedy resembled a plotless revue — until the arrival of Show Boat in 1927, a melodrama about *miscegenation* with lofty aspirations.

– *Vulture*, 28 Mar. 2023

Many of the traditional dishes are the product of *miscegenation* and mixed foods that were consumed in Europe with others that were consumed by indigenous peoples, such as broad beans or nopales.

- Imelda García, Dallas News, 17 Mar. 2023

See More ∨

<

#### Miscegenation Definition & Meaning - Merriam-Webster

f the word 'miscegenation.' Any opinions ibout these examples.

Dictionary

Thesaurus

## Etymology

irregular from Latin *miscēre* to mix + *genus* race — more at MIX, KIN

#### **First Known Use**

1863, in the meaning defined above

### **Time Traveler**

#### The first known use of miscegenation was in 1863

See more words from the same year

anti-miscegenation

#### miscatalog

#### miscegenation

miscella

See More Nearby Entries >

Style MLA

"Miscegenation." *Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary*, Merriam-Webster, https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/miscegen ation. Accessed 2 Oct. 2023.

<			
	Dictionary	Thesaurus	
f	Y		
Facebook	Twitter		

# miscegenation noun

mis·ce·ge·na·tion (()mis-ej-ə-'nā-shən () mis-i-jə-'nā-

: marriage or interbreeding between persons of different races

Thesaurus: All synonyms and antonyms for *miscegenation* Britannica.com: Encyclopedia article about *miscegenation* 

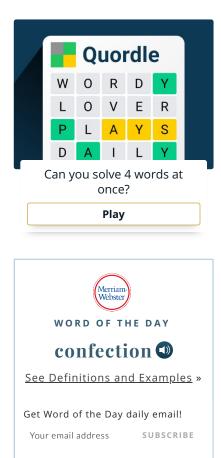
Last Updated: 11 Sep 2023 - Definition revised

## Love words? Need even more definitions?

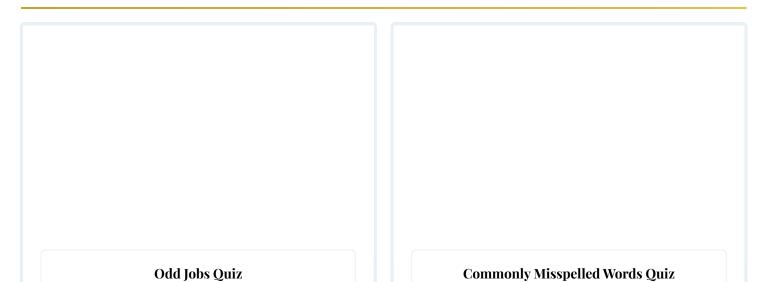
Subscribe to America's largest dictionary and get thousands more definitions and advanced search—ad free!

MERRIAM-WEBSTER UNABRIDGED

Dictionary Thesaurus



## Word Games



#### Miscegenation Definition & Meaning - Merriam-Webster

		correct can't save you now.
Dictionary	Thesaurus	
lake the quiz		Take the quiz
True or False?		Spelling Bee Quiz
Test your knowledge - and maybe learn something a		Can you outdo past winners of the National Spelli
Take the quiz		Take the quiz

Learn a new word every day. Delivered to your inbox!

Your email address

SUBSCRIBE

#### OTHER MERRIAM-WEBSTER DICTIONARIES

MERRIAM-WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY SCRABBLE® WORD FINDER MERRIAM-WEBSTER DICTIONARY API NGLISH - SPANISH-ENGLISH TRANSLATION BRITANNICA ENGLISH - ARABIC TRANSLATION

Browse the Dictionary: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z 0-9 BIO GEO

Home | Help | About Us | Shop | Advertising Info | Dictionary API | Contact Us | Join MWU | Videos | Word of the Year | Kid's Dictionary | Law Dictionary | Medical Dictionary | Privacy Policy | Terms of Use

Browse the Thesaurus | Browse the Medical Dictionary | Browse the Legal Dictionary | Browse the Kid's Dictionary

© 2023 Merriam-Webster, Incorporated

<

Dictionary

Thesaurus