

**picture**

1. ['pɪktʃə] *n*
- 1) картина; рисунок  
a picture by Kneller - картина Неллера  
to paint a picture - написать картину  
it looks well in the picture - это хорошо только на картинке
  - 2) фотография  
she showed a picture of her son - она показала фотографию своего сына
  - 3) изображение, картина; описание  
picture of the morals of the period - изображение нравов того времени  
to draw a faithful picture of smb., smth. - верно изобразить кого-л., что-л.  
to draw a rapid picture of smth. - быстро изобразить что-л.
  2. 1) копия, портрет  
she is the picture of her mother - она вылитая мать
  - 2) воплощение, олицетворение; пример  
he looks the picture of health - он воплощение здоровья
  3. представление, мысленный образ  
to form a clear picture of smth. - составить ясное представление о чём-л.
  4. 1) живописное место  
the trees and brook make a lovely picture - деревья и ручей здесь очень живописны
  - 2) живописная поза, сценка; мизансцена  
living pictures, pictures in the air - живые картины
  5. *разг.* картинка, что-то очень красивое  
the little girl is a picture - девочка - настоящая картинка  
her hat is a picture - у неё прелестная шляпка
  6. 1) (the pictures) кино  
to go to the pictures - *разг.* пойти в кино
  - 2) кинофильм, кинокартина  
black-and-white [colour] picture - а) чёрно-белое [цветное] изображение; б) чёрно-белый [цветной] фильм
  - 3) кинокадр  
to take pictures - производить съёмку, снимать
  7. (the pictures) *разг.* кинематография
  8. *амер. разг.* суть дела  
get the picture? - уловили, в чём дело?  
to put /to keep/ smb. in the picture - держать кого-л. в курсе дела
  9. *тлв.* изображение, «картинка»  
◇ to be in the picture - а) быть в курсе дел; б) найти отражение; фигурировать; in his article a new method is in the picture - в его статье отражён новый метод; в) быть в центре внимания; г) присутствовать; д) *амер.* играть (заметную) роль  
at that time the Tories were not in the picture at all - в то время консерваторы не играли никакой роли  
to come into the picture - появляться, выступать  
to bring into the picture - вовлекать, затрагивать, упоминать  
to be out of the picture - а) быть не в курсе дел; б) не соответствовать; дисгармонизировать; в) отсутствовать; г) сойти со сцены  
to pass from the picture - сойти со сцены
2. ['pɪktʃə] *v*
- 1) 1) изображать (на картине); рисовать  
on the ceiling he has pictured Flora - на потолке он изобразил Флору
  - 2) снимать, фотографировать
  2. описывать, живописать (*тж.* picture out, picture forth)  
this last sentence pictures him exactly - последнее предложение очень точно характеризует его  
you have pictured her very vividly - вы очень живо описали её
  3. быть похожим, иметь сходство  
never, perhaps, did a child more accurately picture her mother - ещё никогда, пожалуй, ребёнок так не походил на свою мать
  4. представлять себе (*тж.* to picture to oneself)  
picture to yourself my predicament - представьте себе моё положение  
I can't picture him as a family man - я не могу представить (себе) его женатым (человеком)

**picture**

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**pic-ture** [picture pictures pictured picturing] *noun, verb* *BrE* ['pɪktʃə(r)] <sup>m</sup>  
*NAmE* ['pɪktʃər] <sup>m</sup>  
*noun*

**PAINTING/DRAWING**

1. **countable** a painting or drawing, etc. that shows a scene, a person or thing
  - A picture of flowers hung on the wall.
  - The children were **drawing pictures** of their pets.
  - She wanted a famous artist to **paint her picture** (= a picture of herself) .
  - a book with lots of pictures in it

**PHOTOGRAPH**

## 2. countable a photograph

- We had our **picture taken** in front of the hotel.
- The picture shows the couple together on their yacht.
- Have you got any pictures of your trip?

## ON TV

### 3. countable an image on a television screen

- harrowing television pictures of the famine
- satellite pictures
- The picture isn't very clear tonight.

## DESCRIPTION

### 4. countable, usually singular a description that gives you an idea in your mind of what sth is like

- The writer paints a gloomy picture of the economy.
- The police are trying **to build up a picture** of what happened.
- From newspaper reports a picture emerges of a country barely under control.
- The TV report painted a much rosier picture of the employment situation than research shows to be the case.

## MENTAL IMAGE

### 5. countable, usually singular a mental image or memory of sth

- I have a vivid picture of my grandfather smiling down at me when I was very small.

## GENERAL SITUATION

### 6. the picture singular the general situation concerning sb/sth

- Just a few years ago the picture was very different
- The overall picture for farming is encouraging.

## MOVIES

### 7. countable a film/movie

- The movie won nine Academy Awards, including Best Picture.
- (especially NAmE) I believe her husband's **in pictures** (= he acts in movies or works in the movie industry).

**see also** ↑motion picture

### 8. the pictures plural (old-fashioned, informal) the cinema/the movies

- Shall we go to the pictures tonight?

**more at** the big picture **at** ↑big adj. paint a (grim, gloomy, rosy, etc.) picture of sb/sth **at** ↑paint v. as pretty as a picture **at** ↑pretty

adj.

## Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin **pictura**, from **pict-** 'painted' (from the verb **pingere**).

## Thesaurus:

**picture** noun

### 1. C

- The children drew pictures of their pets.

**painting** • • **drawing** • • **sketch** • • **image** • • **portrait** • • **print** • • **cartoon** • • **design** • • **diagram** • • **graphics** • • **artwork** •

**draw** a picture/portrait/sketch/cartoon/design/diagram

**paint** a picture/portrait

**show/display/exhibit** a picture/painting/drawing/portrait/print

### 2. C

- There's a picture of you in the local paper.

**photograph** • • **photo** • • **shot** • • **snapshot** • • **print** • • **slide** • |BrE, informal **snap** •

a **colour** picture/photograph/photo/print/slide/snap

**take** a picture/photograph/photo/shot/snapshot

a picture/photograph/photo/shot/snapshot/slide/snap **shows** sb/sth

**Picture, photograph or photo?** **Picture** is used especially about photographs in newspapers, magazines and books. In American English **take a picture** is more common than **take a photo**. **Photo** is more informal than **photograph**.

### 3. C

- The report paints a gloomy picture of the economy.

**description** • • **profile** • • **portrait** • • **portrayal** • • **representation** • |formal **depiction** • |written **evocation** •

a/an picture/description/profile/portrait/portrayal/representation/depiction/evocation **of** sb/sth

a **vivid** picture/description/portrayal/representation/depiction/evocation

**give** a picture/description/representation

**draw/paint** a picture/portrait

### 4. C

- She had formed a picture in her mind of how the house would look.

**image** • • **idea** • • **thought** • • **prospect** •

a picture/an idea/an image/the prospect/the thought **of** sb/sth

a **clear** picture/image/idea/thought

**have** a/an picture/image/idea/thought

a/an picture/image/idea/thought forms

**Picture or image ?** **Picture** often suggests an imagining of a whole scene including various details and/or events; an **image** often suggests a mental picture of only one person or thing at one particular time.

Synonyms :

**photograph**

picture • photo • shot • snapshot/snap • print

These are all words for a picture that has been made using a camera.

**photograph** • a picture that has been made using a camera: ▪ a photograph of the house ◇▪ Can I take a photograph?

**picture** • a photograph: ▪ We had our picture taken in front of the hotel.

**photo** • a photograph: ▪ a passport photo

**photograph, picture or photo?**

**Photograph** is slightly more formal and **photo** is slightly less formal. **Picture** is used especially in the context of photographs in newspapers, magazines and books.

**shot** • a photograph: ▪ I tried to get a shot of him in the water.

**Shot** often places more emphasis on the process of taking the photograph, rather than the finished picture.

**snapshot/snap** • an informal photograph that is taken quickly, and not by a professional photographer: ▪ holiday snaps

**print** • a copy of a photograph that is produced from film or from a digital camera: ▪ a set of prints

a **colour** photograph/picture/photo/snap/print

to **take** a photograph/picture/photo/shot/snapshot

Synonyms :

**picture**

painting • drawing • portrait • print • sketch

These are all words for a scene, person or thing that has been represented on paper by drawing, painting, etc.

**picture** • a scene, person or thing that has been represented on paper using a pencil, a pen or paint: ▪ The children were drawing pictures of their pets.

**painting** • a picture that has been made using paint: ▪ a collection of paintings by American artists

**drawing** • a picture that has been made using a pencil or pen, not paint: ▪ a pencil/charcoal drawing

**portrait** • a painting, drawing or photograph of a person, especially of the head and shoulders: ▪ Vermeer's 'Portrait of the artist in his studio' ◇▪ a self-portrait (= a painting that you do of yourself)

**print** • a picture that has been copied from a painting using photography: ▪ a Renoir print

**sketch** • a simple picture that is drawn quickly and does not have many details: ▪ I usually do a few very rough sketches before I start on a painting.

to **draw** a picture/portrait/sketch

to **paint** a picture/portrait

to **make** a painting/drawing/portrait/print/sketch

to **do** a painting/drawing/portrait/sketch

Example Bank:

- He didn't paint a very pretty picture of city life.
- I believe her husband's in pictures= he acts in movies or works in the industry.
- I can't see you in the picture.
- I got some good pictures of the procession.
- I tried to form a mental picture of the building being described.
- It's a picture of a country village.
- It's a picture of the Grand Canyon.
- My visits enabled me to build up a broad picture of the culture.
- The book gives a vivid picture of life in Victorian England.
- The book has simple stories and pictures to colour in.
- The documentary didn't give the full picture.
- The figures reveal a disturbing picture of the state of our schools.
- The programme was interesting but it didn't give the full picture.
- The report paints a dismal picture of the government's economic record.
- The smell of the sea conjures up pictures of children playing on the beach.
- The smell of the sea conjures up pictures of my youth.
- The story is told in pictures.
- They're trying to build up a detailed picture of the incident.
- Through interviews and old photos we put together a composite picture of life in the village a hundred years ago.
- What emerges is a complex picture of family rivalry.
- a composite picture of life a hundred years ago
- a major motion picture starring Brent Everett
- the award for best picture
- From newspaper reports a picture emerges of a country barely under control.
- He likes books with lots of pictures in them.
- His picture appeared in the local paper.
- I believe her husband's in pictures.
- I had a sudden and chilling mental picture of him being interrogated in one of their prisons.
- She got a famous artist to paint her picture.

- She had formed a picture of what the place would look like and was very disappointed.
- The TV report painted a much rosier picture of the employment situation than research shows to be the case.
- The police are trying to build up a picture of what happened.
- This picture shows the man with his family.

**Idioms:** a picture ▪ ↑get the picture ▪ ↑in of the picture ▪ ↑put somebody in the picture ▪ the picture of health/guilt/misery

verb

## IMAGINE

1. to imagine sb/sth; to create an image of sb/sth in your mind

- ~ **sb/sth** I can still picture the house I grew up in.
- ~ **sb/sth as sth** We found it hard to picture him as the father of teenage sons.
- ~ **sb/sth doing sth** When he did not come home she pictured him lying dead on the roadside somewhere.
- ~ **what, how, etc...** I tried to picture what it would be like to live alone.

## DESCRIBE

2. often passive ~ **sb/sth as sth** to describe or present sb/sth in a particular way

**Syn:** ↑portray

- Before the trial Liz had been pictured as a frail woman dominated by her husband.

## SHOW IN PHOTOGRAPH

3. usually passive to show sb/sth in a photograph or picture

- ~ **sb/sth (+ adv./prep/adj.)** She is pictured here with her parents.
- ~ **sb/sth doing sth** The team is pictured setting off on their European tour.

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	picture
	BrE / 'pɪktʃə(r)/
	NAme / 'pɪktʃər/
he / she / it	pictures
	BrE / 'pɪktʃəz/
	NAme / 'pɪktʃəz/
past simple, past participle	pictured
	BrE / 'pɪktʃəd/
	NAme / 'pɪktʃəd/
-ing form	picturing
	BrE / 'pɪktʃərɪŋ/
	NAme / 'pɪktʃərɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

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**Example Bank:**

- He is pictured here with his students.
- I could picture the scene clearly.
- I had pictured him as a tall, heavily-built man.
- I tried to picture what she must have been like at that age.
- It was easy to picture the two of them together.
- Mrs Benson (pictured above) is the new Personnel Manager.
- Before the trial Liz had been pictured as a frail woman dominated by her husband.
- I can picture him sleeping rough on the streets somewhere.
- She tried to picture what it must be like back in India.
- We found it hard to picture him as the father of three kids.

## picture

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1. **picture** <sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /'pɪktʃə \$ -ər/ **BrE** <sup>u</sup> **AmE** <sup>u</sup> **noun**

[**Word Family:** adjective: ↑pictorial, ↑picturesque; verb: ↑picture; noun: ↑picture]

[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** pictura, from pictus, past participle of pingere 'to paint']

1. **PAINTING/DRAWING** [countable] shapes, lines etc painted or drawn on a surface, showing what someone or something looks like:

- The room had several pictures on the walls.
- a book with pictures in it

**picture of**

- I like that picture of the two horses.

**draw/paint a/sb's picture**

- Draw a picture of your house.
- He asked her permission to paint her picture (=paint a picture of her).

2. **PHOTOGRAPH** [countable] a photograph

**picture of**

- That's a great picture of you, Dad!

take sb's picture/take a picture of somebody

I asked the waiter if he'd mind taking our picture.

wedding/holiday etc pictures

Would you like to see the wedding pictures?

3. **TELEVISION** [countable] an image that appears on a television or cinema screen

picture of

upsetting pictures of the famine in Africa

satellite pictures from space

4. **DESCRIPTION/IDEA** [countable usually singular] a description or idea of what something is like

picture of

The book gives you a good picture of what life was like in Japan in the early 19th century.

The article paints a rather bleak picture of the future of our planet.

Detectives are trying to build up a picture of the kidnapper.

The description in the guidebook showed rather a rosy picture (=one that makes you think that something is better than it really is).

I now have a vivid picture (=very clear picture) in my mind.

5. **SITUATION** [singular] the general situation in a place, organization etc:

The worldwide picture for tribal people remains grim.

the wider political picture

Checks throughout the region revealed a similar picture everywhere.

big/bigger/wider picture

We were so caught up with the details, we lost sight of the big picture (=the situation considered as a whole).

6. **MENTAL IMAGE** [countable usually singular] an image or memory that you have in your mind:

Sarah had a mental picture of Lisbon.

He had a vivid picture in his mind.

7. **put/keep somebody in the picture** to give someone all the information they need to understand a situation, especially one that is changing quickly:

I'm just going now, but Keith will put you in the picture.

8. **get the picture** informal to understand a situation:

You've said enough. I get the picture.

9. **out of the picture** if someone is out of the picture, they are no longer involved in a situation:

Injury has effectively put Woods out of the picture as far as international matches are concerned.

10. **FILM**

a) [countable] a film:

It was voted the year's best picture.

b) **the pictures** [plural] British English the cinema:

Would you like to go to the pictures?

11. **be the picture of health/innocence/despair etc** to look very healthy etc:

Head bowed and sobbing, she was the picture of misery.

12. **be/look a picture** to look beautiful

⇒ pretty as a picture at ↑pretty<sup>2</sup>(7)

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**COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)**

■ verbs

▪ **draw/paint a picture** She drew a picture of a mushroom on the blackboard.

▪ **do a picture of somebody/something** (=draw or paint a picture) He's done a picture of a monster.

▪ **a picture hangs somewhere** Three pictures hung on the wall over his bed.

▪ **a picture shows something** formal The picture shows two women leaning down towards a third.

▪ **a picture is of somebody/something** (=used to talk about what a picture shows) There's a picture of his wife above the fireplace.

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**COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 4)**

■ adjectives

▪ **a clear/good picture** He still didn't have a clear picture of what had happened.

▪ **a vivid picture** (=very clear) Their diaries give us a vivid picture of their lives at the time.

▪ **an accurate/true picture** Our aim is to build an accurate picture of the needs of disabled people.

▪ **a distorted/misleading picture** (=one that is not accurate) The media coverage left many people with a distorted picture. | These figures give a misleading picture of the company's financial health.

▪ **a detailed picture** We now have a detailed picture of the bird's habits.

▪ **a complete/full picture** By asking these questions, I was able to get a more complete picture.

▪ **an overall/general picture** The study is intended to provide an overall picture of political activity in the nation.

▪ **a bleak/gloomy/grim picture** (=giving the impression that something is or will be bad) The report paints a bleak picture of the economy.

▪ **a rosy picture** (=giving the impression that something is or will be good) That figure paints a misleadingly rosy picture.

■ verbs

▪ **have a picture** I've never been there, but I have a picture of it in my mind.

▪ **a picture emerges** (=becomes clear) No clear picture emerges from the studies.

▪ **get a picture** Scientists have been trying to get a better picture of how the drug works.

▪ **build up/form a picture** (=gradually get an idea of what something is like) Detectives are still trying to build up a picture of

what happened.

- **give/provide a picture** Her book gives us an interesting picture of ordinary people's homes at the time.
- **present a picture** Newspapers tend to present a grim picture of what's going on in the world.
- **paint a picture** (=create a particular idea or impression, especially one that is not accurate) The latest survey paints a grim picture.

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## THESAURUS

- **picture** shapes, lines etc painted or drawn on a surface, especially as a piece of art, and often showing what someone or something looks like: a picture of a horse | He painted the picture in 1890, just before he died.
- **drawing** a picture drawn with a pencil, pen etc: We had to do a drawing of a sunflower.
- **sketch** a picture that is drawn quickly: I made a quick sketch of the kind of room we wanted.
- **painting** a picture made using paint: The painting now hangs in the Museum of Modern Art. | Picasso did several paintings of her.
- **portrait** a picture of a person: The portrait was painted by Rembrandt.
- **landscape** a picture of a place, especially in the countryside or the mountains: Constable painted mainly landscapes.
- **cartoon** a funny drawing in a newspaper or magazine that tells a story or a joke: A cartoon in the New York Times showed the President talking to Osama Bin Laden.
- **comic strip** a series of pictures drawn inside boxes that tell a story: Charles Schultz was famous for his cartoon strip about Snoopy and Charlie Brown.
- **caricature** a funny drawing of someone that makes a part of someone's face or body look bigger, worse etc than it really is, especially in a funny way: He is famous for his caricatures of politicians.
- **illustration** a picture in a book: The book has over 100 pages of illustrations, most of them in colour.
- **poster** a large picture printed on paper that you stick to a wall as decoration: old movie posters | There were lots of posters of pop bands on her bedroom wall.
- **print** a picture that is usually produced on a **↑printing press**, and is one of a series of copies of the same picture: a limited edition of lithographic prints by John Lennon
- **image** a picture – used especially when talking about what the picture is like, or the effect it has on you: He produced some memorable images. | a beautiful image | Some of the images are deeply disturbing.
- **artwork** pictures or photographs, especially ones that have been produced to be used in a book or magazine: We are still waiting for the artwork to come back from the printers.

## II. picture<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>2</sup> AmE<sup>2</sup> verb [transitive]

[Word Family: adjective: **↑pictorial**, **↑picturesque**; verb: **↑picture**; noun: **↑picture**]

1. to imagine something by making an image in your mind:

“ Tom, picturing the scene, smiled.

**picture somebody/something as something**

“ Rob had pictured her as serious, but she wasn't like that.

**picture somebody doing something**

“ I can't picture him skiing. He's so clumsy!

**picture what/how**

“ Picture what it would be like after a nuclear attack.

2. [usually passive] to show someone or something in a photograph, painting, or drawing:

“ She is pictured with her mum Christine and sister Kelly.

3. [usually passive] to describe something in a particular way

**be pictured as something**

“ She's been pictured as a difficult, demanding woman.

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## THESAURUS

- **imagine** to form a picture or idea in your mind about what something might be like: When I think of Honolulu, I imagine long white beaches and palm trees. | I can't really imagine being a millionaire.
- **visualize** to form a picture of someone or something in your mind, especially something that is definitely going to happen or exist in the future: Anna visualized meeting Greg again at the airport. | The finished house may be hard to visualize.
- **picture** to form a clear picture of something or someone in your mind: I can still picture my father, even though he died a long time ago. | The town was just how she had pictured it from his description.
- **envisage** /ɪn'vɪzɪdʒ/ *especially British English*, **envision** to imagine something as possible or likely to happen in the future: How do you envisage your career developing over the next ten years? | They had envisioned the creation of a single armed force, small but efficient.
- **conceive of something** *formal* to imagine a situation, especially one that is difficult to imagine: For many people, music is so important that they cannot conceive of life without it.
- **fantasize** to imagine something exciting that you would like to happen, but that is very unlikely to happen: I used to fantasize about becoming a film star.
- **daydream** to imagine pleasant things, so that you forget where you are and what you should be doing: Mark began to daydream, and didn't even hear the teacher's question.
- **hallucinate** to imagine that you are seeing things that are not really there, especially because you are ill or have taken drugs: The drug that can cause some people to hallucinate. | When I saw the walls moving, I thought I must be hallucinating.

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