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Definition of *standing*

(Entry 1 of 2)

1a : not yet cut or harvested standing timber standing grain

b : upright on the feet or base : [erect](#) the standing audience2 : not flowing : [stagnant](#) standing water

3a : remaining at the same level, degree, or amount for an indeterminate period a standing offer

b : continuing in existence or use indefinitely a standing joke

4 : established by law or custom

5 : not movable

6 : done from a standing position a standing jump a standing ovation

standing

[noun](#)Definition of *standing* (Entry 2 of 2)1a : a place to [stand](#) in : [location](#)

b : a position from which one may assert or enforce legal rights and duties

2a : length of service or experience especially as determining rank, pay, or privilege

b : position or condition in society or in a profession especially : good reputation a member in good standing

c : position relative to a [standard](#) of achievement or to achievements of competitors also standings plural : a listing of the [standings](#) of individuals or teams (as in a league)3 : maintenance of position or condition : [duration](#) a custom of long standing[↓ Synonyms & Antonyms](#) [↓ More Example Sentences](#) [↓ Learn More about *standing*](#)

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- [mobile](#),
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- (or [moveable](#)),
- [moving](#),
- [nonstationary](#)

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English Language Learners Definition of *standing*

(Entry 1 of 2)

- : used in or for standing
- : done while in a standing position
- : not flowing

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English Language Learners Definition of *standing* (Entry 2 of 2)

- : the position or rank of someone in a group
- US, sports : a list that shows the positions of the players or teams that are competing against each other
- : length of existence

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Kids Definition of *standing*

(Entry 1 of 2)

- 1 : [erect entry 1](#) a *standing* position
- 2 : done while standing a *standing* ovation
- 3 : not flowing : [stagnant](#) a *standing* pool
- 4 : remaining at the same level or amount until canceled a *standing* offer
- 5 : [permanent](#) a *standing* invitation

standing

[noun](#)

Kids Definition of *standing* (Entry 2 of 2)

- 1 : length of existence or service It's a custom of long *standing*.
- 2 : [position entry 1 sense 5](#), [status](#) My friend had the highest *standing* in the c

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Legal Definition of *standing*

(Entry 1 of 2)

: continuing in existence, use, or effect indefinitely a standing order

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Legal Definition of *standing* (Entry 2 of 2)

1 : the status of being qualified to assert or enforce legal rights or duties in a judicial forum because one has a sufficient and protectable interest in the outcome of a justiciable controversy and usually has suffered or is threatened with actual injury only one who already has standing can argue the public interest in support of his claim — *Hawaii's Thousand Friends v. Anderson*, 768 P.2d 1293 (1989)

2 : a principle requiring that a party have standing in order to justify the exercise of the court's remedial powers

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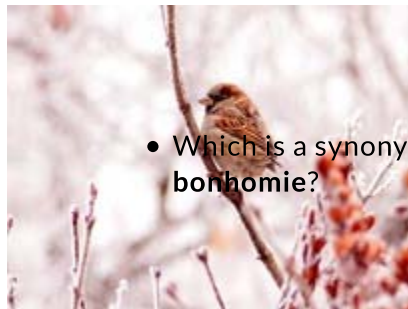
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