

ab-sence

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noun

- 1 [uncountable and countable] HERETHERE when you are not in the place where people expect you to be, or the time that you are away:

in/during somebody's absence

Ms Leighton will be in charge during my absence (= while I am away).

absence from

Her work involved repeated absences from home.

- 2 [singular] NOT HAVE the lack of something or the fact that it does not exist

OPP

absence of

a complete absence of any kind of planning

***In the absence of** any evidence, the police had to let Myers go.*

- 3 **absence makes the heart grow fonder** LIKE SOMEBODY OR SOMETHING

used to say that being away from someone makes you like them more

→ **leave of absence** AT LEAVE² (3),

→ **conspicuous by your absence** AT CONSPICUOUS (3)

COLLOCATIONSense 1

adjectives

a long absence *She was apprehensive about studying again after such a long absence.*

a prolonged absence (= continuing for a long time) *Requests for prolonged absence during term time are strongly discouraged.*

a lengthy absence *The injury may mean a lengthy absence from the team.*

a brief absence *Everything seemed to have changed during his brief absence.*

frequent absences (= happening often) *She disliked Stephen's frequent absences on business.*

repeated absences (= happening again and again) *Repeated absences from school can lead to children falling behind.*

a temporary absence *No one noticed her temporary absence.*

a sudden absence *It wasn't easy to deal with Hugh's sudden absence.*

an unexplained absence *Did he give a reason for his unexplained absence?*

unauthorized absence (= that you do not have permission for) *With the older pupils, unauthorized absence increased.*

phrases

somebody's absence from work/ school *You will be entitled to sick pay in respect of any absence from work through sickness.*

a period of absence *You must submit a doctor's statement to cover the period of absence beyond the seventh day.*