Definition of **resident** in English

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Pronunciation: /ˈrezɪd(ə)nt/

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**noun**

- 1a person who lives somewhere permanently or on a long-term basis: *it was a beautiful hamlet with just 100 residents*
- a bird, butterfly, or other animal of a species that does not migrate: *arctic residents are joined annually by long-distance migrants*
- **British** a guest in a hotel who stays for one or more nights: *the hotel restaurant is open to residents and guests of residents*
- **US** a pupil who boards at a boarding school.
- **historical** a British government agent in any semi-independent state, especially the Governor General’s agent at the court of an Indian state.
- an intelligence agent in a foreign country.

- 2**North American** a medical graduate engaged in specialized practice under supervision in a hospital.

**adjective**

- 1living somewhere on a long-term basis:*he has been resident in Brazil for a long time*
- having quarters on the premises of one’s work:*resident farm workers*
- attached to and working regularly for a particular institution:*the film studio needed a resident historian*
- (of a bird, butterfly or other animal) remaining in an area throughout the year; non-migratory: *resident mute swans and wintering Bewick’s swans*

- 2(of a computer program, file, etc.) immediately available in computer memory, rather than having to be loaded from elsewhere: *an intangible computer program resident on a magnetic disk the ability to load memory-resident programs*
Derivatives

residentship
noun (historical)

Origin:

Middle English: from Latin resident- ‘remaining’, from the verb residere (see reside)

Spelling help

The ending of resident is spelled -ent.

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