

English Vocabulary – “Presential”

The English word "presential" is a non-standard word. It is, however, sometimes used as a non-standard translation from another language (like Portuguese or Spanish "*presencial*"). The intended meaning is "in-person", "face-to-face" or "on-site."

While you may find it in contexts related to education or business, it's generally better to use the standard English alternatives.

Here are some examples of how the non-standard "presential" might be used:

- All students must attend the presential classes on campus.
- The company prefers a presential interview for the final candidates.
- We have both online and presential training options available.
- Due to the pandemic, many conferences shifted from presential to virtual formats.

Here are the same ideas expressed using correct and standard English:

- All students must attend the in-person classes on campus.
- The company prefers an in-person interview for the final candidates.
- The meeting will be in-person at the main office.
- We need a face-to-face consultation to discuss the project details.
- Many people prefer face-to-face instruction over remote learning.
- We have both online and on-site training options available.
- They switched the concert from a virtual stream to a live performance.

Since languages are constantly evolving, and due to the increasing use of the word “presential”, it will probably be an accepted word in the near future and thus appear in dictionaries.