

portray1. [ˈpɔːtreɪ] *n редк.*

- 1) писание *или* рисование портретов
- 2) портрет

2. [pɔːˈtreɪ] *v*

1. писать, рисовать *или* создавать портрет
2. 1) описывать, изображать
man difficult to portray - человек, которого трудно охарактеризовать
- 2) играть, изображать, представлять (*кого-л.*) на сцене *или* в кино

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por·tray [portray portrays portrayed portraying] *BrE* [pɔːˌtrɛɪ] *NAmE*[pɔːˌrɒˌtrɛɪ] *verb*1. ~ **sb/sth** to show sb/sth in a picture; to describe sb/sth in a piece of writing**Syn:** ↑depict

- The painting portrays the duke's third wife.
- He was one of the first to portray animals from the New World.
- His war poetry vividly portrays life in the trenches.

2. ~ **sb/sth (as sb/sth)** to describe or show sb/sth in a particular way, especially when this does not give a complete or accurate impression of what they are like**Syn:** ↑represent

- Throughout the trial, he portrayed himself as the victim.

3. ~ **sb/sth** to act a particular role in a film/movie or play**Syn:** ↑play

- Her father will be portrayed by Sean Connery.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	portray
	BrE /pɔːˈtreɪ/
	NAmE /pɔːrˈtreɪ/
he / she / it	portrays
	BrE /pɔːˈtreɪz/
	NAmE /pɔːrˈtreɪz/
past simple, past participle	portrayed
	BrE /pɔːˈtreɪd/
	NAmE /pɔːrˈtreɪd/
-ing form	portraying
	BrE /pɔːˈtreɪɪŋ/
	NAmE /pɔːrˈtreɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:Middle English: from Old French **portraire**, based on **traire** 'to draw', from an alteration of Latin **trahere**.Example Bank:

- They try to portray themselves as the victims.
- an incident that graphically portrays the dangers associated with this sport
- The painting portrays the duke's third wife.

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por·tray /pɔːˌtrɛɪ/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: portraire, from Latin protrahere 'to draw out, show']

1. **portray somebody/something as something** to describe or show someone or something in a particular way, according to your opinion of them **SYN depict:**

- Romantic artists portrayed nature as wild and powerful.
- The President likes to portray himself as a friend of working people.

2. to describe or represent something or someone **SYN depict:**

- His most famous painting portrayed the death of Nelson.
- Religion was portrayed in a negative way.

3. to act the part of a character in a play, film, or television programme **SYN play:**

- She portrays a dancer in the hit film.

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- **describe** to talk or write about a person, place, event etc, in order to show what they are like: Could you try and describe the man you saw? | In her book, she describes her journey across the Sahara. | Police described the attack as particularly violent.
- **tell somebody about somebody/something** to describe someone or something to someone. This phrase is more commonly used than **describe** in everyday spoken English: So, tell me about your holiday! | My friends have told me all about you!
- **depict formal** to describe someone or something in a piece of writing: His stories depict life in Trinidad as seen through the eyes of a young boy. | In this new biography she is depicted as a lonely and unhappy woman.
- **portray/represent formal** to describe someone or something in a particular way: College teachers are often represented on television shows as slightly eccentric. | The magazine has been criticized for the way it portrays women. | The treatment has been

portrayed as a painless way of curing cancer, which is simply not true. | Police have represented her as a willing participant in the crimes.

▪ **characterize somebody/something as something *formal*** to describe someone or something by emphasizing one particular quality or feature about them: He characterized himself as 'an average American'. | The successful schools were characterized as innovative and creative.

▪ **paint somebody/something as something** to describe someone or something, especially in a way that makes people believe something that is not true: Not all young people are as bad as they're painted in the press. | We won, yet the media is painting it as a victory for our opponents. | The woman was painted as having only a slight grasp of reality.

▪ **paint a picture** to describe a situation, so that people can get a general idea of what it is like: Can you paint a picture of life in Japan for us? | My uncle's letters generally painted a rosy picture of how things were. | The report painted a bleak picture of the management's failures.

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