

talent['tælənt] *n*

1. 1) талант, дар, одарённость

a man of great talent - исключительно талантливый человек

a person of no talent - бездарная личность

waste of talent - разбазаривание/растрачивание/ таланта

his talents are lying idle - его таланты пропадают даром

2) способность

a talent for languages - способность к языкам; лингвистическая одарённость

to have a talent for music - иметь музыкальные способности

to develop one's talents - развивать свои дарования

he has a talent for doing the right thing - он всегда делает именно то, что нужно

2. 1) талантливый человек, талант

a real talent - настоящий талант

no great talents were playing - играли второстепенные актёры

to call upon all the talents - призвать лучшие силы

2) *собир.* таланты талантливые люди

an exhibition of local talent - выставка местных художников

to encourage local [young] talent - поощрять местные [молодые] таланты

to introduce new talent on stage - продвигать на сцену талантливых молодых людей /талантливую молодёжь/

3. *разг.*

1) (the talent) люди, действующие на свой страх и риск

2) *pl* завзятые спорщики; зядлые игроки4. *уст.* талант (*денежная и весовая единица*)

◇ to hide one's talents in a napkin - держать свои дарования под спудом, не развивать своего дара; ≅ зарыть свой талант в землю

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talent [talent talents] *BrE* ['tælənt] ¹ *NAmE* ['tælənt] ¹ **noun**1. **countable, uncountable** a natural ability to do sth well• to **have** great artistic **talent**• a man **of many talents**• ~ **(for sth/for doing sth)** She showed considerable talent for getting what she wanted.• a **talent competition/contest/show** (= in which people perform, to show how well they can sing, dance, etc.)2. **uncountable, countable** people or a person with a natural ability to do sth well• There is **a wealth of young talent** in British theatre.

• He is a great talent.

3. **uncountable** (*BrE, slang*) people who are sexually attractive

• He likes to spend his time chatting up the local talent.

Word Origin:Old English *talente*, *talentan* (as a unit of weight), from Latin *talenta*, plural of *talentum* 'weight, sum of money', from Greek *talanton*. The current sense is a figurative use based on the parable of the talents in the Bible (Matt. 25:14–30).Example Bank:

- Hard work is important, but it is no substitute for raw talent.
- He has been putting his artistic talents to good use.
- He is a violinist of exceptional talent.
- Her talents lay in organization.
- His parents accused him of wasting his talents and abilities.
- Hollywood directors have a marvellous pool of acting talent to draw from.
- It takes real talent to write a great pop song.
- She has a keen eye for spotting talent.
- The banquet gave the chef a chance to flaunt his talents.
- The boy has undoubted talent.
- The company is always looking out for new talent.
- The festival attracts talent from all over the world.
- The theatre visits schools to tap young talent.
- There is a shortage of new comedy talent coming through.
- There is a wealth of talent out there in our schools.
- United have unearthed a real talent in this young defender.
- We are losing our top talent to other countries who pay more.
- Where does her musical talent come from?
- You have a natural talent for storytelling.
- an effort to develop his creative talents to the full
- kids with musical talent
- one of the few teams that relies on home-grown talent

- As a boy, Elvis was entered for a talent contest at the Mississippi-Alabama Fair.
- He's a man of many talents.
- She has great artistic talent.

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talent **W3** /'tælənt/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: talent unit of weight or money in the ancient world (9-21 centuries), from Latin talentum, from Greek talanton; from a story in the Bible in which a man gives talents to his three servants, and two of them use them well]

1. [uncountable and countable] a natural ability to do something well:

He has a lot of talent, and his work is fresh and interesting.

talent for

She showed a talent for acting at an early age.

a persuasive speaker with a natural talent for leadership

His latest book reveals hidden talents.

Sadly, she inherited none of her father's musical talent.

Your brother is a man of many talents.

There's a wealth of talent in English football.

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2. [uncountable] a person or people with a natural ability or skill:

Britain's footballing talent

3. [uncountable] *British English informal* sexually attractive people

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COLLOCATIONS

verbs

- **have talent** Greg has a real talent for drawing.
- **show talent** Zach was the only one who showed any natural talent.
- **use your talents** They have been using their artistic talents to brighten up the school.
- **develop your talent** Education allows people to develop their talents to the full.
- **waste your talents** They felt their son was wasting his talents and his time.
- **sb's talents flourish** (=develop successfully) The school created an atmosphere in which young talent could flourish.

adjectives

- **great/considerable/exceptional talent** He had a great talent for making money.
- **real talent** She has real talent and with a little help she could go far.
- **natural talent** Ronaldo is a player of immense natural talent.
- **raw talent** (=used to describe someone with natural ability who has not had much training) He's got lots of raw talent but he needs a good coach.
- **a hidden talent** Have a go – you may discover a hidden talent!
- **musical/artistic/creative etc talent** It was at school that Brian's musical talents were spotted.

talent + NOUN

- **a talent contest/show/competition** Don't assume winning a talent contest is a passport to success.

phrases

- **a wealth of talent** (=a large amount of talent) There's a wealth of musical talent in New York and other large American cities.
- **a pool of talent** (=lots of talented people) Employers can draw on an enormous pool of talent in this area.

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- **skill** [uncountable and countable] an ability to do something well, especially because you have learned and practised it: He plays the piano with great skill. | communication/language/computer etc skills | The course will help you improve your communication skills.
- **talent** [uncountable and countable] a natural ability to do something well which can be developed with practice: She was a young artist with a lot of talent. | She showed a talent for acting from an early age. | He is a man of many talents.
- **genius** [uncountable] very great ability, which only a few people have: The opera shows Mozart's genius as a composer. | Picasso was a painter of genius.
- **gift** [countable] a natural ability to do something very well, which you were born with: You can see that he has a gift for the game. | Winterson has great gifts as a writer.
- **flair** [singular, uncountable] skill for doing something, especially something that needs imagination and creativity: The job does require some creative flair. | She has a flair for languages.
- **expertise** [uncountable] specialized knowledge of a technical subject, which you get from experience of doing that type of work: The technical expertise for building the dam is being provided by a US company.
- **a/the knack** /næk/ [singular] *informal* a special skill for doing a particular thing, especially a simple everyday thing: Breadmaking is easy once you get the knack. | He has a knack for making people feel relaxed.

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