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BID

Share:

abbr.

Bachelor of Industrial Design

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bid (bĭd)

Share:

v. **bade** (băd, bād) or **bid**, **bid·den** (bĭd n) or **bid**, **bid·ding**, **bids**

v.tr.

1. *past tense and past participle* **bid**

a. To offer or propose (an amount) as a price.

b. To auction (a contract): *The city will bid the project next summer.*

c. To offer (someone) membership, as in a group or club: "*glancing around to be sure that he had been bid by a society that he wanted*" ([Louis Auchincloss](#)).

d. *Games* To state one's intention to take (tricks of a certain number or suit in cards): *bid four hearts.*

2. To utter (a greeting or salutation): *I bid you farewell.*

3. To issue a command to; direct: "*Lee ... bid the captain sit beside him and report*" ([Stephen W. Sears](#)).

4. To invite to attend; summon: *The host bid the guests come to dinner.*

v.intr. *past tense and past participle* **bid**

1. To make an offer to pay or accept a specified price: *decided not to bid on the roll-top desk.*

2. To seek to win or attain something; strive.

n.

1.

a. An offer to pay a certain amount of money for something: *made a bid on the antique desk.*

b. The amount offered or proposed: *The highest bid at the auction was \$5,000.*

2. An invitation, especially one offering membership in a group or club.

3. An earnest effort to win or attain something: *a team in a bid to win the championship; a candidate who made a bid for the presidency.*

4. *Games*

a. The act of bidding in cards.

b. The number of tricks or points declared.

c. The trump or no-trump declared.

d. The turn of a player to bid.

Phrasal Verbs:

bid in

To outbid on one's own property at an auction in order to raise the final selling price.

bid out

To offer (work) for bids from outside contractors.

bid up

To cause (a price) to rise by increasing the amount bid: *bid up the price of wheat.*

Idioms:

bid defiance

To refuse to submit; offer resistance to.

bid fair

To appear likely.

[Middle English *bidden*, to ask, command (from Old English *biddan*; see **g^whedh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) and Middle English *beden*, to offer, proclaim (from Old English *bēodan*; see **bheudh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

bid *der n.*

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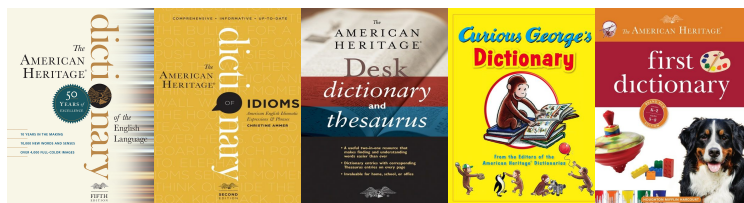
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