

award² W3

verb [transitive]

- 1** GIVE to officially give someone something such as a prize or money to reward them for something they have done:

Moodie has been awarded a golf scholarship at the University of Hawaii.

award somebody something

The judge awarded me first prize.

award something to somebody

A Nobel Prize was awarded to Waksman in 1952.

- 2** GIVE to officially decide that someone should receive a payment or a formal agreement:

award somebody something

The government awarded a German company the contract.

award something to somebody

£45,000 was awarded to a typist with an injured hand.

Word origin

Date: 1300–1400

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Origin: *eswarder*, from *warder* 'to guard'

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