

**candidate**[ˈkændɪdət] *n*

кандидат

presidential candidate, candidate for Presidency /for President/ - кандидат на пост президента

the Republican candidate for governor- кандидат в губернаторы /на пост губернатора/ от республиканской партии

candidate for a degree - соискатель учёной степени

a candidate for the gallows - *шутл.* кандидат на виселицу**candidate**

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**can·di·date** [**candidate candidates**] *BrE* [ˈkændɪdət] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* [ˈkændɪdət] <sup>ⓘ</sup>*BrE* [ˈkændɪdət] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* [ˈkændɪdət] <sup>ⓘ</sup> **noun****1. ~ (for sth)** a person who is trying to be elected or is applying for a job

- one of the leading candidates for the presidency
- a presidential candidate
- (BrE) He stood as a candidate in the local elections.
- There were a large number of candidates for the job.
- The party intends to field a candidate in the next general election.

**2. (BrE)** a person taking an exam

- Candidates are allowed to use dictionaries in this examination.
- a candidate for the degree of MPhil

**3. ~ (for sth)** a person or group that is considered suitable for sth or that is likely to get sth or to be sth

- Our team is a **prime candidate for** relegation this year.
- Your father is an obvious candidate for a heart attack.

Word Origin:

early 17th cent.: from Latin **candidatus** ‘white-robed’, also denoting a candidate for office (who traditionally wore a white toga), from **candidus** ‘white’.

Thesaurus:**candidate** **noun** C

- the best candidate for the job

**applicant** •• **nominee** •• **contender** •• **contestant** •• **challenger** •• **entrant** •a/an candidate/applicant/nominee/contender/contestant/challenger/entrant **for** stha **Democratic/Republican /presidential** candidate/nominee/contender/challenger**interview /choose/select/shortlist/reject** a candidate/an applicant

**Candidate or nominee?** A **candidate** is a person who is suggested or who has suggested themselves for a prize or job. A **nominee** is always sb who was suggested for sth by other people. In political elections one of several **nominees** is chosen by a party to become its **candidate** to take part in the election against other candidates.

Collocations:**Voting in elections***Running for election***conduct/hold** an election/a referendum*(especially NAmE)* **run for** office/election/governor/mayor/president/the White House*(especially BrE)* **stand for** election/office/Parliament/the Labour Party/a second term**hold/call/contest** a general/national election**launch/run** a presidential election campaign**support/back** a candidate**sway/convince/persuade** voters/the electorate**appeal to/attract/woo/target** *(NAmE)* swing voters/*(BrE)* floating voters**fix/rig/steal** an election/the vote*Voting***go to/be turned away from** *(especially BrE)* a polling station/*(NAmE)* a polling place**cast** a/your vote/ballot (for sb)**vote for** the Conservative candidate/the Democratic party**mark/spoil** your ballot paper**count** *(BrE)* the postal votes/*(especially NAmE)* the absentee ballots**go to/be defeated** at the ballot box**get/win/receive/lose** votes**get/win** (60% of) the popular/black/Hispanic/Latino/Muslim vote**win** the election/*(in the US)* the primaries/a seat in Parliament/a majority/power**lose** an election/the vote/your majority/your seat**win/come to power in** a landslide (victory) (= with many more votes than any other party)**elect/re-elect sb (as)** mayor/president/an MP/senator/congressman/congresswoman*Taking power***be sworn into office/in** as president**take/administer** *(in the US)* the oath of office**swear/take** *(in the UK)* an/the oath of allegiance**give/deliver** *(in the US)* the president's inaugural address

take/enter/hold/leave office  
 appoint sb (as) ambassador/governor/judge/minister  
 form a government/a cabinet  
 serve two terms as prime minister/in office  
 more collocations at ↑economy, ↑politics

### Example Bank:

- Our organization is putting up five candidates in the elections.
- Prospective parliamentary candidates met party leaders last week.
- She decided to stand as a candidate in the local elections.
- She was the only candidate for the post.
- She's a likely candidate for promotion.
- The committee will select the best candidate for the job.
- The successful candidate will be fluent in French and German.
- There were no suitable candidates for the position.
- This is a prime candidate for best movie of the year.
- We rejected most of the candidates as unsuitable.
- We run special revision courses for examination candidates.

**candidate** Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**can** **di** **date** **W2** /'kændɪdət, 'kændɪdət \$ -dɛt, -dət/ **BrE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **AmE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: candidatus, from candidatus 'dressed in white', from candidus (⇒ ↑candid); because someone trying to get elected in ancient Rome wore white clothes]

1. someone who is being considered for a job or is competing in an election:

" a presidential candidate

**candidate for**

" There are only three candidates for the job.

2. **British English** someone who is taking an examination:

" Candidates are not allowed to use a calculator in this exam.

3. someone or something that is likely to experience or get something

**candidate for**

" The school is an obvious candidate for extra funding.

" The novel must be a prime candidate for the award.

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### COLLOCATIONS

#### ■ adjectives

- **a Republican/Democratic/Labour etc candidate** This part of Florida usually supports Republican candidates.
- **a presidential candidate** What is the system for selecting presidential candidates?
- **a parliamentary candidate** O'Connor was the parliamentary candidate for the Liberal Democrats.
- **a possible/potential candidate** (=someone who you might give a job or position to) There were two women who were possible candidates.
- **a prospective candidate** (=someone who might apply for a job or position) Prospective candidates must be educated to degree level.
- **the successful candidate** (=the one who gets the job or position) The successful candidate will be innovative and self-motivated.

#### ■ verbs

- **stand as a candidate for something** (=compete for a position in an election) Lee stated that he did not intend to stand as a candidate in the presidential elections.
- **put somebody/something forward as a candidate** (=suggest someone for election) He allowed his name to be put forward as a candidate for governor.
- **nominate/put up a candidate** (=put forward a candidate) Any member may nominate a candidate.
- **field a candidate** (=have one of your party's members competing for election) The Green Party decided not to field a candidate in Darlington.
- **select/choose a candidate** Taylor was selected as Tory candidate.
- **endorse a candidate** (=officially support a candidate) The White House declined to endorse the Republican candidate.

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