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present or var of presenter present articiple n : a participle that typically expresses present action in relation to the time expressed by the finite verb in its clause and that in English is traditionally one of the principal parts of the verb, is formed with the suffix -ing, and is used in the formation of the progressive teness "present perfect adj [*present + perfect, adj.] 1 of, relating to, or constituting a verb tense that is traditionally formed in English with have and that expresses action or state completed at the time of speaking "present perfect n 1 : the present perfect tense of a language 2 : a verb form in the present perfect tense of a language 2 : a verb form in the present ing 1 : the tense of a verb that what occurs or is true at the time of speaking (as in verb and in a hurry" or "he is singing") and of what is habitual or char-acteristic (as in "he pays his debis" or "he dresses well") or "a straight line is the shortest distance"), that is sometimes used to refer to action in the past (as in the historical present), and that is sometimes used for future events (as in "Chistmas falls on Friday next year")

pre-Serv-Able (pre²zarvaba), pra³⁻ (*adj* : capable of being preserved **pre-Serv-al** (-vel) *n* - 5 : PRESERVATION (~ and removal of ... mineral beds -A, M. Bateman) **pres-er-va-tion** (.preze(r)'ašhon (*n* - 5 [ME, fr. MF, fr. ML, pracesrvation, pracesrvatio, fr. pracesrvatis (past part. of pracesrvation, preserve) + L.ionr.-io-ion]: the act of preserv-ing or the state of being preserved (fostered the ~ of local speechways — Hans Kurath) (essential to the ~ of my regard —Jane Austen) (in a good state of ~ —Amer. Guide Series; Texas)

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proservation is the nower of preservice (as a frain of the preservation of a protection from disease : a safeguard against poison or infection (hope his restoratives and his ~s will ... be effectual — Samuel Johnson) > b : a preservative quality, principle, or factor (accounts federalism the ~ of the Ameri-Can system — G.W.Johnson) (their pleasantest ~ from want — Jane Austen) (public life seems to be a good ~ ... for congressmen — Elmer Davis) C : a substance added to chemicals, natural products, fabrics, or food products to preserve them against decay, discoloration, or spoilage under conditions of storage or nonchemical use (salt, sugar, and spice are common food ~s) d : a substance substance added to or covering wood to prevent attack by insects and other organisms 0 = i.

wood to prevent attack by insects and other organisms (e: a chemical (as sodium suffie) for retarding oxidation of photo-graphic solutions preservative medium n: MEDIUM 8b **pre-serva-tize** (-va, iZ) vf -ED/-DNG/S [2preservative +-ize] it o treat (as food) with a preservative (preservative thier) **preservative** helicity of the network of the servative (preservative the servative (preservative) + E-ory) dost : a charitable house of refuge for unemployed, descrited, or destitute women and girls **pre-serve** (Pre² zor), pre², -zöv, -zöv, vf b-EO/-NO/-S [ME preserven, fr. MF preserver, fr. ML praeservare, fr. LL, to observe, fr. L. prao-pre-+ servare to keep, guard — more at coNSERVE] vf 1: to keep safe from injury, harm, or destruc-tion : guard or defend from evil; PROTECT, SAVE (thornbushes ... are preserved by supersition —O.S.J.Gogarty) (their knowledge of the Marxist conspiracy should be put to use to ~ the republic —Howard Rushmore) 2 a: to keep alive, intact, in existence, or from decay (~ an old house) (the right of trial by jury shall be preserved their detachment —Dexter Perkins) 6: MAINTAIN (~ a correspondence) 3 a: to keep alive (~ mik indefinitely) b: to can, pickle, or similarly prepare (as fruits or vegetables) for future use (~ peaches) 4: to keep or save from decomposition (as by refugeration, curing, or treat-ing with a preservative) (~ specimens or skins to be stuffed) (~ mik indefinitely) b: to can, pickle, or similarly prepare (as fruits or vegetables) for future use (~ peaches) 4: to keep or push reserve for personal or special use (~ game or fish by raising and protecting it) (~ a stream or field) ~ vi 1: to remain fresh or in its original state : KEEP 2: to make pre-serves 3: to raise and protect game for purposes of sport 4: to endure or stand the process of spectration (as by canning or pickling) (duck eggs do not ~ satisfactorily —F.D. Smith & Barbara Wilcox)

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veterants right to reemployment in his ~ 100 H.S.Truman) \sim compare IN-SERVICE preserving melon *n*: CTRON presses / presserving melon *n*: Dipresses [L praesid-, praeses guard, president, ruler, fr. praesidere to guard, preside over1 chiefly Scot : the president or presiding officer (as of a meeting or group) : CHARMAN pre-session (1) pre+ λ adj [pre- + session]: occurring before a session (as of a legislative body) (a ~ caucus) pre-sets direct time - stot 1: to subject (as yarn or fabric) to shrinking during manufacture pre-SRTINK ("+) vf [pre- + skrink1]: to subject (as yarn or fabric) to shrinking during manufacture pre-SRTINK ("+) vd [pre- + skrink1]: of, relating to, or constituting a fabric subjected to a shrinking nocess during manufacture to reduce later shrinking (as from laundering) pre-side over, fr. prae- pre- + sedžre to sit — more at stri vi 1 a: to occupy the place of a uthority (as in an assembly) : act as president, chairman, or moderator (as of a group or meeting): direct, control, or regulate proceedings as chief officer (the mayor ~s in council meetings — F.A.Ogg & P.O. Ray) (the chief using — more council (~ at a

blacksmith shop —Ben Riker) (~ over a radio program) **3**: to occupy the most conspicuous position : sit or reign supreme (gently rugged country presided over by ... moun-tains —R. W. Hatch) (an 18th century tallboy in ... the hall where it ~s in silent majesty —H.J.Laski) **4**: to occupy the position of chief or featured instrumental performer orig. as director of a group of musicians — used with at (~ at the organ) ~ v: to exercise control or superintendence over :DIRECT, RULE (those that were to ~ the naval affairs —Thomas Manlev)

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part: of praesidere] archaic : occupying the irrst rank or chiet place : PRESIDING (residence of the ~ priest of the province -Z.M.Pike) **presidente** { prezedente} n - s [AmerSp, fr. Sp, president, fr. L praesident, praesidens president, ruler] : a cocktail consisting of rum, curaçao, dry vermouth, and grenadine shaken or stirred with cracked ice **president.ess** \ prezed() dontsk \ n - ss 1 : a female president : a woman that presides (formed a tea society with the parson's wife for ~ J.P.Cooper) 2 : the wife of a president **president** general n : the chief presiding officer in an organized system (as a religious or fraternal order or a lederation of semial rank or till corsidry general officer or a lederation of semial rank or till corsidry general officer of a lederation of semial rank or till corsidry general officer of a lederation of semial rank or till corsidry general officer of a lederation of a merican colonies} **presidential**, fr. praesidentia president general for the North American colonies (or exercised by a president (a man of ~ stature -N. Y. Times) (~ patronage) (~ aide) (~ policy) b : of or relating to the election of a president (~ campaign) (~ convention) c : performing functions dele-gated by or under the authority of a president (~ agent) (~ commission) 2 obs : having the characteristics of president government (~ system (~ public) **presidential generation** (~ the a streative a a president who is chosen independently of the legislature for a fixed term and watching over (soverts of both chief of state and chief political executive are compare reakInderNARY OVERN-MENT **Presidential independently** of the legislature for a fixed term and word of the legislature – compare reakInderNARY OVERN-MENT **Presidential (or the creat nore reson the legislature for a fixed term and** word of the legislature – compare reakInderNARY OVERN-MENT

MENT **presi-iden-tial-ly** \-chal≷\ *adv* **1**: in the character or person of a president (such of the great powers will be represented ~ *-London Daily News*) **2**: so far as concerns the president or the presidency of the U. S. (states voting Republican ~ -V.O.Key)

-V.O.Key) presidential primary also presidential preference primary n 1 a primary in which the voters indicate preferences for nom-nees for president of the U.S. directly by vote or indirectly through the choice of delegates to the presidential nominating convention — called also preferential primary presidential year n : a year in which a presidential election is held

presidential year n : a year in which a presidential election is held president pro tempore n, pl presidents pro tempore : a mem-ber of the U. S. senate and usu. a leader of the majority party who is chosen to serve as presiding officer of the senate in the absence of the vice-president; also : a similar officer in another legislative body (president pro tempore of the state senate) (president pro tempore of the provincial congress) presidents' day n, usu cap P&D : wasHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY 2 president.Sing (hrecz)(adent, bhip) n 1 : the office of presi-dent (contests for the ~s and chairmanships of civic bodies -Hindustan Times) (accepted the ~ of the ... association -Modern Language Teaching) 2 : the period of incumbency of a president (the 17 hyear of his ~ Cotton Mather) preside (the Verë zido(t), pr3' \ n ~s : one that presides presides pres 3 d sing of PRESIDE DIFE-Sid-Ling Varied (N and III I praesidialis of a carrison

governor, fr. L praesid-, praeses guard, president, ruler + -alis -all &: PRESIDENTIAL 1 (~ power) (~ cabinet) b: PRESIDEN-TIAL 2 (judgment holds in me a ~ seat — Charles Cotton) 3 [F présidial being a presidial court, fr. MF presidial, alter, (illuenced by LL praesidialis of a garrison) of presidad, fr. LL praesidalis of a provincial governor] : of or relating to a DOUBRT = PROVINCIAL (~ seat of justice) — see PRESIDIAL DOUBRT =

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pre-spiracular \'pre+\ adj [pre- + spiracular] : anterior to

ring before the pulse beat (a ~ arteria infmi) pre-spinous NprEspinos (ad] [pre+ spine + -ous] : PRE-SCAPULAR 2 pre-spiracular \prE+\ adj [pre- + spine + -ous] : anterior to the spiracle Press (r. presser to press - more at 2press] 1 a: a crowd of people or a crowded condition : WULTITUDE, THRONG (there was... a ~ of people trying to force their way past the power-ful yeomen ushers - Leslie Hotson \ eperched on the folded-down top of a convertible, to roll down the boardwalk with a ~ of people following her car - Pret Matrix). Mathies (there was... a ~ of people trying to force their way past the power-ful yeomen ushers - Leslie Hotson \ eperched on the folded-down top of a convertible, to roll down the boardwalk with a ~ of people following her car - Pret Matrix). D'artifac (the there of mer cowding forward or together (had difficulty pushed out of their home territories by the ~ of white settle-ment - Amer. Guide Series: Ind.) 2 a : an apparatus or machine by which a substance is cut or shaped (as by pressing drawing, or stamping), by which an impression of a body is taken, by which a material is compressed or packed, by which pressure is applied to a body, by which liquid is expressed, or by which a cutting tool (as a drill) is fed into the work by applied pressure - compare CHESS PERSS, DRLIP PRESS, FORM-NO PRESS, HYDRAULC PRESS, PUNCH PRESS C : a medieval apparatus in which an accused person refusing to plead was crushed unit he yielded or did 3 : CLOST, CUPBOARD -compare CLOTHESPRESS 4 [Ppress]: the act of pressing or pushing something : PRESSUR (a ~ d a button) (a ~ of the Aman) (finishes with a light ~ of the earth over the newly planetd seed) (could no longer stand against the steady ~ of the Roman lines - A.C. Whitehead) 5 [Press]: the graphed for that keeps 1b Arify Brdt : HANDRESS - compare for the could be : newspapers, periodicals, and often radio and tele-vision news broadcasting regarded as a group (the ~ has three functions: to inform, to influence,