

proposition**1.** [ˌprɒpəˈzɪʃ(ə)n] *n***1.** утверждение, заявление

this is a proposition so clear that it needs no argument - это настолько ясное утверждение, что оно не нуждается ни в каком обсуждении

2. предложение (*особ. деловое*); план; проект

to make a proposition - сделать предложение

his proposition was not accepted - его предложение не было принято

3. *амер. разг.***1)** предприятие

it is not a paying proposition - это невыгодное предприятие /дело, сделка/

2) дело, занятие, проблема

that's an awkward proposition - это трудное дело /-ая проблема/

that's a wholly different proposition! - это совсем другое дело!

the Australians will be a tough proposition - австралийская команда будет крепким орешком

3) человек, с которым ведутся дела

he's a tough proposition - с ним трудно иметь дело

4. *мат.* теорема; положение *или* утверждение, требующее доказательств**5.** *лог.* суждение**6.** гнусное предложение (*женщине*)**2.** [ˌprɒpəˈzɪʃ(ə)n] *v разг.***1.** предложить (*план, сделку и т. п.*)**2.** сделать гнусное предложение (*женщине*)**proposition**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

prop-osition [proposition propositions propositioned propositioning] **noun**,verb *BrE* [ˌprɒpəˈzɪʃn] ¹ *NAmE* [ˌprɑːpəˈzɪʃn]**noun****1.** an idea or a plan of action that is suggested, especially in business

• I'd like to put a business proposition to you.

• He was trying to make it look like an **attractive proposition**.

2. a thing that you intend to do; a problem or task to be dealt with

Syn: ↑matter

• Getting a work permit in the UK is not always a simple proposition.

3. (*also* **Proposition**) (in the US) a suggested change to the law that people can vote on

• How did you vote on Proposition 8?

4. (*formal*) a statement that expresses an opinion

• Her assessment is based on the proposition that power corrupts.

5. (*mathematics*) a statement of a ↑theorem, and an explanation of how it can be provedWord Origin:

Middle English: from Old French, from Latin **propositio(n-)**, from the verb **proponere** 'set forth', from **pro-** 'forward' + **ponere** 'put'.

Example Bank:

• He's a different proposition from his father— much less tolerant.

• Ring up your agent in New York and put your proposition to him.

• Running the business was one thing. Getting it to make a profit was a different proposition altogether.

• The book puts forward a number of extreme propositions about the nature of language.

• First of all we need to examine whether this proposition is true.

• He was trying to make it look like an attractive proposition.

• Her argument is based on the proposition that power corrupts.

• I'd like to put a business proposition to you.

• Is that a viable proposition?

• We have a proposition to make.

Derived Word ↑propositional**verb ~ sb**

to say in a direct way to sb that you would like to have sex with them

• She was propositioned by a strange man in the bar.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	proposition
	BrE / ,prɒpəˈzɪʃn/
	NAme / ,prɑːpeˈzɪʃn/
he / she / it	propositions
	BrE / ,prɒpəˈzɪʃnz/
	NAme / ,prɑːpeˈzɪʃnz/
past simple, past participle	propositioned
	BrE / ,prɒpəˈzɪʃnd/
	NAme / ,prɑːpeˈzɪʃnd/
-ing form	propositioning
	BrE / ,prɒpəˈzɪʃnɪŋ/
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I. **propoˈzɪʃən**¹ / ,prɒpəˈzɪʃən \$,prɑː- BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ *noun* [countable]

1. **STATEMENT** a statement that consists of a carefully considered opinion or judgment

proposition that

- ˈ Most people accept the proposition that we have a duty to protect endangered animals.
- ˈ The theory is founded on two basic propositions.

2. **SUGGESTION** a suggestion, or something that is suggested or considered as a possible thing to do:

- ˈ He telephoned Stuart with a proposition.

attractive/interesting/practical etc proposition

- ˈ The offer of two tickets for the price of one makes it a very attractive proposition.
- ˈ It doesn't sound like a very viable proposition to me.
- ˈ I've got a proposition to put to you.

3. **be a different/tricky/simple etc proposition** used to say how easy someone or something will be to deal with:

- ˈ My new boss is a very different proposition.

4. **LAW** (also **Proposition**) a suggested change or addition to the law of a state of the US, which citizens vote on:

- ˈ Proposition 147

5. **MATHEMATICS** *technical* something that must be proved, or a question to which the answer must be found – used in ↑**geometry**

—**propositional** *adjective*

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ **verbs**

- ˈ **put a proposition to somebody** (also **make (somebody) a proposition**) A proposition was put to Owen, and he is considering it. | I'm going to make you a proposition.

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + proposition**

- ˈ **a business proposition** Does this mean you've changed your mind about my business proposition?
- ˈ **a commercial proposition** (=likely to be financially successful) Gold mining is not a commercial proposition here.
- ˈ **an attractive proposition** Setting up your own business is a very attractive proposition.
- ˈ **an interesting proposition** A further study focussing on older people is an interesting proposition.
- ˈ **a practical/viable proposition** (=likely to be possible or successful) A complete ban on strikes is not a practical proposition.

II. **propoˈzɪʃən**² BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ *verb* [transitive] *formal*

to suggest to someone that they have sex with you:

- ˈ Here, prostitutes constantly proposition tourists.

proposition

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RANGE: **4k** **PROPOSITION**⁴⁹⁰⁵

proposition ³⁷⁵⁶

propositions ¹¹⁴⁹

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

2709 **8918**³⁶¹⁵ *nn1*

82 **71249**¹¹³ *vv0*

14 **214353**¹⁴ *nnu*

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