

entertain

[,entə'teɪn] *v*

1. 1) **принимать гостей; оказывать гостеприимство; устраивать приёмы (гостей)**
 we seldom entertain - у нас редко бывают гости
 they entertain a great deal - они часто устраивают приёмы, у них постоянно бывают гости
 to entertain friends at /to/ dinner - приглашать друзей на обед, устраивать званый обед; угостить друзей обедом
 they like to entertain - они гостеприимны, они любят принимать гостей
 he was hospitably entertained by ... - он был гостеприимно принят ...
 to entertain with all kinds of delicacies - угощать всякими лакомствами
- 2) **спорт. принимать (другую команду) на своём поле, корте и т. п.**
2. **питать, лелеять (надежду и т. п.)**
 to entertain an idea [a theory] - придерживаться мысли [теории]
 to entertain a thought - лелеять мысль
 to entertain a purpose - вынашивать замысел
 to entertain a grudge against smb. - иметь зуб против кого-л.
 to entertain resentment - таить обиду
 people entertained great expectations of him - люди возлагали на него большие надежды
 to entertain a high esteem for smb. - питать к кому-л. глубокое уважение
 to entertain hostile intentions - вынашивать враждебные планы
 to entertain doubts about smth. - испытывать сомнения относительно чего-л.
3. **развлекать, забавлять:**
 to entertain smb. with songs - развлекать кого-л. песнями
 the clown entertained us very much - клоун нас очень позабавил
 the child entertained himself with his toys - ребёнок забавлялся игрушками
4. **принимать во внимание, в расчёт; учитывать**
 to entertain a proposal - принять предложение к рассмотрению
 to entertain an opinion - учесть мнение
 if you put the idea before him, he may entertain it - если вы подадите ему эту идею, он может ею заинтересоваться
5. **редк. поддерживать (разговор, переписку)**

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en-ter-tain [entertain entertains entertained entertaining] *BrE* [,entə'teɪn]

NAmE [,entər'teɪn] *verb*

1. **intransitive, transitive** to invite people to eat or drink with you as your guests, especially in your home
 - The job involves a lot of entertaining.
 - ~ **sb** Barbecues are a favourite way of entertaining friends.
2. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sb) (with sth)** to interest and amuse sb in order to please them
 - He entertained us for hours with his stories and jokes.
 - The aim of the series is both to entertain and inform.
3. **transitive** (not used in the progressive tenses) ~ **sth (formal)** to consider or allow yourself to think about an idea, a hope, a feeling, etc
 - He had **entertained hopes** of a reconciliation.
 - to **entertain a doubt/suspicion**

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	entertain
	<i>BrE</i> /,entə'teɪn/
	<i>NAmE</i> /,entər'teɪn/
he / she / it	entertains
	<i>BrE</i> /,entə'teɪnz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /,entər'teɪnz/
past simple, past participle	entertained
	<i>BrE</i> /,entə'teɪnd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /,entər'teɪnd/
-ing form	entertaining
	<i>BrE</i> /,entə'teɪnɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /,entər'teɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from French **entretenir**, based on Latin **inter 'among'** + **tenere 'to hold'**. The word originally meant 'maintain, continue', later 'maintain in a certain condition, treat in a certain way', also 'show hospitality' (late 15th cent.).

Thesaurus:

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1. **I, T**
 - The job involves a lot of entertaining.
 - welcome** • |**formal** **receive** • entertain/welcome/receive a **guest/visitor**
be there to entertain/welcome/receive sb
2. **T, I**
 - He entertained us for hours with his stories.

amuse •

entertain/amuse sb **with** sth
keep sb entertained/amused

Example Bank:

- Films can entertain and educate, make you laugh or cry.
- I am amazed that such a crackpot scheme could be seriously entertained.
- She entertained us with stories of her travels.
- She would make no promises, but was prepared to entertain the idea.
- The Bradfords always entertained lavishly at Christmas.
- They entertained us to lunch in their new house.
- We hired a magician to keep the children entertained.
- briefly entertaining hopes that he might keep the affair a secret
- Two of the students kept the children entertained with a puppet show.

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en **ter** **tain** /,entə'teɪn \$ -tər-/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb*

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1. [intransitive and transitive] to amuse or interest people in a way that gives them pleasure

entertain somebody with something

" She entertained the children with stories, songs and drama.

" A museum should aim to entertain as well as educate.

2. [intransitive and transitive] to invite people to your home for a meal, party etc, or to take your company's customers somewhere to have a meal, drinks etc:

" Mark usually does the cooking when we entertain.

" Do you get an allowance for entertaining clients?

3. entertain an idea/hope/thought etc *formal* to consider an idea etc, or allow yourself to think that something might happen or be true:

" She could never entertain the idea of living in the country.

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