

**current****1. ['kʌrənt] n****1. 1) течение, поток (тж. перен.)**

great ocean currents such as the Gulf Stream - сильные океанские течения, например Гольфстрим

against the current - против течения

to breast the current - идти против течения

to go with the current - плыть по течению

**2) струя, тяга воздуха**

a violent current of air - сильная струя воздуха

**3) амер. гидр. приливное или неприливное течение; поток****2. течение, ход**

the current of events - ход событий

current of time - течение времени

current of thought [of public opinion] - направление мысли [общественного мнения]

**3. эл. электрический ток**

alternative [direct] current - переменный [постоянный] ток

**2. ['kʌrənt] a****1. текущий; нынешний; современный**

current month [year] - текущий месяц [год]

current events - текущие события

current news - а) последние известия; текущие события; б) хроника (отдел газеты)

current situation - современное положение; текущий момент

current fashions - современные фасоны; последняя мода

the current issue of a magazine - последний номер журнала

current expenses - текущие расходы

current price - существующая цена

current rate - бирж. курс дня

current dollar - фин. доллар с покупательной силой на данный момент

**2. циркулирующий; находящийся в обращении, ходячий**

current coin - ходячая /находящаяся в обращении/ монета

current opinions /beliefs/ - общепризнанное мнение

the word is in current use - это слово общеупотребительно

long ago it was a current belief that the earth was flat - в стародавние времена было принято думать, что земля плоская

**3. (Current) австрал. разг. родившийся в Австралии (о белом)****4. физ. токовый, связанный с протеканием тока****current**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**cur-rent** [current currents] adjective, noun BrE ['kʌrənt] <sup>m</sup> NAmE ['kʌrənt] <sup>m</sup>**adjective****1. only before noun** happening now; of the present time

- current prices
- a budget for the current year
- your current employer

**2. being used by or accepted by most people**

- words that are no longer current

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the adjective sense 'running, flowing'): from Old French **corant** 'running', from **courre** 'run', from Latin **currere** 'run'.

Thesaurus:**current** adj. only before noun

- You will need a reference from your current employer.

**present** • • **latest** • • **recent** • • **contemporary** • • **modern** • • **new** •

**Opp:** former, **Opp:** previous, **Opp:** ex-, **Opp:** then

current/present/recent/contemporary **events**

the current/present/latest/contemporary **situation**

current/present/the latest/recent/contemporary/modern **trends**

**Current or present?** **Current** is used especially in financial contexts; **present** is used more often with lengths of time

- current spending/expenditure
- the present day/century/moment

Which Word?:**actual / current / present**

**Actual** does not mean **current** or **present**. It means 'real' or 'exact', and is often used in contrast with something that is not seen as real or exact: ▫ I need the actual figures, not an estimate.

**Present** means 'existing or happening now': ▫ How long have you been in your present job?

**Current** also means 'existing or happening now', but can suggest that the situation is temporary: ▫ The factory cannot continue its current level of production.

**Actually** does not mean 'at the present time'. Use **currently**, **at present** or **at the moment** instead.  
note at ↑**presently**

Example Bank:

- Our current financial situation is not good.
- The necklace would be worth over \$5 000 at current prices.
- What are the current unemployment figures?
- What's the budget for the current year?

**noun**

1. the movement of water in the sea or a river; the movement of air in a particular direction
    - He swam to the shore against a **strong current**.
    - Birds use warm air currents to help their flight.
  2. the flow of electricity through a wire, etc
    - a 15 amp electrical current
- see also** ↑AC, ↑DC
3. the fact of particular ideas, opinions or feelings being present in a group of people
    - Ministers are worried by this current of anti-government feeling.

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Thesaurus:

**current** noun C

- ocean/air currents

**flow** • • **circulation** • |formal **passage** •

**against/with** the current/flow

a current/the flow/the circulation/the passage of **air/water**

a current/the flow/the passage of **electricity**

the flow/circulation of **blood**

Example Bank:

- Birds of prey use warm air currents to lift them high in the sky.
- Check all your wiring before switching on the current.
- He was swimming against the current.
- It's easier to go with the current.
- Measure the current flowing in the wire.
- She was swept away by the treacherous currents.
- The boat was carried along in the current.
- The prevailing current flows from east to west.
- Changes in ocean currents can have drastic effects on marine life.
- He leaped as though a powerful electric current had passed through him.
- He swam to the shore against a strong current.

**current**

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I. **current**<sup>1</sup> **S2 W2** /'kʌrənt \$ 'kɜːr- BrE " AmE " adjective [only before noun]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: curant, present participle of courre 'to run', from Latin currere]

happening or existing now **SYN present:**

- " the current President
- " In its current state, the car is worth £1,000.

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**THESAURUS**

- **present** [only before noun] happening or existing now: The present situation could get much worse. | the present century | There are no plans to build more houses here at the present time.
- **current** [only before noun] present – used especially about something that is not expected to stay the same for long: current trends in fashion | the current state of the UK economy
- **existing** [only before noun] formal existing or being used now – used about things or situations that you think may be changed in the future: The existing offices are too small. | The proposal will strengthen existing immigration laws.
- **contemporary** [only before noun] used about the art, writing, ideas, society etc that belong to the present time: the impact of computer-generated imagery on contemporary art and design | contemporary music in Russia
- **today's/of today** used about conditions and attitudes that exist now, when you are comparing them with those that existed in the past: People struggle to keep up with the pace of life in today's world of instant communications. | the liberal ideology of today

II. **current**<sup>2</sup> **W3** BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

1. a continuous movement of water in a river, lake, or sea ⇒ **tide**  
ocean/sea/tidal etc **current**
  - " Strong currents can be very dangerous for swimmers.
2. a continuous movement of air:

Some birds use warm air currents to help them fly.

current of

currents of warm air rising from the plain

3. a flow of electricity through a wire:

an electrical current ⇒ ↑alternating current, ↑direct current

4. an idea, feeling, or opinion that a particular group of people has:

The committee reflects the different political currents within the organization.

current of

There was an underlying current of discontent among teachers.

HINT: ► Do not confuse with **currant** (=a dried grape or a type of berry).

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### COLLOCATIONS

#### ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + current

- **an ocean/sea/river current** Ocean currents carry young fish out to sea.
- **a tidal current** (=caused by the movement of the tides) Tidal currents make the seas around the islands very rough.
- **strong** On surfing beaches, strong currents are common.
- **fast/fast-flowing** Fast-flowing currents made the rescue job even harder.
- **dangerous/treacherous** Beaches usually have signs that warn of dangerous currents.

#### ■ verbs

- **a current flows** Sea currents flow at up to 12 miles per hour around parts of the coast.
- **a current carries somebody/something** (=makes them move along in the water) Their boat was moving fast, carried by the current.
- **a current sweeps somebody/something** (=carries them very powerfully, so that they cannot stop moving) The treacherous currents have swept away three swimmers in the past year.

## current

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12500 **744**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **516**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **1k** **CURRENT** <sup>93745</sup>

current <sup>68351</sup>

currents <sup>2704</sup>

currently <sup>22690</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

38690 **590**<sup>66875</sup> *jj*

1110 **16488**<sup>1472</sup> *nn1*

<sub>3</sub>**463525**<sup>4</sup> *np1*