

Vocabulary: “adroit”

The word “adroit” is from Old French meaning “dextrous” or “rightly”. The original meaning was:

- upright (physically and morally);
- able;
- clever;
- skillful;
- well-formed;
- handsome;
- on the right-hand side;
- veritable.

It came from the phrase “à droit” which means "to the right".

adroit – quick and skilful in body or mind (*hábil, ágil, inteligente, destro, astuto*)

adroitness – the quality of being adroit (*habilidade, inteligência, destreza*)

maladroit – lacking in adroitness (*inábil, desajeitado, desastrado*)