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**v. of·fered, of·fer·ing, of·fers**

**v.tr.**

**1.**

**a.** To present for acceptance or rejection; proffer: *offered me a drink.*

**b.** To put forward for consideration; propose: *offer an opinion.*

**c.** To present in order to meet a need or satisfy a requirement: *offered new statistics in order to facilitate the decision-making process.*

**d.** To present as an act of worship: *offer a prayer.*

**e.** To propose as payment; bid: *offered only half what I was asking for the car.*

**2.**

**a.** To make available; afford: *The situation offers us the opportunity to learn more.*

**b.** To present for sale: *Those boots are being offered at half price.*

**c.** To provide; furnish: *a hotel that offers conference facilities.*

**3.** To exhibit readiness or desire (to do something); volunteer: *offered to carry the packages.*

**4.** To engage in; put up: *partisans who offered strong resistance to the invaders.*

**5.** To threaten: *offered to leave without them if they didn't hurry.*

**6.** To produce or introduce on the stage: *The repertory group is offering two new plays this season.*

**v.intr.**

**1.** To present an offering in worship or devotion.

**2.** To make an offer or proposal, especially of marriage.

**3.** To present itself: *"This plan was dropped, because of its risk, and because a better offered" (T.E. Lawrence).*

**4. Baseball** To swing at a pitch. Used of a batter.

**n.**

**1.** The act of offering: *an offer of assistance.*

**2.** Something, such as a suggestion, proposal, bid, or recommendation, that is offered: *Did you accept his offer for the car?*

**3. Law** A proposal that if accepted constitutes a legally binding contract.

**4.** The condition of being offered, especially for sale: *thousands of bushels of wheat on offer.*

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[Middle English *offren*, from Old English *offrian*, to present in worship, and from Old French *offrir*, to propose, present, both from Latin *offerre*, to present, offer : *ob-*, to; see [OB-](#) + *ferre*, to bring; see **bher-**<sup>1</sup> [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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