present 1

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Syllabification: pres·ent
Pronunciation: /ˈprez(e)nt/

adjective

1 [predicative] (Of a person) in a particular place: a doctor must be present at the ringside the speech caused embarrassment to all those present
More example sentences

- We have an inside source who was present at the rally and is familiar with the reporters involved.
- However they were present in large numbers and settled for a short procession inside the church.
- Insiders ask whether he should have been present rather than delegating decision-making to his chief executive.
- Michael's parents, David and Marie, were present to thank everyone for their generosity.
- Military officials have said the order to strike again would not have been given had many bystanders been present.
- Friends were present and they called for help - paramedics and firefighters from the Aston station attended.
- All ten of us were present and accounted for as we went down into the subway station for our next ride.
- It is a holy land, which means a place where God is uniquely present and available.
- Heads turned to see if the visitor was still present and available.
- People came from far and near to be present for this special ceremony in a church that was rebuilt in 1821.
- She said even if the commission did not require Rowley to attend, he would like to be present to testify.
- I recently attended a reception in London at which the Queen was present.
- He said Mr Pepper had attended a funeral at which Frank and Thomas Murphy were present.
- Mr. Connor was present in the Townhall on Friday night but did not attend the event.
- Relatives and friends expend considerable effort to be present when death is near.
- He was present, and ready to commence the procedure immediately.

Synonyms
in attendance, here, there, near, nearby, (close/near) at hand, available
View synonyms

1.1(Of a thing) existing or occurring in a place or thing: organic molecules are present in comets
More example sentences

- It is estimated that some several million tonnes of CFCs are present in the atmosphere.
- The next step is to remove any loose or flaking paint that may be present near the joint by scraping
or sanding.

- The mercury compound was present in a series of child vaccines available in the UK.
- Today we read of three different ways that God is present and available to God's people.
- In almost all the comets examined, the spots were present only in the head of the comet.
- Formaldehyde is just one of several gases present indoors that may cause illnesses.
- In advanced cases, walking without support becomes impossible and pain may be present even during rest.

Synonyms

**in existence, existing, existent**

View synonyms

2 [attributive] Existing or occurring now: *she did not expect to find herself in her present situation*  
More example sentences

- Given the present situation, it seems that no long or short term planning was ever done to meet the growing power demand.
- A tram link between Interchange and Forster Square stations would be slightly better than the present situation.
- There is an awful description in use about the present situation - the ‘new normal’.
- The society's ruling council said it was ‘deeply concerned’ at the present situation.
- You have said that a unified movement of the peoples of the South is a prerequisite for change in the present situation.
- But in his present situation, his dwindling resources could not feed even one mouth.
- She has no doubt that the present situation is adding an extra burden to what is already a very traumatic time for people.
- And he described the present situation as one where feelings are still running high.
- Scepticism there may be, but the present situation is unsatisfactory and ineffective.
- Conversely, others see the present situation as a buying opportunity.
- All councillors feel that we would like to reverse the situation but the present bed shortage makes this impossible.
- The present situation is unsatisfactory in many ways, and should not be allowed to continue.
- The present situation is such that harmful chemicals are added for preservation.
- The present situation is intolerable both for the residents and for the Travellers.
- Given the present situation, it would be easy to be cynical about the magnitude of the task.
- We are all fed up of the present situation, so let's work together on creative solutions and get our lives back.
- Even tourists who make an occasional visit recognise the stupidity of the present situation.
- It will highlight the circumstances that led her into her present situation.
- The present crime situation should serve as a spring-board to unite people of all walks of life.
- Independence doesn't necessarily mean isolation, which would be suicidal in the present world situation.

Synonyms

**current, present-day, existing**

View synonyms

2.1 Now being considered or discussed: *the present article cannot answer every question*  
More example sentences

- The present article will discuss some general principles by which music is given clarity and unity.
- He was of course discussing the present draft guidelines for the conservation of wild Atlantic salmon.
• The possible reasons for the discrepancy in the present data set are discussed later.
• The present article describes the procedure used to share the role of researcher/author.
• In the present article, the authors examined mercury in human saliva as a pollutant.
• The present article is in part based on material drawn from my doctoral dissertation.
• In the main part of the present article we assume that this is always the case.
• The present application will be discussed by the planning committee next Tuesday.
• But in the present discussion this is not the true comparison at all.
• The present discussions follow working-level talks held in the past two days in Seoul.
• The present discussion is concerned only with the universal human rights system.
• In my opinion, the answer in the present case should also be no.
• Some of the major findings of the present study are highlighted and discussed below.
• The office issued an Article 14 notice, which now puts the present scheme on hold.
• The present model adds a new twist to the discussion of how motor reversals are brought about.
• The present answer to that question is that a company's mind is the mind of its senior officers.
• In the event, for present purposes, there is a short answer to Mr. Swainston's point.
• The scope of the present text does not facilitate a detailed discussion thereof.
• The present volume aims to provide an answer to this fundamental question.
• I won't go on too much about the root cause of my present worry but I feel that a big part of it has
to do with my current living situation.

2.2 Grammar (Of a tense or participle) expressing an action now going on or habitually performed or a
condition now existing.
Example sentences

• The only problem is that it looks or sounds for the most part, therefore, exactly the same as the
present tense of the verb.
• It should be clear that an apology has to be in the first person, and in the present tense.
• Another peculiarity of headlinese is that it is almost always in the present tense.
• Pashto has a rich agreement mechanism, but one that is manifested differently in the present and
past tenses.
• Most of the worst novels were written in the first person narrative present tense.

noun

[in singular] (usually the present) Back to top
1The period of time now occurring: they are happy and at peace, refusing to think beyond the present
More example sentences

• The play is set in the present and covers a period of around one month in Spring.
• You see, the game takes place in two time periods: the past and the present.
• So far now she keeps up her hopes for the future while surviving in the present.
• It offers stunning examples of most every architectural style, from the Middle Ages to the present.
• This provides an effective and clever bridge from the past to the present.
• These books, by predicting the future, have the ability to take you out of the present for a few
moments.
• The plight of Aboriginal people today has just as much to do with the past as with the present.
• The story moves between the present, the past and perhaps a little bit of an uncertain future.
• In other words, we can use the present to try to explain the past, and the past to explain the present.
• One of the risks of being a historian of the present, of course, is that events can overtake you.
• It made you realize that you simply had no control or power over your present or future.

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Looking deep into Jim's eyes she saw her past, her present and her future.

The present and the future were so much more interesting than the past.

We cannot let our future be shaped by those who care only about their present.

The present is always more important than the future because we know little about the future and a fair amount about what is happening now.

The past that historians portray must be one out of which the present can plausibly have grown.

He wonders if concern about the future prevents us from enjoying the present.

We have all kinds of ways of imagining the future that distract us from actually living in the present.

If this is to be the future I have condemned myself to, then let my present be a little more noticeable.

There is even talk of a book on women's cricket detailing its beginnings, its present and its future.

Synonyms

now, today, the present time/moment, the here and now

View synonyms

1.1 Grammar A present tense: the verbs are all in the present

See also historic present.

More example sentences

But instead of referring to him in the past tense here, I've referred to him in the present.

Headlines are written in the present: Bus kills man.

**Phrases**

at present

1

Now: *membership at present stands at about 5,000*

More example sentences

- Michael is in hospital at present and it is hoped that he will soon be back playing cards.
- I would have to look out on to a car park, rather than the trees I see at present.
- I doubt that they are all deceased as they were all about my age and I am 70 at present.
- On the Dover-Calais route six ships will be operated compared with seven at present.
- If granted, this would allow them to continue the centre's operations as at present.
- Petrol prices are very high at present and there have been calls for the government to act to reduce them.
- This is particularly dedicated to anyone who's going through a bit of a tough patch at present.
- The main focus at present in the back to school theme that all school goers must face up to.
- In six years the landfill site will be full and at present there are no plans to dig up more countryside for this.
- At present there are 164 grammar schools, concentrated mainly in Kent and Yorkshire.

Synonyms

**at the moment**, just now, right now, at the present time, currently, at this moment in time

View synonyms

for the present

2

**For now**: temporarily.

Example sentences
It now appears that the tax credit program is safe for the present.
I am also introducing a Finance Bill, seeking to continue the existing tax structure for the present.
I believe that for the present, at least, our major contributions lie in this area.
So he has started working as a media planner in a big advertising agency where he feels comfortable, for the present.
Now the Straylands scheme has been stopped, for the present at least, would it not be an opportune time to look at alternatives?
Marriage is also definitely out of the question for the present.
The bus service which was operating from the Coleman car park has been suspended for the present.
In Turkey's case, it comes a distant second to football, for the present anyway.
This is nicely mechanical work, not requiring much mental effort, and it suits me for the present.
However, it is understood that the finance for the film has not yet been secured and it is on hold for the present.
I don't know how long any of these will stay, but for the present it's enough.

Synonyms

*for the time being*, *for now*, *for the moment*, for a while, *temporarily*, pro tem

View synonyms

(there is) no time like the present

3

Used to suggest that something should be done now rather than later: “When do you want me to leave?” “No time like the present.”

More example sentences

- But nevertheless, no time like the present to begin.
- ‘We have to start winning soon,’ he said, ‘and there's no time like the present.’
- If you haven't had a chance to contribute yet, well… there's no time like the present!
- Well, no time like the present to correct an old mistake.
- There's no time like the present to raft through the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

present company excepted

4

*Excluding* those who are here now.

Example sentences

- He is a really smart guy, he's been managing editor of ‘The New York Times’ and he has been writing I would say the best column in American journalism over the past two years, present company excepted.
- Present company excepted, I think it's just an excuse for the vain and shallow to fill their otherwise empty leisure time.
- Well, I think we do know that the television media - present company excepted of course - have not been giving him a very good break.
- Everybody I know is dead now, present company excepted.
- Well, frankly, present company excepted, Mike and Jenny are the only Christians I ever met who behaved at all like what I've heard of Christ.
- I'm the best thing this Department ever had, present company excepted.

these presents
More example sentences

- Should there be any conflict between these presents and the Contract Documents these presents shall prevail.
- The Trustee may determine all questions and doubts arising in relation to any of the provisions of these presents and the Security Documents.
- All moneys received by the Trustee under these presents and/or under the Security Documents shall be held by the Trustee upon trust to apply them.

Origin

Middle English: via Old French from Latin praesent- 'being at hand', present participle of praeesse, from prae 'before' + esse 'be'.

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- Latin praeesse ‘to be at hand’ was formed from prae ‘before’ and esse ‘be’. This was the source of presence (Middle English), present both in the time sense and ‘to give’, and, via the Latin variant praesentare ‘place before’, of the sense ‘a gift’.

Words that rhyme with present

bezant, omnipresent, peasant, pheasant, pleasant

Definition of present in:

- British & World English dictionary
- English synonyms
- US English synonyms

There are 3 main definitions of present in English:

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Syllabification: pre·sent

Pronunciation: /prәˈzent/

verb

[with object]
1 (present something to) Give something to (someone) formally or ceremonially: a top executive will present an award to employees who built the F-150

More example sentences

- Terese Capucilli's award will be presented to her at the ceremony by actor and graphics designer Bill Randolph.
- The trophy was presented by best-selling author Bill Bryson who described it as a very exciting match.
- Ruth, 18, offered to present the painting to Mr Bayley as a memento of York, the floods and the exhibition.
- The Bowling Green last week Wednesday presented 27,900 baht towards the Lions club's hospital fund.
- The Whitecross Hospice Fundraising Committee is presenting a cheque to Newry Hospice.
- The prizes were presented recently at a ceremony in the Tower Hotel.
- Cllr Beattie gave a short speech praising the efforts of all the exhibitors and committee members before presenting the prizes.
- The inaugural Bob Hope Award was to be presented to Oprah Winfrey.
- The Special Olympics Host Town Committee presented a special prize to Cathal Quinn for scoring a hole-in-one.
- The Committee presented a cheque to St Aidan's National School on Sunday night last.
- The prize will be presented at a ceremony in New York on September 24.
- Mickey Dolenz of American band the Monkees presented one of the awards at the ceremony.
- The first Golden Sheaf Award was presented in 1956, when it was decided that the festival should present a grand prize.
- Awards will also be presented for top comeback, fair play, official and community sport volunteer.
- Regional award winners will go forward for selection for the national special awards due to be presented in spring 2004.
- Nominations close on Monday, April 30, and the awards will be presented at a ceremony June 20.
- The theatre beat off strong competition from all over the country to clinch the award, which was presented at a gala ceremony at London's Royal Court Theatre.
- After the game Patsy Hobbert presented the James Hobbert Memorial Cup to a delighted Stacks' captain Eoin Colgan.
- Outside the factory, his good works included presenting Rowntree Park to the city and starting work on New Earswick model village.
- In 1944, Miss Matilda Talbot presented Lacock to the National Trust, and until recently the area known as the ‘museum garden’, was simply a grassed-over space scattered with trees and shrubs.

Synonyms
hand over/out, give (out), confer, bestow, award, grant, accord

View synonyms
1.1 (present someone with) Give someone (something) ceremonially: my students presented me with some flowers

More example sentences

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**present**: definition of present in Oxford dictionary (American English) (US)

1.2 Show or offer (something) for others to **scrutinize** or consider: he **stopped and presented his passport**

More example sentences

- He's kick-started the process by studying many of the proposals on offer and presenting this draft plan of action.
- The joint committee, which presents a preliminary report this autumn, comprises three Liberal Democrats, 12 Labour, seven Tories and two crossbenchers.
- All you will have to do to take advantage of the offer is to present your card when you make your purchase.
- Be sure to put all important communications in writing and consider ideas carefully before presenting them.
- The budget committee is tasked with presenting a PAP budget for approval at the leaders' summit in July.
- The mayor and chairmen of the four main committees will be presenting their reviews of the year and there will be a public question session.
- Quite a strong argument was presented to the committee that we should remove ancillary activities altogether from the bill.

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- Stephanie Donnelly was presented with £200 in gift vouchers by TV presenter Philippa Forrester.
- Chief Superintendent Garry Shewan, head of Bury police, presented David with a Divisional Commander's Award.
- Another colleague and neighbour, Joe Boyle, presented Paddy with a holiday gift voucher and a fishing rod.
- Coun Brian Baldwin, Wigan council's cabinet member for leisure and culture, presented Derrick with his award.
- Pat Noone presented Mary with a gift certificate on behalf of the group.
- Henry presented Dorian with a gift - a book about a young man's passions, sins and vileness.
- Guild Hall in East Hampton, N.Y., recently presented Ross Bleckner with a lifetime achievement award in the visual arts.
- In 1993 the Queen presented Dr Marx with a lifetime service award and a college medal from the Royal College of Anaesthetists.
- She had lovingly cared for her, took her out on the days she had off, and presented her with as many gifts as her income would allow.
- Pincay, who retired two years ago after riding an unparalleled 9,530 winners, will present Threewitt with the award on July 9 at Hollywood Park.
- Suffolk Downs will present McCarron with a gift from the track and will salute his career with a video presentation of his riding highlights.
- With the permission of his employers, Shipley Paint, Ian turned up at the school on Wednesday to present Larissa with some gift vouchers.
- In 2004 he was presented with the Ivor Novello Award for outstanding contribution to British music.
- Dr. Richard Thorn, Director of IT Sligo, presented David Nixon with a contribution from the Institute and its staff towards his training centre in Zambia.
- Headteacher Hazel Ferguson added: ‘This is the first time we have been presented with this award and we are all very pleased.’
- He was recently presented with a special plaque in recognition of his involvement with the port since 1977.
- Sue was beaten by two regulars who were each presented with a special medal.
- I remember every minute of being presented with that medal as if it was yesterday.
- She was presented with a bouquet from Lewisham Council and a cake from her family.
- His wife, Essie, was presented with a bouquet of flowers.
The material presented here is from a lecture presented to medical and pharmacy students. I often consulted with the participants and owe much of the knowledge presented here to their direct input. None of the direct estimates presented below is wholly dependable or comparable with the others. On the evidence here presented, the answer would appear to be a resounding ‘no’. The editors have compiled a set of papers originally presented at seminars held at Harvard University in 1998 and 1999. Their findings were presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for Dental Research. The findings were presented yesterday at the annual meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in New Orleans. The results were presented at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society. A petition was presented which requested action on two roads. The seminars are presented by the aforementioned authors as well as various professional agencies. A delegate meeting was convened from which the petition would be presented to parliament. In the morning an anti-war petition with a million signatures was presented to parliament. A budget bill will be presented to Parliament for debate and approval next month.

Synonyms
submit, set forth, put forward, proffer, offer, tender, table
View synonyms
1.3 Formally introduce (someone) to someone else: may I present my wife?
More example sentences

An under-matron at Malsis school, she was presented by the wife of her cousin, Commander Ian Steel RN.
A Mossi baby is formally presented to the community three days after birth for a boy, and four days after birth for a girl.
On September 14th as Marquise de Pompadour she was formally presented at court.
The midfielder gave a press conference at Vicente Calderon stadium after he was officially presented to the media and fans as an Atletico player.
He went inside, the boardroom doors flew open, and Tom presented me grandly to the room.
I was presented to the Duke and also the Duchess, who is a Dane.
She was presented to the Queen Mother during her 100th birthday year.
The new World Bank resident representative in Sofia was presented to ministers and the media.
Now, Richards, sitting next to Roberts, presents Roberts to the committee.
She arranged her skirts decorously and, mere seconds later, the butler entered the parlour and presented Mr Brown-Lee to the group.

Synonyms
introduce, make known, acquaint someone with
View synonyms
1.4 Proffer (compliments or good wishes) in a formal manner: may I present the greetings of my master?
Synonyms
offer, give, express
View synonyms
1.5 Formally deliver (a check or bill) for acceptance or payment: a check presented by Mr. Jackson was returned by the bank
More example sentences

Like other types of bills of exchange payable on demand, a cheque has to be presented for payment
within a reasonable time.
- The builder simply presented his bill for payment.
- When a cheque is presented for payment the paying bank, as we know, must comply strictly with its customer's mandate.
- Your bank will honour the cheque when the holder presents it for payment.
- Mr. Jones then presents the $100 bill to Mr. Roberts in payment for his house.
- We had paid the bill that had been presented to us and might easily have been unaware of the mistake.

1.6 Law  Bring (a complaint, petition, or evidence) formally to the notice of a court.
Example sentences

- Judges are obliged to remain open-minded about the outcome of a case until the relevant evidence has been presented in court.
- On 3 June 1992 it was wound up by the High Court on a petition presented by the Bank of England.
- The claim form in this action was issued on 19th April 2001 and the Petition was presented to the court on the same day.
- No evidence was presented to the court that any party ever gave Mr. MacRae permission to park vehicles on the right-of-way.
- The public prosecutor normally begins to present his evidence in court after about three months.
- While interim Motions are important to all parties, the affidavits to be presented to the Court must be succinct and to the point.

1.7 (Of a company or producer) put (a show or exhibition) before the public.
Example sentences

- The Multi Storey Theatre Company is presenting the hour-long show, ideal for families with children over the age of five and an adult audience too.
- NTC Touring Theatre Company presents a second show, The Stars Look Down, on Tuesday.
- Sam Dowling's energetic and innovative Roscommon-based experimental theatre company presents its exciting new production.
- The event was well supported by Thai and international companies presenting their latest products set up at booths.
- The Royal Shakespeare Company presents this ‘magic, myth-making and mischief of modern India’ on May 13-17.
- The Lismore Theatre Company presents the Rochdale Follies - a wonderful evening of humour and song performed by some of our top local talent.
- The Carl Rosa company presents Franz Lehar's light opera set in the heady Paris of the Moulin Rouge just a few years before the outbreak of the first world war.
- The company presented Opel Signum and Chevrolet Evanda models.
- Hull Truck Theatre Company presents Black Tie and Tales, written and directed by John Godber.
- This year, the Public Art Fund presents an exhibition of new work by five artists who explore diverse notions of leisure and leisure-time activities.
- In addition, earlier this year the company presented a newly developed fuel cell powered vehicle at the Geneva motor-show.
- We see a touring theatre company presenting a Shakespeare play with an ex-husband and wife in the lead roles.
- She will liaise with local retailers and producers in a county-wide attempt to highlight the variety of products and the ways that Orkney firms are presenting these to the public.
- If you're looking for a little more poetry in your fringe theatre, The Shakespeare Company presents
its third annual Inspired Shakespeare Shorts the very next week.

- Fishamble Theatre Company presents the work of one of Ireland's most acclaimed writers, Maeve Binchy, adapted and directed for the stage by Jim Culleton.
- Retina Dance Company presents contemporary pieces inspired by our prevailing fascination with gameshows and the shallow, short-term celebrity they provide.
- In another, a French shoe company presents an Arab-style slipper decorated with the stars and stripes alongside the word ‘Peace’.
- The Misfit Theatre Company presents the award-winning play from Rona Munro, whose play Iron won critical acclaim at the Fringe.
- In celebration of the opening of West Bay Fine Art, the company presents the release of four canvas limited editions by the newly signed, pastel artist Julene Baker.
- In November, the company presents Charles Gounod's Romeo and Juliet, starring tenor Marc Hervieux and soprano Kathleen Brett.

Synonyms
demonstrate, show, put on show/display, exhibit, display, launch, unveil
View synonyms
stage, put on, produce, perform
View synonyms

2 Bring about or be the cause of (a problem or difficulty): this should not present much difficulty

More example sentences

- Even the newer equipment presents difficult problems of ballot design.
- And we have seen that sexism presents a greater difficulty than racism in this regard as well.
- The lack of affordable housing presents problems for the whole of the community - if there is no one to nurse the sick, teach the children or work on the land everyone suffers.
- Don't be pushed into a software upgrade now only to find that data translation incompatibility presents major problems later.
- This choice presents an immediate problem, since it's infinitely more difficult to lampoon a bad movie than it is a good one.
- Lack of parking presents a huge problem in relation to business on Bridge Street.
- The activity documentation form often presents the greatest difficulty to applicants.
- Children with recurrent abdominal pain present a difficult conundrum for doctors.
- The Atherton Gardens estate has presented endemic problems for social planning since its development.
- Such difficulty as the case presented turned upon the characterisation of the facts rather than upon any ambiguity in the statute.
- However, sustainable energy campaigners rubbish the notion that this presents insurmountable technical difficulties.
- For Reeves, a Bowl concert can be intimidating, but the difficulties it presents also inspire her as a singer.
- To me, this issue presents a more difficult question.
- The white T-shirt I bought last week presents a much more difficult ethical issue.
- Falling objects, toppling furniture and panic present the greatest dangers during an earthquake.
- The steady demise of our ecosystems presents the greatest danger and is at the forefront of Ehrlich's strategic plan.
- These groups present more direct challenges than other groups with established Whitehall connections.
- The moors here present a particular challenge, the bridleways are waterlogged, rutted, rocky and really quite fantastic.
- Now Angela's father has made a compromise offer, but it presents a tough choice for her.
• The proposed Communications Bill presents the biggest threat to a free and objective press for more than 300 years.

2.1 **Exhibit** (a particular state or appearance) to others: *the EC presented a united front over the crisis*

More example sentences

• None of this could be seen from the front, where the house presents a traditional Chinese appearance to passers-by.
• But, more crucially, he was also able to present a united political front.
• The exterior of the car, which is 46 feet long by 10 feet wide, presents a splendid appearance.
• This surely helps to ensure the safety of children and presents a more aesthetic appearance to the proposed development.
• Although the house presents a somewhat fortified appearance to the street, with a wall of opaque glass blocks rather than ground-floor windows, inside it is flooded with daylight.
• Although Jamison presents a very frightening appearance, he has developed a sweet personality, eating right from my hand and licking my face.
• White wax finds use in cosmetics purely because it presents a better appearance.
• The silvery, zinc-plated steel facade is nearly windowless, initially presenting a rather uninviting appearance.
• Gainsborough chose to exhibit works that presented an alternative to Reynolds' argument.
• He knows that although she presents such an organized front to the world, she is being torn apart inside.
• The ECB has sent somewhat mixed signals at times about the desired level of the euro, and a variety of actors have criticized Duisenberg and others for not presenting a more coherent front.
• However, while many students feel the rally was successful at presenting a unified front and generating public support, they are skeptical that it will actually lead to peace.
• A smaller, but revitalized version of United or US Airways presents a very interesting situation for the remaining major airlines.
• So they're going to be able to step out and present a completely united front.
• The conference can also help to present a united and identifiable face of those opposing the country's occupation to the wider public.
• Everything is based on appearance and what you present to people, and you can control that.
• She says the geeky dullard front we present during office hours is a terribly amusing façade.
• Thus cubist art, has something of the character of poetry, presenting an image of the world that is meditative, haunting, lyrical, mysterious and sometimes obscure.
• It is not a representation of the past but presents the understanding and meaning that the biblical authors' contemporaries attributed to the past.
• Too often the posts present an extreme view of reality that represent the author's bias.

2.2 **Represent** (someone) to others in a particular way, typically one that is false or exaggerated: *he presented himself as a hardworking man*

More example sentences

• Within a sexist ideology and a male-dominated cinema, woman is presented as what she represents for man…
• Each party's representative presents the situation as he or she understands it, emphasizing the important issues and the outcome desired.
• It allows him to present his laddish repartee as a courageous swipe against repression.
• It is a representation that masks reality and presents it as a meaningless form of enslavement, one that portrays the loss of freedom as marginal.
• NHS Direct is presented in a positive light, but not all is rosy.
• The play thus presents the Spanish as offering a more immediate example of how to achieve imperial status, rather than relying upon the myths of the past.
• The relationship between Michael and Siobhan is presented in a believable manner.
• As it turned out, much of the peace and protest music of the 1960s was presented in a similar manner.
• This most confident debut presents Hope of the States as a band for the future - a place it'll most likely find very comfortable.
• That disagreement, however, must be presented in an intellectually responsible and respectful manner.
• Education is stripped of its formal content, and presented as a means to an end - the end being, not a love of books or even basic literacy, but social inclusion.
• The media presented him as guilty even before the trial had begun.
• Later, she is presented as a rather dowdy vestal virgin or as an elegant but staid matron demurely working on her embroidery.
• The way I presented him in the film was accurate, and I don't think that Steve was a bad person.
• Geoffrey of Monmouth's 12th-century History of the Kings of Britain presents Arthur as an early British leader who fought the Saxons and Romans.
• And in this conditions of course, maybe he thinks that if he presents himself as the American ally, many Americans would look at him differently.
• In this effort, he presents himself as a competent problem solver.
• Gladwell presents himself as much more than a storyteller.
• Instead, he presents himself, and by extension, the party, as an ideologue and crusader for the values of a shameful past.
• He presents himself as a dashing, globetrotting playboy.

Synonyms
represent, describe, portray, depict

View synonyms

2.3 (present oneself) Come forward into the presence of another or others, especially for a formal occasion; appear: he failed to present himself in court

More example sentences

• Then one day a man appears at his door, presenting himself as John Shooter, and accuses Mort of copying a story from him.
• But it was a composed and prepared Smith who appeared on Newsmaker Live to present herself for public scrutiny.
• David presented himself at the emergency room of the hospital one and one-half days after the third cystoscopy.
• Take care over your appearance and present yourself smelling, looking and feeling as attractive as you can.
• I view my appearance in Playboy as the first step in presenting myself to the world as I am.
• AN NHS trust has launched an internal inquiry after it emerged that a murder suspect was turned away when he presented himself at a mental health unit.
• Within days of arriving in Ireland, she presented herself at the Accident and Emergency department of a Dublin hospital showing symptoms of the deadly virus.
• Mrs Statham said: ‘When somebody presents themselves as homeless we decide which category to place them into and the appropriate support services that they require.’
• Because he can't learn his new profession from books (Mr. Norrell has bought them all), Strange presents himself to his rival for tutoring.
• Quiet and well-mannered in the way he presents himself in public, he is at the age of only 25 one of snooker's elite band of millionaires.
• Next thing we know, Dewey presents himself in Ned's place at an exclusive and rather snobbish private school before a class of 10-year-olds.

2.4 (present itself) (Of an opportunity or idea) occur and be available for use or exploitation: when a favorable opportunity presented itself; he would submit his proposition

More example sentences

• I started playing golf since about age 14, and can remember playing in rain or shine whenever the chance presented itself.
• They are not like the other girls at Moore River, and, when an opportunity presents itself, they escape.
• She does not plan large works in advance, but instead visits the designated exhibition space and waits for an idea to present itself to her.

2.5 [no object] (often present with) Medicine (Of a patient) come forward for or undergo initial medical examination for a particular condition or symptom: the patient presented with mild clinical encephalopathy

More example sentences

• Mr. Smith is a 63-year-old man who presents to his family physician with typical anginal chest pain.
• On average, one full school day was missed unnecessarily after children presented to hospital emergency departments with minor injuries.
• At 12 months of age, the patient presented to the hospital with vomiting.
• A 55 year old man presented to his general practitioner with a productive cough.
• She presented to another hospital with cyanosis and in respiratory distress.
• A 76-year-old man presented to the emergency room with abdominal pain and fatigue.

2.6 [no object] Medicine (Of a part of a fetus) be directed toward the cervix during labor.

Example sentences

• Gardberg et al found that 68% of fetuses presenting as occiput posterior position at birth resulted from a malrotation from an initial occiput anterior position.

2.7 [no object] Medicine (Of an illness) manifest itself.

Example sentences

• Influenza may present as a mild respiratory illness similar to the common cold.
• Firstly, hepatitis C is not an uncommon disease presenting to general practitioners.
• However, none of the 5 tumors presenting during pregnancy and lactation that were tested were positive for either protein.
• Geller reported a case of acute leukemia presenting as respiratory distress in a patient with leukemic pulmonary infiltration diagnosed at autopsy.
• The lesion presents as a painless, pruritic papule on exposed skin areas.

3 Hold out or aim (a firearm) at something so as to be ready to fire: they were to present their rifles, take aim, and fire

Phrases

present arms
(Usually as a **command**) hold a **rifle vertically in front of** the body as a **salute**.

**Example sentences**

- When the casket is removed from the hearse, the squad presents arms and then performs the military ritual.
- The Victoria and Albert cast off from Port Victoria Pier at 20 minutes after 3 and steamed down to Sheerness Harbour, the crews of the vessels in the river manning ship and the guards presenting arms as her Majesty passed.
- The World War I story of ‘preachers presenting arms’ has been told before, but Gamble tells it well.
- Officers saluted the coffin and a picture of Kabila, as a military band played the national anthem, and an honour guard presented arms.
- For each of the drill movements, you have to be really conscious of what you're timing is, so every time you go from standing at ease to present arms, there's a set order to get there.

**Derivatives**

**presenter**

**Pronunciation:** /prəˈzen(t)ər/ /prēˈzen(t)ər/

**noun**

**Example sentences**

- Another popular presenter was Julie Le Clerc with her secrets of the Cafe Kitchen.
- If he was an English language presenter, he would have been booted out long ago.
- Followers of Tabby will remember that he struck a chord with presenter Pat Kenny.
- Gay Byrne was presenter of the show and was probably one of the big factors in making it the show it is today.
- Patrick Kielty would not be my cup of tea but was probably the right choice of presenter.
- Perhaps the gap between the modern politician and presenter is not so wide, a vote is a vote regardless of how dumb the electorate.
- Why are you not fulfilling your potential as TV's hottest young presenter?
- This is what convinced him that Nigella Lawson, whose husband was dying, would make a star cookery presenter.
- No wonder the Edinburgh-born TV sports presenter has a great sense of style.
- Soccer star turned TV presenter Ian Wright was named Personality of the Year.
- Chow started out as a children's TV presenter but has become Hong Kong's biggest superstar.
- Mike Byrne, a child protection presenter, conducted the first of the three-hour seminars.
- The Swedish TV presenter became an instant pin-up in bars from Wigtown to Wick.
- Meanwhile her future husband, a singer and TV presenter, was busy womanising but only on stage.
- It has also been criticised for using sports presenter Gary Lineker to front its advertising campaigns.
- The prize for each winner will be an interview with TV presenter Cat Deeley.
- Funnily enough this individual is also a Channel 4 presenter who knows a thing or two about real estate.
- It certainly allowed him to gain credibility as an actor and presenter.
- The fact that the movie's actually about a local TV presenter is a bit wacky.
- Britain's first mainstream female football presenter is cool, poised and confident.
Origin

Middle English: from Old French presenter, from Latin praesentare 'place before' (in medieval Latin 'present as a gift'), from præsent- 'being at hand' (see present). More

• Latin præesse ‘to be at hand’ was formed from præ ‘before’ and esse ‘be’. This was the source of presence (Middle English), present both in the time sense and ‘to give’, and, via the Latin variant praesentare ‘place before’, of the sense ‘a gift’.

Definition of present in:

• British & World English dictionary
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There are 3 main definitions of present in English:

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noun

A thing given to someone as a gift: a Christmas present

More example sentences

• Decorative serving platters also make great presents for the culinarily gifted.
• Camelot believes the scratchcard, launched tomorrow, will appeal to people who buy record or gift tokens as presents.
• Practical presents are now a favourite of mine: getting gifts that you like but wouldn't necessarily buy yourself.
• They give you gifts and presents and refuse to take ‘no’ for an answer.
• ‘That's weird,’ I said looking around me at the piles of presents, cards and gift certificates.

http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/us/definition/american_english/present
And the rise of clinics selling gift vouchers means that friends and family can contribute to presents of an operation for their loved ones.

But I'd have loved presents and a stocking as well.

We leisurely opened presents and stockings and had brunch around 3 pm.

Anyway, full marks to them for having their wedding at home rather than running off abroad and also for the presents for charity idea.

I've read other blogs and things bemoaning the fact that Christmas in Japan is not about religion, only about presents.

Neil said that the idea of asking for donations instead of presents came after the death of his best friend, Steve.

We make the same mistakes when it comes to wedding gifts, birthday presents, anniversaries, house-warming gifts etc.

Over £900 was raised for the Southern Area Hospice Services from donations placed instead of presents for Jimmy.

Instead of giving my grandmother a normal gift (she's very hard to buy presents for), we decided to take her away for a weekend.

In addition to this, think of all the presents, the toys, gift sets and, most importantly, all that wrapping paper.

This latest appeal involved the donation of presents for the children and, as shown in the photographs, they were thrilled.

Teresa wraps presents in tea-towels - saves paper and is a handy gift in itself!

Unruly children have traditionally been threatened with coal instead of presents in their Christmas stockings.

It first started with one gift, then the rest of the presents on Christmas morning.

They also have a gift shop with lots of presents suitable for Mum on Mother's Day.

**Synonyms**

- gift, donation, offering, contribution
- informal freebie
- formal benefaction

**Phrases**

- make a present of

  - Give as a gift: he had made a present of a *hacienda* to the president

More example sentences

- To make a gift of something to someone is to make a present of some part of oneself.
- If you are thinking of buying this perfect literary gift, I suggest you make a present of it to yourself.
- With five outlets to choose from it won't be too difficult to find something to suit all tastes not to mention making a present of something which will be helping the Developing World and its farmers and producers.
- He told her that he doubted whether any real lady would make a present of pajamas to a gentleman.
- In about half the forest areas, as in the Forest of Dean, they also owned the woodland within the royal forests, and to be able to make a present of the rare timbers large enough to build ships and houses gave them further influence.
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