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present 1

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Syllabification: pres·ent

[Pronunciation](#): /'prez(ə)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

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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

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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](#)

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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 headlines 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](#)

1 The 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 for 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.

- 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

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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

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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

5

Law , formal This document: *the [premises outlined](#) in [red](#) on the Plan [annexed](#) to 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'.

More

- 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

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Syllabification: pre·sent

[Pronunciation](#): /prəˈzent/

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 Hobbart presented the James Hobbart 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

- 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.

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.

- 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](#)

2Bring 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](#): /prə'zen(t)ər/ /prē'zen(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 *praesent-* 'being at hand' (see [present](#)¹).

More

- Latin *praesense* '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'.

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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.

- 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](#)

[View synonyms](#)

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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