

observer[əb'zɜ:və] *n*

1. наблюдатель
an observer of the stars - наблюдающий звёзды
patient observer of nature - терпеливый наблюдатель природы
2. человек, соблюдающий что-л.
an observer of his promises - человек, выполняющий свои обещания
3. ав.
1) лётчик-наблюдатель
2) *амер.* рекогносцировщик
4. наблюдатель, обозреватель (в средствах массовой информации)

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ob·ser·ver [observer observers] *BrE* [əb'zɜ:və] *AmE* [əb'zɜ:rvər] *noun*

1. a person who watches sb/sth
 - According to observers, the plane exploded shortly after take-off.
 - **To the casual observer** (= somebody who does not pay much attention), the system appears confusing.
 - Most art forms require a contribution from the observer.
2. a person who attends a meeting, lesson, etc. to listen and watch but not to take part
 - A team of British officials were sent as observers to the conference.
3. a person who watches and studies particular events, situations, etc. and is therefore considered to be an expert on them
 - a royal observer

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent.: from ↑observe + ↑-er.

Synonyms:**witness**

observer • onlooker • passer-by • bystander • eyewitness

These are all words for a person who sees sth happen.

witness • a person who sees sth happen and is able to describe it to other people; a person who gives evidence in a court of law:

▪ Police have appealed for ▪ witnesses to ▪ the accident.

observer • a person who sees sth happen: ▪ According to observers, the plane exploded shortly after take-off.**onlooker** • a person who watches sth that is happening but is not involved in it: ▪ A crowd of onlookers gathered at the scene of the crash.**passer-by** • a person who is going past sb/sth by chance, especially when sth unexpected happens: ▪ Police asked passers-by if they had witnessed the accident.**bystander** • a person who is near and can see what is happening when sth such as an accident or fight takes place: ▪ Three ▪ innocent bystanders ▪ were killed in the crossfire.**eyewitness** • a person who has seen a crime or accident and can describe it afterwards.a(n) witness/observer/onlooker/passers-by/bystander/an eyewitness **sees** stha(n) observer/onlooker/passers-by/bystander **witnesses** sthExample Bank:

- I attended the conference as an observer.
- Independent observers will monitor the elections.
- Observers were sent to check the conduct of the elections.
- Some military observers fear the US could get entangled in another war.
- The country was granted observer status at the summit.
- The suddenness of this move surprised many observers.
- The talks were attended by observers from eight Arab countries and Israel.
- To the casual observer, it would have looked like any other domestic argument.
- an observer of the American cultural scene
- Observers noted an absence of the violence which had been a feature of previous elections.
- To Western observers, their political system is strikingly different

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ob·ser·ver /əb'zɜ:və -zɜ:rvər *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

1. someone who regularly watches or pays attention to particular things, events, situations etc

observer of

- an observer of nature
- political observers
- Observers are predicting a fall in interest rates.

2. someone who attends meetings, classes, events etc to check what is happening:

- The UN sent observers to the peace talks.
- Independent observers monitored the elections.

3. someone who sees or looks at something:

- reports from observers at sea and on dry land

casual observer (=someone looking at something but not very carefully)

A casual observer would have guessed his age at 70.

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■ someone who watches something

- **spectator** someone who watches an event, especially a sports event: There were 4,500 spectators at the game. | a crowd of spectators
- **viewer** someone who watches television: Millions of television viewers listened to the President's speech. | programmes for younger viewers
- **audience** the people who watch a play or performance, or the people who watch a particular television programme: The audience roared with laughter and clapped. | It attracted a television audience of seven million.
- **onlooker** someone who watches something happening without being involved in it, especially in the street: A man was standing on the roof, watched by a crowd of onlookers below.
- **observer** someone who watches and pays attention to particular situations and events, because they are interested in them, or it is their job: She was a shrewd observer of human nature. | a political observer who writes for The Independent newspaper | The United Nations has sent military observers to the Sudan.

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