

**Instance****1. ['ɪnstəns] n****1. пример, образец, случай**

familiar instance - известный случай; знакомый пример

the most striking instance of smth. - наиболее яркий /наглядный/ пример чего-л.

in this instance - в этом /в данном/ случае

in some instances - в ряде случаев

to give /to cite/ an instance or two - привести один-два примера

take as an instance ... - возьмите, например ...

**2. *мж. sing* требование (настоятельная) просьба; настояние**

at the instance of smb., at smb.'s instance - по чьей-л. просьбе

**3. *юр.*****1) судебная инстанция**

a court of first instance - суд первой инстанции

to win [to lose] a lawsuit in the first instance - выиграть [проиграть] дело в первой судебной инстанции [*ср. мж.* ◇ ]**2) производство дела в суде; судебный процесс****3) гражданский иск****4) прецедент**

◇ for instance - например

in the first instance - прежде всего; в первую очередь; сперва, сначала; во-первых [*ср. мж.* 3, 1)]**2. ['ɪnstəns] v**

приводить в качестве примера, ссылаться на

**instance**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**in·stance** *AW* [**instance instances instanced instancing**] **noun, verb** *BrE*['ɪnstəns] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* ['ɪnstəns] <sup>ˈ</sup>**noun**

a particular example or case of sth

- The report highlights a number of instances of injustice.
- In most instances, there will be no need for further treatment.
- I would normally suggest taking time off work, but **in this instance** I'm not sure that would do any good.

Word Origin:late 16th cent. (in its current sense): from medieval Latin *instantia* 'example to the contrary' (translating Greek *enstasis* 'objection'); hence the meaning "single occurrence".Language Bank:**e.g.***Giving examples*

- The website has a variety of interactive exercises ( **e.g.** ▪ matching games, crosswords and quizzes).
- The website has a variety of interactive exercises, **including** ▪ matching games, crosswords and quizzes.
- Web 2.0 technologies, **such as** ▪ wikis, blogs and social networking sites, have changed the way that people use the Internet.
- Many websites now allow users to contribute information. **A good example of this is** ▪ the 'wiki', a type of website that anyone can edit.
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- Wikis vary in how open they are. Some wikis, **for example** ▪ / **for instance** ▪, allow anybody to edit content, while others only allow registered users to do this.
- More and more people read their news on the Internet. **To take one example** , ▪ over 14 million people now read the online version of 'The Oxford Herald'.
- Online newspapers are now more popular than paper ones. 'The Oxford Herald' **is a case in point** ▪. Its print circulation has fallen in recent years, while its website attracts millions of users every month.

note at <sup>↑</sup>[example](#)Language Banks at <sup>↑</sup>[addition](#), <sup>↑</sup>[argue](#), <sup>↑</sup>[evidence](#), <sup>↑</sup>[illustrate](#)Synonyms:**example**

case • instance • specimen • illustration

These are all words for a thing or situation that is typical of a particular group or set, and is sometimes used to support an argument.

**example** • something such as an object, a fact or a situation that shows, explains or supports what you say; a thing that is typical of or represents a particular group or set: ▪ Can you give me an example of what you mean?**case** • a particular situation or a situation of a particular type; a situation that relates to a particular person or thing: ▪ In some cases people have had to wait several weeks for an appointment.**instance** • (*rather formal*) a particular situation or a situation of a particular type: ▪ The report highlights a number of instances of injustice.**specimen** • an example of sth, especially an animal or plant: ▪ The aquarium has some interesting specimens of unusual tropical fish.**illustration** • (*rather formal*) a story, an event or an example that clearly shows the truth about sth: ▪ The statistics are a clear

illustration of the point I am trying to make.

**example or illustration?**

An **illustration** is often used to show that sth is true. An **example** is used to help to explain sth.

a(n) example/case/instance/specimen/illustration **of** sth

**in** a particular case/instance

**for** example/instance

Example Bank:

- Experts cite the country as an instance where human rights violations could lead to international intervention
- Further information is required to determine the correct answer in any given instance.
- I cannot recall any other instance in modern times in which a huge and mighty state crumbled to dust.
- In one instance, several people had their mobile phones stolen.
- In the first instance, a letter from your employer may be all you need.
- It is not always helpful to draw analogies between sexism and racism, but in this instance it is useful.
- It is not always helpful to draw analogies, but in this instance it is useful.
- Murder, petty theft and tax evasion, for instance, all have different motives and consequences.
- North America provides the most striking instance of European settlement on a grand scale.
- Students described many instances in which they had felt uncomfortable speaking in class.
- There are many documented instances of mass hysteria.
- This instance shows how important it is to check that the machine is working properly before you use it.
- This is a classic instance of Dostoevsky's writing operating on two levels.
- This is an instance of his general attitude to his employees.
- This is one of the few instances where the director does not succeed.
- To take a particular instance of this problem:...
- I would normally suggest taking time off work, but in this instance I'm not sure that would do any good.
- What would you do, for instance, if you found an employee stealing.

Idioms: ↑for instance ▪ ↑in the first instance

verb ~ sth (formal)

to give sth as an example

- I refer to the situation instanced above

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	instance
	BrE / 'ɪnstəns/
	NA.mE / 'ɪnstəns/
he / she / it	instances
	BrE / 'ɪnstənsɪz/
	NA.mE / 'ɪnstənsɪz/
past simple, past participle	instanced
	BrE / 'ɪnstənst/
	NA.mE / 'ɪnstənst/
-ing form	instancing
	BrE / 'ɪnstənsɪŋ/
	NA.mE / 'ɪnstənsɪŋ/

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I. **in** **stance**<sup>1</sup> **S3 W2 AC** /'ɪnstəns/ **BrE** <sup>u</sup> **AmE** <sup>u</sup> **noun**

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑instance, ↑instant; **adverb:** ↑instantly, ↑instantaneously; **adjective:** ↑instant, ↑instantaneous]

[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** French; **Origin:** Latin instantia '**presence, urgency**', from instans; ⇨ ↑instant<sup>1</sup>]

1. **for instance** for example:

" We need to rethink the way we consume energy. Take, for instance, our approach to transport.

2. [**countable**] an example of a particular kind of situation

**instance of**

" They came across many instances of discrimination.

**instance where/when**

" instances where safety regulations have been breached

" In this instance I think she was mistaken.

3. **in the first instance** at the beginning of a series of actions:

" Anyone wishing to join the society should apply in the first instance to the secretary.

4. **at sb's instance** **formal** because of someone's wish or request

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**THESAURUS**

▪ **example** something that you mention because it is typical of the kind of thing that you are talking about: The hall is a perfect example of medieval architecture. | There are many ways in which technology has changed our lives. The car is an obvious example. | This painting is a typical example of Picasso's work in his Blue Period.

- **case** an example of something that happens, especially something bad: There have been some cases of women employees being fired because they are pregnant. | In one case a man was charged \$2,000 for a simple medical check-up. | Recent governmentspending on schools is a classic case of too little, too late.

- **instance** an example of a particular kind of situation or event, especially something bad. **Instance** is more formal than **case**: Some users of Ecstasy have actually died, but such instances are very rare. | The report describes instances of discrimination. | In a few rare instances, the disease can cause death.

- **illustration** something, especially a story or situation, that you use as an example: As an illustration of this, consider the following example. | He mentioned the recent events in the Middle East by way of illustration (=as an example).

II. **instance**<sup>2</sup> AC BrE<sup>u</sup> AmE<sup>u</sup> verb [transitive] formal

to give something as an example:

She instanced the first chapter as proof of his skill in constructing scenes.

**instance**

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12500 **893**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **1207**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **2k** INSTANCE<sup>37142</sup>

instance<sup>30406</sup>

instances<sup>6736</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

16676 **1653**<sup>25748</sup> *rex22*

3696 **7487**<sup>4621</sup> *nn1*

18 **186365**<sup>18</sup> *jj*

7 **317663**<sup>7</sup> *nnu*

4 **450566**<sup>4</sup> *ppy*

4 **451070**<sup>4</sup> *vbr*

4 **451590**<sup>4</sup> *vv0*