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noun

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

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: 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-se-jə-'nā-sh(ə-)nəl (.)mi-si-jə-'nā- **adjective**

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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

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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

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: marriage or interbreeding between persons of different races

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