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stand

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 (adverb) outstandingly

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Exercises



stand¹ /stænd/ ●●● **S1** **W1** **verb** (*past tense and past participle* **stood** /stʊd/) 🔊 🔊

1 BE ON FEET (also **be standing up**)

[intransitive] to support yourself on your feet or be in an upright position

🔊 It looks like we'll have to stand – there are no seats left.

🔊 She stood in the doorway.

🔊 **Stand still** (=do not move) and listen to me.

🔊 Don't just **stand there** (=stand and not do anything) – help me!

stand on tiptoe/stand on your toes (=support yourself on your toes)

🔊 If he stood on tiptoe, he could reach the shelf.

stand (somewhere) doing something

🔊 They just stood there laughing.

🔊 We stood watching the rain fall.

2 RISE (also **stand up**) **[intransitive]** to rise to an upright position

More results

stand against
 somebody/something

stand alone

stand around

stand by

stand down

stand for something

stand in

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🔊 Smiling, she stood and closed the blinds.

3 STEP [intransitive always + adverb/preposition]

a) to step a short distance

stand back/aside

🔊 She stood back to let him in.

stand clear of something British English (=step away from something in order to be safe)

🔊 Stand clear of the doors, please.

b) **British English** to accidentally step on or in something

stand on/in

🔊 Don't stand in that puddle!

4 IN A PARTICULAR POSITION [intransitive, transitive usually + adverb/preposition] to be upright in a particular position, or to put something or someone somewhere in an upright position

🔊 A lamp stood on the table.

🔊 Near the railway station stood a hotel.

🔊 Some remains of the original house still stand.

stand something on/in etc something

🔊 Can you stand that pole in the corner for now?

🔊 I closed the lid and stood the case against the wall.

stand somebody (up) on something

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expenditure

the total amount of money that a government, organization, or person spends during a particular period of time

Verb table **stand**

Simple Form

Present

I, you, we, they
he, she, it

stand
stands

🔊 Stand Molly up on a chair so she can see.

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5 IN A STATE/CONDITION [**linking verb**] to be or stay in a particular state or condition

🔊 The kitchen door **stood open** so she went in.

stand empty/idle (=not being used)

🔊 scores of derelict houses standing empty

🔊 I'm not too thrilled with **the way things stand**

(=the state that the situation is in) at the moment.

🔊 The evidence, **as it stands** (=as it is now), cannot be conclusive.

where/how do things stand? (=used to ask what is happening in a situation)

🔊 Where do things stand in terms of the budget?

🔊 I will know within the next month or two how I stand (=what my situation is).

stand united/divided (=agree or disagree completely)

🔊 He urged the whole community to stand united and to reject terrorism.

stand prepared/ready to do something (=be prepared to do something whenever it is necessary)

🔊 We should stand ready to do what is necessary to guarantee the peace.

🔊 countries that have **stood together** (=stayed united) in times of crisis

stand in awe of somebody (=admire them, be afraid of them, or both)

Continuous Form

Present

I	am standing
he, she, it	is standing

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6 → can't stand

7 **ACCEPT A SITUATION** [**transitive usually in questions and negatives**] to be able to accept or deal well with a difficult situation **SYN** tolerate

can/could stand something

🔊 I couldn't stand the thought of leaving Danielle.

🔊 I've had about as much as I can stand of your arguing!

🔊 I don't know if I can stand the waiting any longer.

can stand somebody doing something

🔊 How can you stand Marty coming home late all the time?

🔊 She's a strong woman who **stands no nonsense** from anyone.

8 **BE GOOD ENOUGH** [**transitive**] to be good or strong enough to last a long time or to experience a particular situation without being harmed, damaged etc

🔊 Linen can stand very high temperatures.

🔊 His poetry will **stand the test of time** (=stay popular).

9 → stand to do something

10 NOT MOVE [**intransitive**] to stay in a particular place without moving → **standstill**

🔊 The car's been standing in the garage for weeks.

🔊 The mixture was left to stand at room temperature for 15 minutes.

🔊 The train was already standing at the platform.

11 HEIGHT [**linking verb**] *formal* to be a particular height

🔊 The trophy **stands** five feet **high**.

🔊 John **stood** six feet **tall**.

12 LEVEL/AMOUNT [**linking verb**] to be at a particular level or amount

stand at

🔊 His former workforce of 1,300 now stands at 220.

🔊 Illiteracy rates are still thought to stand above 50 percent.

13 RANK/POSITION [**intransitive always + adverb/preposition**] to have a particular rank or position when compared with similar things or people

SYN rank

🔊 The president stands high in the public opinion polls.

🔊 How do their sales stand in relation to those of similar firms?

🔊 His book could stand alongside the best.

14 ELECTION [intransitive] British English to try to become elected to a council, parliament etc SYN run American English

stand for

🔊 She announced her intention to stand for parliament.

15 DECISION/OFFER [intransitive not in progressive] if a decision, offer etc stands, it continues to exist, be correct, or be valid

🔊 Despite protests, the official decision stood.

🔊 My offer of help still stands.

16 → if you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen

17 → somebody/something could stand something

18 → I stand corrected

19 → where somebody stands

20 → from where I stand

21 → know where you stand (with somebody)

- 22 → stand to attention**
- 23 → stand on your head/hands**
- 24 → stand in line**
- 25 → stand firm/stand fast**
- 26 → stand pat**
- 27 → stand alone**
- 28 → stand still**
- 29 → stand a chance/hope (of doing something)**
- 30 → stand in somebody's way**
- 31 → stand on your own (two) feet**
- 32 → it stands to reason (that)**

33 → stand or fall by/on something

34 **LIQUID** [**intransitive**] a liquid that stands does not flow or is not made to move

 standing pools of marsh water

35 → stand guard (over somebody/something)

36 → stand bail

37 → stand trial

38 → stand accused (of something)

39 → stand tall

40 → somebody can do something standing on their head

41 → be stood on its head

42 → not stand on ceremony

43 → stand somebody a drink/meal etc

→ **make somebody's hair stand on end**, → **leave somebody/something standing**, → **not have a leg to stand on**, → **stand/serve/hold somebody in good stead**, → **stand your ground**

THESAURUS

stand to be on your feet in an upright position

There were no seats, so we had to stand.

When we entered, Stephen was standing by his desk.

be on your feet to be standing, especially for a long time

If you have young kids, you're on your feet all day.

I'd been on my feet since 7 o'clock and I needed to sit down.

The crowd were all on their feet clapping and calling for more.

get up to stand after you have been sitting or lying down

He got up and turned off the TV.

Mum fell in her flat and was unable to get up.

stand up to stand after you have been sitting, or to be in a standing position

I stood up when she came in and shook her hand.

Examples from the Corpus

stand

- My offer to take you to dinner still **stands**.
- She was so weak that she could barely **stand**.
- They crossed the open dusty area of Smithfield to where the hospital of St Bartholomew **stood**.
- A great many people sat at the feet of the statues or **stood** about in groups near by.
- Few houses were left **standing** after the tornado.
- At the end of his speech, we all **stood** and clapped.
- I **stood** and stared at him in amazement.
- A hundred policemen **stood** arm-in-arm in front of the cathedral.
- His former work force of 1,300 now **stands** at 220.
- All the players on the Oregon bench are **standing**, clapping, extending their hands to Red for high fives.
- Britain **stood** for political ideals that must prevail if western civilization were not to break down.
- Maggie **stood** her bicycle against the wall of the shed.
- I know your son **stands** high on the list of suitable candidates.
- A young girl **stood** in the doorway, sheltering from the rain.
- A single tall candle **stood** in the middle of the table.
- Just **stand** it in the corner, so it doesn't fall.
- A Christmas tree **stood** near the fireplace.
- I was **standing** next to the entrance.
- I was **standing** only a few feet away from where lightning struck.
- Now I want the blue team to **stand** over to my right.
- John **stands** six feet tall.
- He **stood** still, his feet rooted to the ground in fear.
- Don't just **stand** there - help me!
- She **stood** watching him as he turned to go.
- Mosquitos usually lay their eggs in **standing** water.
- Now, where do we **stand** with regard to computability in classical theory?

Stand still

It's generally better to do this exercise standing up.

get to your feet *written* to stand up, especially slowly or when it is difficult for you

My attorney got slowly to his feet, breathing heavily.

rise *formal* to stand after you have been sitting, especially at a formal event

As the bride entered the cathedral, the congregation rose.

Audience members rose to their feet, cheering and clapping.

- **stand against** somebody/something
- **stand around**
- **stand by**
- **stand down**
- **stand for** something
- **stand in**
- **stand out**
- **stand out against** something
- **stand over** somebody
- **stand to**
- **stand up**
- **stand up for** somebody/something
- **stand up to** somebody/something
- See **Verb table**

- Even the tide goes somewhere in the end. **Stand still**.
- The whole idea is to look slinky. **Stand still** a minute while I - that's better.
- I told you yesterday, one plait and at the back, and tight. **Stand still**, girl!

stand back/aside

- The bartender left a glass of cloudy, yellowish water in front of him and **stood back**.
- He **stood back** and blew on his frozen hands.
- Now let us **stand back** and see the main shape and character of the tree.
- He **stood aside** and the great vehicle moved ponderously out of the garage.
- The pub **stood back** in silence.
- They can't **stand aside** when confronted with evil and injustice.

stand somebody (up) on something

- Dad would **stand me up on** an orange crate to sing solos.
- They need to describe initially what issues they want to **stand firm on** and what issues they can give way to.
- For the government, acceptance of central planning did not **stand or fall on** the issue of nationalisation.
- She **stood him on** the kitchen table, where he dripped soapy water on to the plastic tablecloth.
- But her sudden command made him **stand violently on** the pedal and they were both jerked forward against their seat-belts.
- The roll fits perfectly well if you **stand it on** the roller and lean it against the wall.
- He **stood almost on** the same spot as before, and watched the lighted windows of a basement flat across the way.
- While all of the sauces are tasty, the grilled items are generously seasoned and **stand well on** their own.

stood open

- The front door of the capacious old mansion **stood open**.
- The kitchen door **stood open** and on impulse she went in.
- The doors of the Huey **stood open**, and the rush of air was exhilarating.
- The inner door **stood open** and through it she caught sight of Eleanor Shergold sitting in one of the pews.
- A new tackle box, with its tier of hinged compartments, **stood open** like a three-dimensional greeting card.
- They went straight into the master bedroom, where a leather briefcase **stood open** on the floor.
- The front door **stood open**, water pooling in the hallway.

stands no nonsense

- She's a fine nurse, but **stands no nonsense** from anyone.

stand the test of time

- Our friendship has **stood the test of time**.
- Finally, there are two general principles of delegation that have certainly **stood the test of time**.
- Unlike the Piano making concern at Woodchester near Stroud, it failed to **stand the test of time**.
- We have obscenity standards that have **stood the test of time**.
- The performances have not **stood the test of time**; a successor would be very welcome.
- And the only answer that has **stood the test of time** and scrutiny is that there was no designer.
- Such knowledge has **stood the test of time**, since it could have been challenged and repudiated in the marketplace of ideas.
- Unlike so many others, a Swan **stands the tests of time** well.

stands ... high

- It weighs 10 tonnes and **stands 5 metres high**.

- There he **stands, high** above the congregation, as though he has removed his last connection with worldly beings.
- It **stands 50 feet high** and over 50 yards long.
- Porvoo Cathedral was built c. 1415 and **stands on high** ground on the outskirts of the town.
- The church **stands on the highest** point in the village.
- Continental lithosphere **stands higher** than oceanic lithosphere because continental crust is both of greater thickness and lower density than oceanic crust.
- Though the youngest of the eight Faculties in the University, the reputation of the school **stands high** throughout the world.
- Penal Policy in a Changing Society **stands as the high** watermark of what later became known as the treatment model.

stand at

- Unemployment **stands at** 6%.

stand for

- Add walnuts, remove from heat, and let **stand for** 5 minutes.
- What does the F in John F. Kennedy **stand for**?
- When they were gone, Wade **stood for** a few minutes at the living room window.
- Maggie won't **stand for** any alcohol in her house.
- The enemy **stood for** different things and must be defeated.
- Of the 20 Cabinet ministers and ministers of state in the outgoing government to **stand for** election only four were returned.
- The 'F' in 'John F Kennedy' **stood for** 'Fitzgerald'.
- Everything Jack **stood for** Folly truly did despise, and she despised herself for having fallen in love with such a man.
- 'What does "NAC" **stand for**?' 'National Aerobics Championships'.
- NATO **stands for** North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

- I don't think we even knew what the O **stood for**;
perhaps he lied about it.
- These were what scientists call S waves, S **standing for** secunda, or second.
- On a US ship, you see 'USS', **standing for** 'United States Ship'.
- But what he **stood for** was good and plain: clean, affordable modern houses.

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stand² ●●● S2 W2 **noun** [countable] 🔊

1 FOR SUPPORT a piece of furniture or equipment used to hold or support something

🔊 a music stand

🔊 a cake stand

🔊 He adjusted the microphone stand.

coat stand/hat stand (=for hanging coats or hats on)

2 FOR SELLING a table or small structure used for selling or showing things **SYN** **stall** *British English*

🔊 a hotdog stand

🔊 an exhibition stand

🔊 The shop was crowded with display stands and boxes.

🔊 One week, three magazines **hit the stands** (=became available to buy) with Peace Corps stories.

→ **newsstand**

3 OPINION/ATTITUDE [**usually singular**] a position or opinion that you state firmly and publicly
stand on

🔊 the Republicans' conservative stand on social and environmental issues

🔊 She was accused of not **taking a stand on** feminism or civil rights.

- 4 OPPOSE/DEFEND** a strong effort to defend yourself or to oppose something
take/make/mount a stand (against something)
 🔊 We have to take a stand against racism.

5 → the stands

6 → the stand

- 7 CRICKET** the period of time in which two batsmen are playing together in a game of cricket, or the points that they get during this time

- 8 TAXIS/BUSES** a place where taxis or buses stop and wait for passengers

🔊 There's a taxi stand on Glen Road.

- 9 TREES** a group of trees of one type growing close together

stand of

🔊 a stand of eucalyptus trees

Examples from the Corpus

stand

- Last month we were able to borrow a votive candle **stand**, which stands in the Lady Chapel area.
- an ice cream **stand**
- They have the largest **stand** at the conference.
- Once, he threw a baseball in the **stands** that struck a fan in the chest.
- The public defender, who must have been desperate, put her client on the **stand**.
- an umbrella **stand**
- In May 1994 1.7 hectares in a 20-hectare commercial apple orchard were planted with **stands** of Golden Delicious.

hit the stands

- The new edition of "Time" will **hit the stands** Tuesday.

stand on

- For now, the German central bank is **standing pat on** interest rates.
- Don't **stand on** the box or it'll break.

take/make/mount a stand (against something)

- There comes a time in every close game when a team has to rise up and **make a stand**.
- But the other Supreme Court judges are **making a stand** against the government.
- Neighborhood residents are **taking a stand** against drug dealers.
- At every level, the major companies **took a stand** against the new medium.
- This was not the moment to **make a stand** for independence.
- He might have understood that the Justice Department needed to **take a stand**.
- Symphony managements, especially, have to be prepared to **take a stand**.
- The time is coming, some say, to **make a stand**.
- With his aid we **made a stand**.

From Longman Business Dictionary

stand¹ /stænd/ **verb** (*past tense and past participle stood* /stʊd/)

- 1 **[intransitive]** to be at a particular level or amount
stand at

Inflation currently stands at 4%.

Your bank balance currently stands at £720.92.

- 2 **[intransitive]** to be in, stay in, or get into a particular state

The law, **as it stood**, favoured the developers.

I don't see a serious challenge to London as a financial centre **as things stand** currently.

The committee **stands divided** (=disagrees completely) on this issue.

There are currently 65 industrial premises **standing empty**.

3 [intransitive] to continue to exist, be correct, or be

VALID

The court of appeal has ruled that the conviction should stand.

4 stand pat *American English informal* to refuse to change a decision, plan etc

stand pat on

Harry's standing pat on his decision to fire Janice.

5 where somebody stands someone's opinion about something, or the official rule about something

where somebody stands on

The voters want to know where the President stands on taxes.

6 stand trial to be brought to a court of law to have your case examined and judged

stand trial for

The two men stood trial for allegedly attempting to receive stolen property.

7 stand bail to pay money as a promise that someone will return to court to be judged

8 stand accused to be the person in a court of law who is being judged for a crime

stand accused of

He now stands accused by the city council of serious mismanagement of the museum's financial affairs.

9 stand to gain/lose/win etc to be likely to do or have something

We stand to make a lot of money from the merger.

10 [intransitive] to try to become elected to a parliament, board of directors etc

stand for

He will not be **standing for election** as vice president this year.

Who's standing for the Democrats in the 44th district?

11 stand or fall by/on to depend on something for success

A product will stand or fall by its quality.

→ STAND DOWN

→ STAND IN

→ See [Verb table](#)

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1 [countable] a small structure for selling or showing things

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→ EXHIBITION STAND

2 [countable usually singular] a position or opinion that you state firmly and publicly

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