

show

1. [[əv] *n*
 1. показ, демонстрация
 - a show of force - демонстрация силы
 - to make a show of smth. - демонстрировать что-л., выставлять что-л. напоказ [*см. тж.* 7]
 - to make (a) show of friendship - проявлять дружеские чувства /дружелюбие, дружеское расположение/ [*ср. тж.* 6]
 2. 1) выставка
 - flower [cattle, dog] show - выставка цветов [скота, собак]
 - fashions show - демонстрация мод
 - wild beast show - зверинец
 - travelling show - бродячий зверинец; бродячий цирк, балаган
 - to be on show - быть выставленным (*где-л.*), быть экспонатом выставки
 - to set smth. to show - выставлять /показывать/ на выставке
 - 2) пышная процессия
 3. 1) *разг.* зрелище, спектакль, представление
 - fairly show - феерия
 - to act in dumb show - а) участвовать в пантомиме; б) объясняться знаками /жестами/
 - to put up a good show - а) хорошо поставить спектакль; б) добиваться хороших результатов, ≅ показывать товар лицом; [*ср. тж.* 8, 2)]
 - to stop the show - сорвать аплодисменты (*в ходе спектакля*)
 - to steal the show - а) затмить, переиграть всех остальных актёров; the woman can act, but the child stole the show - она хорошая актриса, но внимание зрителей было больше всего привлечено к ребёнку; б) оказаться в центре внимания
 - the theatre gives two shows a day - театр даёт два представления в день
 - 2) шоу, эстрадное представление
 - floor show - шоу в ресторане
 - 3) *радио, тлв.* передача
 - talk /chat/ show - беседа *или* интервью со знаменитостью, видным деятелем *и т. п.*
 - 4) киносеанс
 - 5) *спорт.* выступление
 - 6) авиационный праздник; показательные полёты
 4. *разг.* вечер, приём, банкет, торжество
 - to do a show - присутствовать на вечере /на банкете, на торжестве/
 - to do shows - появляться /бывать/ в обществе
 5. 1) картина, вид, зрелище
 - beautiful show - красивый вид
 - good [bad, striking] show - прекрасное [отвратительное /поразительное] зрелище
 - to be /to make/ a spectacular [a poor] show - представлять /являть/ собой эффектное [жалкое] зрелище
 - 2) жалкое зрелище, нелепая картина
 - I don't like to make a show of myself before strangers - мне не хочется предстать в глупом виде перед посторонними
 6. *книжн.* внешний вид; видимость
 - the show of things - внешний вид /-яя оболочка/ вещей
 - in show - по (внешнему) виду
 - for show - для видимости, для виду [*см. тж.* 7]
 - a show of justice [of kindness] - (одна лишь) видимость справедливости [доброты]
 - nothing but show - одна видимость
 - to make (a) show - делать вид
 - to make (a) show of anger - делать вид, что сердисься [*ср. тж.* 1]
 - to have /to bear, to carry/ a show of respectability - сохранять внешнюю респектабельность /благоприличие/
 7. показная сторона; внешний эффект
 - for show - для внешнего эффекта напоказ [*см. тж.* 6]
 - to make (a) show of smth. - слишком подчёркивать /выпячивать/ что-л. [*см. тж.* 1]
 - to make a great show of zeal - всячески демонстрировать своё усердие
 - he wears glasses for show - он носит очки для фасона
 8. 1) *разг.* дело, предприятие
 - to run /to boss, to manage/ the (whole) show - (всем) заправлять
 - to give the (whole) show away - а) разгласить план, намерение *и т. п.*; б) проболтаться
 - 2) *воен. разг.* дело, бой, операция
 - to put up a show - драться, сражаться, побывать в деле [*ср. тж.* 3, 1)]
 9. проявление, признак
 - show of reason - признак /проявление/ благоразумия
 - with some show of reason - с некоторым /разумным/ основанием
 - some suggested, without good show of reason, that ... - некоторые высказали мысль, без особых на то оснований, что ...
 - the board is a poor show - дирекция ничем себя не проявила
 - the party was a dull show - на вечере была отчаянная скука
 10. *амер. разг.* возможность, шанс
 - to give smb. a (fair) show (to do smth.) - предоставить кому-л. (благоприятную) возможность (сделать что-л.); отнестись к кому-л. непредубеждённо
 - to have /to stand/ a show - иметь возможность /шанс(ы)/
 - to have no show of winning - не иметь никаких шансов на выигрыш

11. 1) **амер. , австрал.** следы, признаки наличия
 a show of gold in a mine - признаки /следы/ золота в шахте
 not a show of affection - никакого намёка /ничего похожего/ на любовь
 there is not the slightest show of bud as yet - на деревьях ещё не появилось ни одной почки
- 2) **горн.** ореол (на предохранительной лампе, указывающий на наличие метана)
12. **спорт. жарг.** третье место или одно из трёх первых мест (на скачках и т. п.)
13. **физиол.** воды (предродовые)
 ◇ good show! - замечательно, здорово (сделано!)
 to vote by (a) show of hands - голосовать поднятием руки
 one-horse show - гиблое дело
2. **[ʃəʊ] а**
 показательный
 the show pupil in the class - образцовый /лучший/ ученик в классе
 the surgeon's show case - показательная операция (хирургическая)
 show piece - **муз.** произведение, требующее виртуозного исполнения
3. **[ʃəʊ] v (showed [-ʃəʊd]; shown, редк. showed)**
 I
1. 1) показывать
 to show a picture [a dress] to smb. - показать картину [платье] кому-л.
 we showed him the sights of the town - мы показали ему достопримечательности города
 a sight that only Moscow can show - то, что можно увидеть только в Москве
 the basement window showed him just the feet of passers-by - из подвального окна ему были видны лишь ноги прохожих
- 2) показываться, появляться
 the buds are showing - появляются почки
 anger showed in his face - на его лице появилось гневное выражение
2. 1) указывать
 to show smb. the way - а) показать кому-л. дорогу; б) показать кому-л. пример, быть первым
 to show smb. the door - указать кому-л. на дверь
- 2) показывать, объяснять, учить
 to show smb. how /the way/ to do smth. - показывать /объяснять/ кому-л., как (нужно) делать что-л.
 to show smb. a thing or two - объяснить кому-л. что к чему
3. 1) выставлять; экспонировать
 to show flowers [paintings] - выставлять (для обозрения) /экспонировать/ цветы [картины]
- 2) выставлять для продажи, предлагать (товары)
 the stores are showing new spring suits - магазины предлагают новые весенние костюмы
4. изображать
 to show smb., smth. accurately [vaguely] - изображать /описывать/ кого-л., что-л. точно [расплывчато]
5. **разг.**
- 1) **театр.** играть, давать (спектакль)
 they are showing **Hamlet** tonight - сегодня играют «Гамлета», сегодня идёт «Гамлет»
 this play has been shown in every town - этот спектакль показывали во всех городах
- 2) выступать на ринге (бокс)
6. выявлять, устанавливать
 to show the impossibility of smth., to show that smth. is impossible - доказывать невозможность чего-л.
 to show smb. to be a coward [a swindler] - разоблачить кого-л. как труса [как мошенника]
 to show smb.'s designs - разоблачить чьи-л. интриги
 he showed the plan to be faulty on - показал, что план составлен неудачно
7. проявлять, обнаруживать
 to show kindness to smb. - проявлять /выказывать/ расположение (по отношению) к кому-л.
 to show hatred towards smb. - выражать ненависть к кому-л.
 to show smb. favour [honour, courtesy] - оказывать кому-л. услугу [честь, любезность]
 to show signs of smth. - обнаруживать признаки чего-л.
 he showed every mark of extreme agitation - но всему было видно, что он очень возбуждён
 to show that one is nervous [annoyed, impatient] - выдавать своё волнение [раздражение, нетерпение]
 his nature showed strong in adversity - превратности судьбы выявили силу его характера, в несчастье он проявил силу характера
8. 1) оттенять выделять
 a light carpet shows the dirt - на светлом ковре грязь очень заметна
 that dress shows your figure - это платье подчёркивает вашу фигуру
- 2) выделяться, виднеться; быть видным, заметным
 the stain shows - пятно заметно /видно/
 your slip is showing - у вас видна комбинация (из-под платья)
 oil paintings show best at a distance - живопись лучше смотрится на расстоянии
9. появляться (в обществе), бывать (на людях; тж. show up)
 not to show one's face /one's head/ - не появляться; ≅ глаз не казать
 not to show one's nose - носу не казать
 the guest failed to show - гость так и не пришёл
 he showed himself in public places to quiet rumours that he was ill - он стал появляться в обществе, чтобы положить конец слухам о своей болезни

10. **выглядеть, казаться, иметь вид**

to show white [dark] (in the distance) - белеть [темнеть] (вдалеке)

to show massive [strong] - выглядеть /казаться/ массивным [сильным]

the coast showed like /as/ a line (from here) - берег казался (отсюда) полоской

11. **спорт. жарг.** занять третье место *или* одно из трёх первых мест (*на скачках и т. п.*)

II А

1. **предъявлять (документ)**

to show one's ticket [one's passport] - предъявить билет [паспорт]

to show a document for inspection - предъявить /представить/ документ для ознакомления /для проверки/

2. **показывать, отмечать (о приборе)**

a barometer shows the air pressure - барометр показывает атмосферное давление

the watch shows 10 (a.m.) - на часах ровно десять (утра)

the amount shown on the meter - показание счётчика

3. **юр.** представлять (*доказательства*)

to show cause - представлять основания

to show to the satisfaction of the court - доказывать перед судом

II Б

1. **to show smb. to /into, over, round/ a place** провожать, сопровождать кого-л. куда-л.

to show smb. to the gate [to the door] - проводить кого-л. до ворот [до двери]

to show smb. to his seat - провести кого-л. на место (*в кино, самолёте*)

to show smb. round smth. - сопровождать кого-л. (*во время осмотра*)

to show smb. round a town [round an exhibition] - показывать кому-л. город [выставку]; знакомить кого-л. с городом [с выставкой]

a servant showed them into the drawing room - служанка ввела их в гостиную

I was shown upstairs to his den - меня проводили наверх, в его кабинет

he showed us over the ship [over the works, over the city] - он повёз нас по всему кораблю [заводу, городу]

2. **to show oneself (to be) smb.** проявить себя кем-л., оказаться кем-л.

to show oneself a gentleman [a coward] - оказаться настоящим джентльменом [трусом]

to show oneself a great actor - показать себя большим артистом

3. **to show oneself (to be) good, bad, etc** проявить себя с хорошей, плохой *и т. п.* стороны

to show oneself cruel [clever] - проявить жестокость [ум]

the group showed itself to be reliable - группа оказалась надёжной

◇

to have smth. to show for one's labour [for one's expenditure] - не зря потрудиться [потратиться]

to have nothing to show for it - ничего не добиться, зря стараться

to show smth. the fire - (слегка) подогреть *или* поджарить что-л.

to show the whip - грозить кнутом

to show to advantage - представить в выгодном свете

to show a sign - а) подать знак; б) **библ.** творить чудо

to show a marvel = to show a sign б)

to show one's paces - **спорт. жарг.** выложиться, показать, на что способен

to show one's teeth - показывать зубы

to show one's hand /one's cards/ - а) **карт.** открыть карты; б) раскрыть свои карты /планы/

to show fight - не уступать, не поддаваться; рваться в бой

to show (smb.) one's heels, to show (smb.) a clean /a fair, a light/ pair of heels - дать стрекача, дать тягу, улепётывать (от кого-л.)

to show one's colours - **мор.** а) показывать флаг; б) демонстрировать свою приверженность (*чему-л.*); носить значок,

эмблему *и т. п.* в знак принадлежности к какой-л. партии; в) сбросить маску (**мж.** to show one's true colours)

to show kit - **сл.** чувствовать тошноту

to show a leg - а) **сл.** вставать с постели; б) улизнуть

to show smb. London - **школ. жарг.** перевернуть кого-л. вверх тормашками

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show [show shows showed showing] **verb, noun** BrE [ˈʃəʊ] ^а NAmE [ˈʃoʊ] ^а

verb (showed, shown BrE [ˈʃəʊn] ^а; NAmE [ˈʃoʊn] ^а or, rarely, showed)

MAKE CLEAR

1. **transitive** to make sth clear; to prove sth

- ~ **(that)**... The figures clearly show that her claims are false.
- The government's popularity is declining rapidly, as the opinion polls show.
- ~ **sb that**... Market research has shown us that people want quality, not just low prices.
- ~ **sth** a report showing the company's current situation
- ~ **sb/sth to be/have sth** His new book shows him to be a first-rate storyteller.
- ~ **(sb) how, what, etc**... This shows how people are influenced by TV advertisements.

LET SB SEE STH

2. **transitive** to let sb see sth

- ~ **sth** You have to show your ticket as you go in.
- ~ **sth to sb** If there's a letter from France please show it to me.
- Have you shown your work to anyone?
- ~ **sb sth** Have you shown anyone your work?

TEACH

3. **transitive** to help sb to do sth by letting them watch you do it or by explaining it

- ~ **sth to sb** She showed the technique to her students.
- ~ **sb sth** She showed her students the technique.
- Can you show me how to do it?

POINT

4. **transitive** ~ **sb sth** to point to sth so that sb can see where or what it is

- He showed me our location on the map.
- ~ **sb which, what, etc...** Show me which picture you drew.

GUIDE

5. **transitive** to lead or guide sb to a place

- ~ **sb + adv./prep.** The attendant showed us to our seats.
- We were shown into the waiting room.
- ~ **sb sth** I'll go first and **show** you **the way** .

QUALITY/BEHAVIOUR/FEELING

6. **transitive** to make it clear that you have a particular quality

- ~ **sth** to show great courage
- ~ **yourself + adj.** She had shown herself unable to deal with money.
- ~ **yourself to be/have sth** He has shown himself to be ready to make compromises.
- ~ **that...** He has shown that he is ready to make compromises.

7. **transitive** to behave in a particular way towards sb

- ~ **sth (for/to sb)** They showed no respect for their parents.
- ~ **sb sth** They showed their parents no respect.

8. **intransitive, transitive** if a feeling or quality shows, or if you show it, people can see it

- Fear showed in his eyes.
- She tried not to let her disappointment show.
- She's nearly forty now. **And it shows** (= it's obvious) .
- ~ **sth** Her expression showed her disappointment.
- James began to **show signs of** impatience.
- ~ **how, what, etc...** She tried not to show how disappointed she was.

BE VISIBLE

9. **intransitive, transitive** if sth shows, people can see it. If sth shows a mark, dirt, etc, the mark can be seen

- She had a warm woollen hat and scarf on that left only her eyes and nose showing.
- ~ **sth** Their new white carpet showed every mark.

INFORMATION

10. **transitive** (not usually used in the progressive tenses) ~ **sth** to give particular information, or a time or measurement

- The map shows the principal towns and rivers.
- The clock showed midnight.
- The end-of-year accounts show a loss.

OF PICTURE/PHOTOGRAPH

11. **transitive** ~ **sth** | ~ **sb/sth (as sth)** | ~ **sb/sth doing sth** to be of sb/sth; to represent sb/sth

- She had objected to a photo showing her in a bikini.

FOR PUBLIC TO SEE

12. **intransitive, transitive** to be or make sth available for the public to see

- The movie is now showing at all major movie theaters.
- ~ **sth** The movie is being shown now.
- She plans to show her paintings early next year.

PROVE

13. **transitive, no passive** (informal) to prove that you can do sth or are sth

- ~ **sb (sth)** They think I can't do it, but I'll show them!
- ~ **yourself to be/have sth** He has shown himself to be a caring father.

ARRIVE

14. **intransitive** (informal, especially NAmE) to arrive where you have arranged to meet sb or do sth

- I waited an hour but he didn't show.

see also ↑show up

ANIMAL

15. **transitive** ~ **sth** to enter an animal in a competition

more at fly/show/wave the flag **at** ↑flag _{n.}, show your paces **at** ↑pace _{n.}, show sb/know/learn the ropes **at** ↑rope _{n.}

Verb forms:

verb form	
present simple	show
I / you / we / they	BrE / /əʊ/
	NAmE / /oʊ/
he / she / it	shows
	BrE / /əʊz/
	NAmE / /oʊz/
past simple	showed
	BrE / /eəd/
	NAmE / /oʊd/
past participle	shown
	BrE / /əʊn/
	NAmE / /oʊn/
past participle	shown
	BrE / /eəd/
	NAmE / /oʊd/
-ing form	showing
	BrE / /əʊnɪŋ/
	NAmE / /oʊnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English scēawian 'look at, inspect', from a West Germanic base meaning 'look'; related to Dutch [schouwen](#) and German [schauen](#).

Thesaurus:

show verb

- T**
 - Opinion polls show that the government's popularity is declining.

prove • • **demonstrate** • • **indicate** • • **illustrate** •
show/prove/demonstrate/indicate sth **to** sb
show/prove/demonstrate/indicate/illustrate **that/what/how...**
figures/studies show/prove/demonstrate/indicate/illustrate sth
Show or prove? Prove is often preferred to **show** to give a stronger sense of justice being done.
- T**
 - You have to show your ticket as you go in.

reveal • • **expose** •
show/reveal sth **to** sb
- T, I**
 - Show me how to do it.

teach • • **train** • • **coach** • |**formal instruct** •
show/teach sb **how to** do sth
show/teach **sb** that...
- T**
 - He showed me our location on the map.

point • • **indicate** •
- T**
 - You'll need someone to show you the way.

guide • • **take** • • **go with sb** • • **escort** • • **walk** • • **drive** • • **lead** • • **usher** • • **direct** • |**formal accompany** •
show/guide/take/escort/walk/drive/lead/usher/direct/accompany sb **to/out of/into** sth
show/guide/take/escort/walk/drive/lead sb **around/round**
show/guide/take/escort/lead/usher sb **in/out**
- T, I**
 - Her expression showed her disappointment.

reflect • • **express** • • **display** • • **demonstrate** •
show/demonstrate **that...**
show/reflect/express/display/demonstrate **interest**
show/reflect/express/display (your) **feelings/emotions**
- I, T**
 - The cloth was folded so that the stain didn't show.

appear • • **emerge** • • **come out** • |**formal manifest itself** •
suddenly show/appear/emerge/come out
- T** (not usually used in the progressive tenses)
 - The picture shows St George slaying the dragon.

present • • **portray** • |**formal depict** • • **represent** •
show/present/portray/depict/represent sb/sth **as** sth
show/present/portray/depict/represent sb/sth **accurately**
show/present/portray/depict sb/sth **clearly/vividly**
- I, T**
 - She plans to show her paintings early next year.

display • • **present** • • **produce** • • **launch** • |**journalism unveil** •
show/display/present/launch/unveil a new **product/model**
show/display/present **your wares**
show/display **a painting/your work/a collection/a trophy**

Language Bank:

illustrate

Referring to a chart, graph or table

- This bar chart **illustrates** ▪ how many journeys people made on public transport over a three-month period.
- This table **compares** ▪ bus, train, and taxi use between April and June.
- The results **are shown** ▪ in the chart below.
- In this pie chart, the survey results **are broken down** ▪ by age.
- This pie chart **breaks down** ▪ the survey results by age.

As can be seen from ▪ these results, younger people use buses more than older people.

According to ▪ these figures, bus travel accounts for 60% of public transport use.

From ▪ the data in the above graph, **it is apparent that** ▪ buses are the most widely used form of public transport.

Language Banks at ↑evidence, ↑fall, ↑increase, ↑proportion, ↑surprising

Synonyms:

take

lead • escort • drive • show • walk • guide • usher • direct

These words all mean to go with sb from one place to another.

take • to go with sb from one place to another, for example in order to show them sth or to show them the way to a place: ▪ It's too far to walk— I'll take you by car.

lead • to go with or go in front of sb in order to show them the way or to make them go in the right direction: ▪ Firefighters led the survivors to safety.

escort • to go with sb in order to protect or guard them or to show them the way: ▪ The president arrived escorted by twelve bodyguards.

drive • to take sb somewhere in a car, taxi, etc: ▪ My mother drove us to the airport.

show • to take sb to a particular place, in the right direction, or along the correct route: ▪ The attendant showed us to our seats.

walk • to go somewhere with sb on foot, especially in order to make sure that they get there safely; to take an animal, especially a dog, for a walk or make an animal walk somewhere: ▪ He always walked her home. ◇▪ Have you walked the dog yet today?

guide • to show sb the way to a place, often by going with them; to show sb a place that you know well: ▪ She guided us through the busy streets. ◇▪ We were guided around the museums.

usher • (rather formal) to politely take or show sb where they should go, especially within a building: ▪ She ushered her guests to their seats.

direct • (rather formal) to tell or show sb how to get somewhere or where to go: ▪ A young woman directed them to the station.

to take/lead/escort/drive/show/walk/guide/usher/direct sb **to/out of/into** sth

to take/lead/escort/drive/show/walk/guide sb **around/round**

to take/lead/escort/drive/walk sb **home**

to take/lead/escort/guide sb **to safety**

to lead/show **the way**

Example Bank:

- I'm giving him a chance to show what he can do.
- It's such a tiny mark, it hardly shows.
- Lee was happy to show her how it should be done.
- Let me show you on the map.
- Lewis refused to show any emotion.
- She showed her new toy to her friends.
- Third quarter figures are likely to show a further fall in figures.
- 'There's a Mr Smith here to see you.' 'Show him in.'
- A white carpet will show every mark.
- Come out and show yourselves!
- Could you show this gentleman the way to the conference hall, please?
- Don't worry— the marks won't show.
- He wore a mask that showed only his eyes.
- His hands were clenched, the whites of the knuckles showing.
- His shirt tail was showing from under his jersey.
- I waited till ten o'clock but she didn't show.
- I want a dress that won't show too much of my arms.
- If there's a letter from France please show it to me.
- Let me show you exactly what this will mean.
- Light was showing under the door.
- Only about 20 people showed.
- She had a warm woollen hat on that left only her eyes and nose showing.
- She showed great courage in the face of danger.
- The cloth was folded so that the stain didn't show.
- The film is now showing at all major cinemas.
- The government's popularity is declining rapidly, as the opinion polls show.
- The picture shows St George slaying the dragon.
- They have published a report showing the company's current situation.
- They think I can't do it, but I'll show them!
- They'll need someone to show them the way.
- What if nobody shows?

Idioms: ↑for show ▪ ↑get the show on the road ▪ ↑good show! ▪ ↑it goes to show ▪ ↑show of hands ▪ ↑show somebody the door ▪

↑show somebody who's boss ▪ ↑show the way ▪ ↑show willing ▪ ↑show your face ▪ ↑show your hand ▪ something/nothing to show for something

Derived ↑show off ▪ ↑show somebody off ▪ ↑show somebody round ▪ ↑show somebody up ▪ ↑show something off ▪ ↑show something up ▪ ↑show through ▪ ↑show through something ▪ ↑show up

noun

ENTERTAINMENT

1. countable a theatre performance, especially one that includes singing and dancing

- to go to a show
- a one-woman/-man show
- to put on/stage a show
- She's the **star of the show** !

see also ↑floor show, ↑roadshow

2. countable a programme on television or the radio

- to **host a show**
- a **TV/radio show**
- a **quiz show**

see also ↑chat show, ↑game show, ↑roadshow, ↑talk show

3. countable (NAMe, informal) a concert, especially of rock music

- My first full-scale rock show was Fleetwood Mac, Madison Square Garden, back in 1977.

OF COLLECTION OF THINGS

4. countable, uncountable an occasion when a collection of things are brought together for people to look at

- an agricultural show
- The latest computers will be **on show** at the exhibition.
- A local artist is holding a show of her recent work.

see also ↑fashion show, ↑peep show

OF FEELING

5. countable an action or a way of behaving that shows how you feel

Syn: ↑display

- a show of emotion
- a show of support
- **a show of force/strength** by the army

INSINCERE ACT

6. uncountable, singular something that is done only to give a good impression, but is not sincere

- He may seem charming, but it's all show!
- She pretends to be interested in opera, but it's only **for show** .
- He **made a great show of** affection, but I knew he didn't mean it.

COLOURFUL SIGHT

7. countable, uncountable a brightly coloured or pleasing sight

Syn: ↑display

- a lovely show of spring flowers

EVENT/SITUATION

8. singular (informal) an event, a business or a situation where sth is being done or organized

- She runs the whole show.
- I won't interfere— it's your show.

GOOD/POOR SHOW

9. countable, usually singular (informal, especially BrE) something that is done in a particular way

- The team **put on a good show** in the competition.
- It's a poor show if he forgets your birthday.

more at a dog and pony show **at** ↑dog_n, steal the show **at** ↑steal

Word Origin:

Old English scēawian 'look at, inspect', from a West Germanic base meaning '**look**'; related to Dutch **schouwen** and German **schauen**.

Thesaurus:

show noun

1. C

- His one-man show had the audience falling about with laughter.

performance • • **production** • • **act** • • **display** • • **spectacle** •

in a/an show/performance/production/act/display/spectacle

at a show/performance/production/display/spectacle
do a/an show/performance/production/act
put on/stage a show/performance/production/display

2. C

- a late-night radio show

broadcast • • **webcast** • • **showing** • • **transmission** • |BrE **programme** • |AmE **program** •

a show/broadcast/programme **about** sth

be **on** a show/programme

in a show/broadcast/webcast/transmission/programme

a **radio/television/TV** show/broadcast/transmission/programme

Show or programme ? In British English **programme** is the more general word; **show** is used about fairly informal TV or radio and is usually used in compounds. In American English **show** is the more general word; **program** is used about more serious TV and radio and is usually used in compounds

- (AmE) What time is that show on?
- She hosts a news program on TV.

3. C, U

- They hold a fashion show twice a year.

display • • **trade show/fair** • |especially BrE **exhibition** • |AmE **exhibit** • • **fair** •

be **on** show/display/exhibition/exhibit

see a/an show/display/exhibition/exhibit

attend/go to/visit a/an show/display/fair/trade show/exhibition/exhibit

Show or exhibition ? An **exhibition** usually contains works of art, or items of cultural or scientific interest that may be on display for a long time. **Show** is a more general word and usually refers to a temporary event

Collocations:

Television

Watching

watch television/TV/a show/(BrE) a programme/(NAme) a program/a documentary/a pilot/a rerun/a repeat

see (especially BrE) an ad/(especially NAme) a commercial/the news/the weather

catch/miss a show/a programme/a program/an episode/the news

pick up/reach for/grab the remote (control)

change/switch channel

surf (through)/ (especially NAme) flip through/ (especially BrE) flick through the channels

sit in front of/switch on/switch off/turn on/turn off the television/the TV/the TV set

have/install satellite (TV)/cable (TV)/a satellite dish

Showing

show a programme/a documentary/an ad/a commercial

screen a programme/a documentary

run an ad/a commercial

broadcast/ (especially NAme) air/repeat a show/a programme/a documentary/an episode/a series

go out/air/be recorded live

attract/draw (in)/pull (in) viewers

be a hit with viewers/audiences/critics

get (low/high) ratings

Appearing

be on/appear on television/TV/a TV show

take part in a phone-in/a game show/a quiz show/a reality TV show

host a show/a programme/series/a game show/a quiz show/a talk show/(BrE) a chat show

be/become /work as a (BrE) TV presenter/talk-show host/sports commentator/anchorman/(BrE) newsreader

read/present the news

appear /perform live (on TV)

Programme-making

do/film/make a show/a programme/a documentary/an episode/a pilot/a series/an ad/a commercial

work on a soap (opera)/a pilot (episode)/a sitcom

write/produce a drama/sitcom/spin-off/comedy series

Example Bank:

- Did you see the Late Show?
- Did you see the Lenny Henry Show last night?
- He made a great show of welcoming us.
- He shouts a lot but it's all show.
- I saw her on a chat show yesterday.
- I watched the original show as a kid.
- She finally got her own TV show.
- She pretends to be interested in opera, but it's only for show.
- The Democrats organized a show of strength, a mass rally in Central Park.
- The dog was the real star of the show.
- The paintings are on show until April.
- The show features the work of local artists.
- There were more than 500 exhibitors at the trade show.

- They are holding a big fashion show at the Hilton tonight.
- a character from the show
- a hit TV show
- a hot new dating show
- a live show featuring the best of Irish talent
- a nationally syndicated radio show
- a pro bodybuilding show in California
- a radio phone-in/call-in show
- a spectacular light show
- late-night talk shows
- one of the acts in the show
- the Emmy award-winning television talk show
- the Super Bowl half-time show
- A show of force by 4 000 soldiers led to an agreement being reached quickly.
- Have you seen that new TV quiz show?
- He hosts a late-night radio show.
- He was completely unmoved by her little show of temper.
- My first full-scale rock show was Fleetwood Mac, Madison Square Gardens, back in 1977.
- She made a great show of wanting to leave, but I knew she didn't mean it.
- She was afraid that too demonstrative a show of gratitude might be misinterpreted.
- The company is seeking to rally a big show of support for the project.
- The first couple of days at the Paris fashion shows are always a thrill.
- The latest technology will be on show at the trade fair.
- They hold an agricultural show once a year.
- This one-man show had the audience falling about with laughter.
- What time is that show on?
- a talk show

See also: [↑tip your hand](#)

show

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I. **show**¹ **S1 W1** /ʃəʊ \$ ʃoʊ/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ *verb* (past tense **showed**, past participle

shown /ʃəʊn \$ ʃoun/)

[Language: Old English; Origin: sceawian 'to look, look at, see']

1. **LET SOMEBODY SEE** [**transitive**] to let someone see something

show somebody something

" The children proudly showed me their presents.

show something to somebody

" Show your ticket to the woman at the entrance.

" The man grinned, showing bad teeth.

2. **PROVE SOMETHING** [**transitive**] to provide facts or information that make it clear that something is true, that something exists, or that something has happened:

" Figures showed a 9% rise in inflation.

" Gary has shown his faith in the club's future by agreeing to stay on.

show (that)

" Mike needed a copy of the will to show that the books had been left to him.

show somebody (that)

" We have shown our critics that we can succeed.

show how

" This document shows how to oppose bad decisions about new housing.

show what

" She just wants a chance to show what she can do.

show somebody/something to be something

" Charles showed himself to be a fine leader.

be shown to be/do something

" The campaign has been shown to be a waste of money.

" The new treatment has been shown to reduce the number of deaths.

studies/evidence/research etc shows

" Several studies have shown that aggressive toys lead to bad behaviour.

" The Polish economy began to show signs of recovery.

" It just goes to show (=proves) how much people judge each other on how they look.

REGISTER

In written English, people often prefer to use **indicate**, which sounds more formal than **show**:

" The latest statistics indicate that the country is falling deeper into recession.

In scientific contexts, they often prefer **prove** or **demonstrate**, which sound more definite:

" This research demonstrates the need to treat cancer early.

3. **FEELINGS/ATTITUDES/QUALITIES** [**transitive**] to let your feelings, attitudes, or personal qualities be clearly seen **OPP hide**:

" Think positively and show some determination.

" She had learned not to show her emotions.

" It was the sound a man might make when in pain but trying not to show it.

Mary **showed** great **interest in** the children.

4. EXPLAIN WITH ACTIONS [transitive] to explain to someone how to do something, by doing it yourself or using actions to help them learn

show somebody how

" Show me how the gun works.

show somebody how to do something

" Maureen showed Peter how to feed the young animals.

show somebody something

" Can you show Lucy the way to slice onions?

5. PICTURE/MAP ETC [transitive] if a picture, map etc shows something, you can see it on the picture, map etc:

" I want a photograph that shows his face.

" The map shows the main rivers of the region.

6. GUIDE SOMEBODY [transitive] to go with someone and guide them to a place

show somebody to/into something

" Can you show Mrs Davies to the bathroom?

show somebody out/in

" I can show myself out (=out of the office or house).

show somebody something

" Come on, I'll show you the way.

7. POINT AT SOMETHING [transitive] to let someone see where a place or thing is, especially by pointing to it

show somebody where

" Can you show me exactly where he fell?

8. FILM/TELEVISION [intransitive and transitive] to make a film or television programme available on a screen for people to see, or to be on a screen:

" The film was shown on television last night.

" The match was shown live (=could be seen on television while it was being played).

" It's now showing at cinemas across London. ⇒ ↑**showing**(1)

9. BE EASY TO SEE [intransitive] if something shows, it is easy to see:

" His happiness showed in his face.

" Her scar doesn't show, because her hair covers it.

" Stephen was worried, and it showed.

10. DIRT/MARK [transitive] if material shows the dirt or a mark, it is easy to see the dirt or mark on it:

" Light-coloured clothes tend to show the dirt.

11. INCREASE/DECREASE [transitive] to have an increase or decrease in something, or a profit or loss:

" The price of players is the reason why many football clubs show big losses on their balance sheets.

" Recent elections have shown significant gains by right-wing groups.

12. ART/PICTURES [transitive] to put a group of paintings or other works of art in one place so that people can come and see them

SYN exhibit :

" Her recent sculptures are being shown at the Hayward Gallery.

" The Whitney Museum was the first to show Mapplethorpe's photographs.

13. I'll show him/them etc spoken used to say that you will prove to someone that you are better, more effective etc than they think you are

14. have something to show for something to have something as a result of what you have been doing:

" If he fails, he'll have nothing to show for his time at school.

" She had plenty of money to show for all her work.

15. show your face if you will not show your face somewhere, you will not go there because you have a good reason to feel ashamed or embarrassed about being there:

" She never shows her face around here.

16. show your hand to make your true power or intentions clear, especially after you have been keeping them secret:

" There were so many rumours that the company was forced to show its hand.

17. ANIMAL [transitive] to put an animal into a competition with other animals:

" Do you plan to show your dogs?

18. ARRIVE [intransitive] (also show up) informal especially American English to arrive at the place where someone is waiting for you **SYN turn up:**

" I went to meet Hank, but he never showed.

19. show somebody in a good/bad etc light if an action shows you in a good or bad light, it makes people have a good or bad opinion of you:

" During an interview, you need to show yourself in the best possible light.

20. show somebody the door to make it clear that someone is not welcome and should leave

21. show (somebody) who's boss informal to prove to someone who is threatening your authority that you are more powerful than they are:

" You've got to show your dog who's boss. When you say 'Sit!', he should sit.

22. show the way if you show the way for other people, you do something new that others then try to copy

23. show willing British English to make it clear that you are willing to do something:

" He hasn't done any cooking yet, but at least he's shown willing.

24. show a leg! British English spoken used to tell someone to get out of bed

25. show (somebody) a clean pair of heels British English old-fashioned informal to run away very fast

26. show me the money American English spoken informal used to tell someone to give or pay you a lot of money, rather than just talk about the fact that they will give it to you

THESAURUS

■ let someone see

- **show** to let someone see something, especially by holding it out in front of them: Everyone has to show their identity cards at the entrance to the building. | Stephanie showed us her engagement ring.
- **flash** to show something to someone very quickly: 'We're police', he said, flashing his card at us. | Miranda flashed a surprised look into the mirror.
- **let somebody have a look/take a look** *especially spoken* to show something to someone, especially so that they can examine it, repair it etc: If the wound doesn't get better soon, you should let the doctor take a look at it. | Mike's good with cars – let him have a look.
- **reveal** *especially written* to let someone see or know about something that is usually hidden, or that you want to keep secret – often used about showing your feelings or private thoughts: Suzy looked away quickly in order not to reveal her true feelings. | He lifted the lid of the box to reveal a small snake.
- **expose** *especially written* to let someone see something that could not be seen before: The receding tide had exposed huge expanses of sand. | The bear opened its mouth, exposing rows of sharp teeth.

■ show someone how to do something

- **show** to explain to someone how to do something or how something works, especially by doing it yourself: Laurie's been showing me how to snowboard. | Can I show you how the oven works?
- **demonstrate** to show how to do something or how something works – especially to a group of people: A qualified instructor will demonstrate how to use the machines properly. | There's a meeting this afternoon to demonstrate the new software.
- **guide/take somebody through something** to show someone how to do something, or how a process happens, especially something difficult or complicated: The book guides you through the different stages of starting your own business. | A stockbroker will take you through the minefield of stocks and shares.

show somebody around (something) (also show somebody round (something) *British English*) *phrasal verb*

to go around a place with someone when they first arrive there, to show them what is interesting, useful etc:

- Harrison showed her around the house.

show off *phrasal verb*

1. to try to make people admire your abilities, achievements, or possessions – used to show disapproval ⇒ **show-off**.
 - He couldn't resist showing off on the tennis court.
2. **show something** ↔ **off** to show something to a lot of people because you are very proud of it:
 - a picture of the restaurant's owners showing off their award
3. **show something** ↔ **off** if one thing shows off something else, it makes the other thing look especially attractive **SYN**

complement:

- The white dress showed off her dark skin beautifully.

show somebody over something *phrasal verb especially British English*

to guide someone through an interesting building or a house that is for sale:

- Ingrid has a job showing visitors over the castle.

show up *phrasal verb*

1. **informal** to arrive, especially at the place where someone is waiting for you **SYN turn up**:
 - Seth showed up, apologising for being late.
 - We had 200 people show up for our seminar.
2. **show something** ↔ **up** to make it possible to see or notice something that was not clear before:
 - The sunlight showed up the marks on the window.
3. to be easy to see or notice:
 - Use a light colour which will show up on a dark background.
4. **show somebody** ↔ **up** to make someone feel embarrassed by behaving in a stupid or unacceptable way when you are with them **SYN embarrass**:
 - She says I showed her up in front of her friends when they came to the house.

II. show² **S1 W1 BrE** *AmE* *noun*

1. **PERFORMANCE** [countable] a performance for the public, especially one that includes singing, dancing, or jokes:

- I enjoyed the show immensely.
- The show starts at 7:30 pm.
- They've come to town to see a Broadway show.
- Perry was the star of the show. ⇒ ↑ **floor show**, ↑ **roadshow**

2. **TV/RADIO** [countable] a programme on television or on the radio:

- The senator appeared on the CBS show 'Face the Nation'.
- a new television quiz show ⇒ ↑ **chat show**, ↑ **game show**, ↑ **talk show**

3. **COLLECTION OF THINGS TO SEE** [countable] an occasion when a lot of similar things are brought together in one place so that people can come and look at them:

- the Paris Boat Show
- a fashion show for charity
- Kelly has a show of her latest work opening shortly.

4. **on show** being shown to the public:

- Paintings by Matisse are on show at the New York Gallery.
- The designer clothes will go on show in Chicago next month.
- Local antiques will be put on show in a new building especially built for the collection.

5. **a show of something** an occasion when someone deliberately shows a particular feeling, attitude, or quality:

- I felt I should make a show of dignity.
- The award will be seen as a show of support.

show of strength/force

" a strong and determined show of force by the police

6. **PRETENDED ACT** [singular, uncountable] when you pretend to do or feel something **SYN pretence**

show of

" a show of gratitude

" Susan put on a show of regret all day.

" The waiter made a show of wiping the table.

7. **for show** with the purpose of looking attractive or impressive rather than being useful:

" He does actually play his guitar – it's not just for show.

8. **COLOURFUL SCENE** [singular] an impressive scene, especially one that is very colourful **SYN display**

show of

" a glorious show of colour in the rose garden

" Maple trees put on their best show in the autumn.

9. **COMPETITION** [countable] a competition between similar things or animals to choose the best:

" The dog show was being held in the Agricultural Hall.

10. **EVENT/SITUATION** [singular] *informal* something which is being done or organized:

" We need to find someone to run the show (=be in charge).

11. **put up a good/poor etc show** *informal* to perform, play etc well or badly:

" Our team put up a pretty good show, but we lost in the end.

12. **let's get this show on the road** *spoken* used to tell people it is time to start working or start a journey

13. **(jolly) good show** *British English old-fashioned spoken* used to express your approval of something

⇒ **steal the show** at ↑steal¹(4)

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + show**

▪ **live** (=broadcast on TV or radio as it is happening) Tonight's show is live from Wembley Stadium.

▪ **a TV/television/radio show** What's your favourite TV show?

▪ **a quiz show** (=in which people try to answer questions correctly) It's the BBC's most popular quiz show.

▪ **a game show** (=in which people play games or answer questions to win prizes) It's been a popular game show for years.

▪ **a chat show** *British English*, **a talk show** *American English* (=in which famous or interesting people talk to someone about themselves) She was on the chat show to publicize her new novel.

▪ **a family show** (=one that is suitable for families and children to watch) It's a real family show, with something for everyone.

▪ **a news show** *especially AmE*: the morning news show

■ **verbs**

▪ **appear on/take part in a show** (=to be a guest on a show) They were trying to persuade Daniel Radcliffe to appear on the show.

▪ **host a show** (also **present a show** *British English*) (=to be the person who introduces the different parts of a show, or who talks to guests) He presents his own talk show on ITV.

▪ **watch a show** People of all ages watch the show.

■ **phrases**

▪ **the star of the show** Very quickly, Williams became the star of the show.

show

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