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# furnish verb

fur·nish ('fər-nish )**furnished; furnishing; furnishes**[Synonyms of furnish >](#)*transitive verb*

- 1** : to provide with what is needed  
*especially* : to equip with [furniture](#)  
The inn is beautifully *furnished*.

- 2** : **SUPPLY, GIVE**  
*furnished* food and shelter for the refugees

**noun**[accoutre](#)[equip](#)[gird](#)[outfit](#)[rig](#)[accouter](#)[fit \(out\)](#)[kit \(up or out\) \[\*chiefly British\*\]](#)[provision](#)[supply](#)



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CHOOSE THE RIGHT SYNONYM FOR *furnish*

**FURNISH, EQUIP, OUTFIT, APPOINT, ACCOUTRE** mean to supply one with what is needed.

**FURNISH** implies the provision of any or all essentials for performing a function.

a sparsely *furnished* apartment

**EQUIP** suggests the provision of something making for efficiency in action or use.

a fully *equipped* kitchen

**OUTFIT** implies provision of a complete list or set of articles as for a journey, an expedition, or a special occupation.

*outfitted* the family for a ski trip

**APPOINT** implies provision of complete and usually elegant or elaborate equipment or furnishings.

a lavishly *appointed* apartment

**ACCOUTRE** suggests the supplying of personal dress or equipment for a special activity.

fully *accoutred* members of a polar expedition

The inn is beautifully *furnished*.

He has enough money to *furnish* the apartment nicely.

We'll *furnish* the food for the party.

Can he *furnish* the information to us?



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All room categories, including cabins, feature private balconies or porches **furnished** with a table and rocking chairs that invite guests to relax with a bottle of wine and a deck of cards after a long day of hiking and exploring.

— Sophie Mendel, *Travel + Leisure*, 23 Mar. 2025

First used as a storage space, it was **furnished** under Andrew Jackson and later renovated by Theodore Roosevelt.

— Thomas G. Moukawsher, *Newsweek*, 20 Mar. 2025

It came **furnished** with a small dining table, a dresser and a full-size mattress.

— Ames Alexander (inactive0, *Charlotte Observer*, 19 Mar. 2025

Friends have donated goods to start **furnishing** their new place.

— Melanie Stetson Freeman, *The Christian Science Monitor*, 16 Mar. 2025

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## Etymology

Middle English *furnisshen*, from Anglo-French *furniss-*, stem of *furnir*, *fournir* to complete, equip, of Germanic origin; akin to Old High German *frummen* to further, *fruma* advantage — more at [FOREMOST](#)

## First Known Use

15th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

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**noun**

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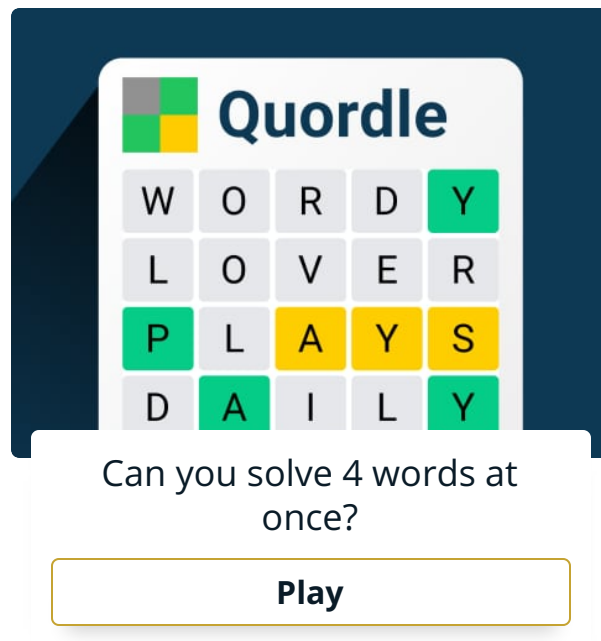
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