

# Definition of **resident** in English

## resident

Pronunciation: /'rɛzɪd(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**.

## **resident** in other Oxford dictionaries

Definition of **resident** in the [US English](#) dictionary

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