

bid¹

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/bid/

noun [countable]

1 an offer to pay a particular price for something, especially at an AUCTION:

bid for

They put in a bid for the house.

*the person who places **the highest bid***

*We've **made a bid** of nearly £400 million for the company.*

*A **takeover bid** for the airline was launched today.*

2 an offer to do work or provide services for a specific price:

bid for

rival bids for the cleaning contract

3 TRY TO DO OR GET SOMETHING an attempt to achieve or obtain something:

bid for

a bid for power

a bid to do something

a desperate bid to free herself from a loveless marriage

4 a statement of how many points you hope to win in a card game

COLLOCATIONSense 1

verbs

put in a bid *A big property developer has put in a bid for the land.*

place a bid *The gallery placed the highest bid of \$2.5 million.*

make a bid *Paramount made a bid for the film rights to the book.*

accept a bid *The auctioneer may refuse to accept any bid below a certain price.*

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + bid

a high/low bid *There were several high bids for the painting.*

an opening bid (= the first bid) *The opening bid was only \$10.*

a final bid *The unknown man was successful with a final bid of £9,500.*

a takeover bid (= an offer to buy another company) *Staff are afraid that the takeover bid will threaten some of their jobs.*

a hostile bid (= an offer to buy another company that does not want to be bought) *Airtours launched a £221m hostile bid for Owners Abroad.*

bid²

verb

past tense and past participle bid,

present participle bidding

- 1 [intransitive and transitive] to offer to pay a particular price for goods, especially in an AUCTION:

bid (somebody) something for something

She bid £100 for a Victorian chair.

What am I bid for lot 227? Shall we start at \$500?

bid against

The two men ended up bidding against each other at the auction.

- 2 [intransitive] to offer to do work or provide services for a specific price, in competition with other offers:

bid for

Three firms bid for the contract on the new buildings.

- 3 [intransitive and transitive] to say how many points you think you will win in a game of cards

bid³

verb

past tense **bade** / bæd, beɪd / or **bid**,

past participle **bid** or **bidden** / 'bɪdɪn / ,

present participle **bidding**

(literary)

1 bid somebody good afternoon/good morning etc SAY

to greet someone

2 [transitive] TELL/ORDER SOMEBODY TO DO SOMETHING to order or tell someone what to do:

bid somebody (to) do something

The queen bade us enter.

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