

To reconcile means to restore friendly relations, make different ideas or facts agree, or check financial accounts for accuracy. It comes from Latin roots meaning to bring back together.

Key Meanings and Uses

• In Relationships:

- Two people who fought or broke up become friends again.
- Couples work out their problems to stay together.

• In Ideas and Facts:

- Two different or opposite things are shown to be true at the same time.
- Making two different stories or records match up.

• In Money and Accounting:

- Comparing two financial records, like a bank statement and checkbook, to make sure they match.
- Finding and fixing any errors so the numbers balance.

• Accepting a Hard Truth:

- Learning to accept an unpleasant situation that you cannot change.