

**actual**1. ['æktʃvəl] *n*

1. *обыкн. pl* наличный, реальный товар
2. (the actual) *филос.* действительность

2. ['æktʃvəl] *a*

1. подлинный, действительный, фактически существующий

actual figures - реальные цифры

actual size - натуральная величина; фактический размер

actual speed - действительная скорость

actual output - а) *горн.* фактическая добыча; б) *тех.* полезная отдача, эффективная мощность

actual numbers - *воен.* наличный состав

2. текущий, современный; актуальный

actual position of affairs, actual state of things - фактическое/настоящее, существующее / положение дел

actual president - нынешний президент

◇ in actual fact - в действительности, практически, по сути

actual grace - *рел.* благодать господня

actual sin - *рел.* индивидуальный грех (*противоп.* первородному)

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**ac-tual** [actual actuals] *BrE* ['æktʃuəl] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* ['æktʃuəl] <sup>f</sup> **adjective only**

**before noun**

1. used to emphasize sth that is real or exists in fact

• What were his actual words?

• The actual cost was higher than we expected.

• James looks younger than his wife but **in actual fact** (= really) he is five years older.

2. used to emphasize the most important part of sth

• The wedding preparations take weeks but the actual ceremony takes less than an hour.

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **actuel** 'active, practical', from late Latin **actualis**, from **actus** 'event, thing done', **act-** 'done', from the verb **agere**, reinforced by the French noun **acte**.

Thesaurus:

**actual** *adj.*

1. **only before noun**

• in actual fact

**real** • • **true** •

a real/ the actual/ the true **reason**

the real/actual/true **cost** of sth

2. **only before noun**

• What were his actual words?

**very** • • **exact** • • **precise** •

the actual/very/exact/precise **moment**

sb's actual/very/exact **words**

the actual/exact/precise **nature** of sth

Which Word?:

**actual** / **current** / **present**

**Actual** does not mean **current** or **present**. It means 'real' or 'exact', and is often used in contrast with something that is not seen as real or exact: = I need the actual figures, not an estimate.

**Present** means 'existing or happening now': = How long have you been in your present job?

**Current** also means 'existing or happening now', but can suggest that the situation is temporary: = The factory cannot continue its current level of production.

**Actually** does not mean 'at the present time'. Use **currently**, **at present** or **at the moment** instead.

note at ↑**presently**

Example Bank:

• The actual cost was much higher than we had expected.

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**ac-tu-al** **S1 W2** /'æktʃuəl/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> **adjective** [only before noun]

[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** actuel, from Late Latin actualis, from Latin actus; ⇒ ↑**ACT**']

1. used to emphasize that something is real or exact:

" I'm not joking. Those were his actual words.

" I know Germany won, but I can't tell you the actual score.

" Interest is only charged on the actual amount borrowed.

" In actual fact (=really), there is little evidence to support the allegations.

▶ Do not use **actual** to mean 'at the present time'. Use **current** or **present**: *the current (NOT actual) economic policy*

2. **the actual something** used to introduce the most important part of an event or activity:

" The programme starts at 8.00 but the actual film doesn't start until 8.30.

## actual

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