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represent, v.1

Pronunciation: ² Brit. /,rɛprɪˈzɛnt/, U.S. /,rɛprəˈzɛnt/

Forms: Middle English **represente** (past tense), Middle English–1500s **represente** ...

Frequency (in current use):

Origin: Of multiple origins. Partly a borrowing from French. Partly a borrowing from Latin. **Etymons:** French *representer*; Latin *repraesentāre*.

Etymology: < Anglo-Norman *representir*, Anglo-Norman and Middle French *representer*...

I. To take or fill the place of.

1.

a. transitive. To assume or occupy the role or functions of (a person), typically in restricted, and usually formal situations; to be entitled to speak or act on behalf of (a person, group, organization, etc.); (in later use *esp.*) to act or serve as the spokesperson or advocate of.

In quot. c1390: apparently with the suggestion of acting in the name or cause although not with the authority of.

Scots Law: to assume the role of legatee in place of (a deceased parent); cf. REPRESENTATION *n.* 2.

c1390 *Talkyng of Love of God* (Vernon) (1950) 18 (*MED*) Be deueles Maumet..is..Hardore þen eny ston of wikkede herte Aþein his euen cristne þat crist representen.

c1450 J. CAPGRAVE *Solace of Pilgrims* (Bodl. 423) (1911) 163 (*MED*) Be for þe incarnation þei sey þat þoo apparicionen wer mad be aungelles representyng þe persone of god.

1494 *Loutfut MS* f. 5^v, in *Dict. Older Sc. Tongue* (at cited word) The marschaillis ar ane office quhilk pertenis til haue..the governance of the sammyn for thai represent the counstable.

1509 J. FISHER *Mornyng Remembraunce Countesse of Rychemonde* (de Worde) sig. Avi Albeit she dyd not receyue in to her house our sauour in his owne persone..she neuertheles receyued them that dothe represent his persone.

c1595 CAPT. WYATT in G. F. Warner *Voy. R. Dudley to W. Indies* (1899) 23 Our Generall sent Cap. Jobson, representyng his person with his autorite, as his Leiftenante Generall.

1651 T. HOBBS *Leviathan* II. xix. 95 It is manifest, that men who are in absolute liberty may..give Authority to One man, to represent them every one.

1766 W. BLACKSTONE *Comm. Laws Eng.* II. xiv. 217 All the branches inherit the same share that their root, whom they represent, would have done.

1838 W. BELL *Dict. Law Scotl.* 713 When an heir is cited as representing his ancestor, he incurs a passive title if he states a peremptory defence.

1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* II. vi. 139 During that interval the king was represented by a board of lords justices.

1853 F. D. MAURICE *Prophets & Kings Old Test.* xxvi. 449 There sat upon his soul a weight of sorrow and evil, as if he were representing his whole people.

1968 *Guardian* 25 Oct. 8/6 Anti-Zionism of the Left began with the 'Bund', the Russian movement of the 1890s representing Marxist Jews in the revolutionary struggle.

- 1994 *New York* 3 Jan. 52/1 He tries to find a lawyer to represent him in a damage suit, and winds up with a crass ambulance chaser.
- 2008 *Review* (Rio Tinto) Mar. 15/2 Each community will be represented by a trust.

b. transitive. Originally: †to occupy or assume (the status, role, etc.) of a person or group of people (*obsolete*). In later use: to serve as a representative of (the interests, etc.) of a person or group.

In quot. c1475² *intransitive*: to correspond to the status of: cf. 7.

- a1450 (▶ c1390) G. CHAUCER *Complaint of Venus* (Tanner) (1879) l. 58 When I me wel avise Of eny estate that man may represent Then haue ye made me..Chese the beste.
- c1450 *De Institutione Inclusionarum* (Bodl.) 654 For the godes which christen peple yeuen to holy chirche, the mynistres that han it to kepe shulde departe it either to wydowes, fadirles children, pilgrimes, or to other pore folke... Alle this peple representen þe staat of Martha.
- ▶ c1475 in *Coll. Ordinances Royal Househ.* (Harl. 642) (1790) 27 (MED) The steward and tresoror of an Erle..represent the roomes of knyghts within theyre proper householde and rule.
- ▶ c1475 in *Coll. Ordinances Royal Househ.* (Harl. 642) (1790) 56 (MED) The Steward, and Thesaurer in hys absence, within this courte represents unto the estate of an Erle.
- 1523 J. FITZHERBERT *Bk. Surueyeng* xviii. f. xxxiii For though the lorde dye, his heyre or his assigne, if he sell it or graunt it a way, they do represent the lordes estate.
- 1541 T. ELYOT *Image of Gouvernance* xi. f. 20 If a knyght, a iuge, or a senatour, had vsed any vnsemely thyng, appayryng or staynyng the estimation of the degree, whych he represented, it was in the authoritie of the Censores to degrade hym or dyscharge hym of his office or dignitie.
- 1600 E. BLOUNT tr. G. F. di Conestaggio *Hist. Uniting Portugall to Castill* 89 Although the Dutchesse may represent the degree of her Father,..it were impossible she shoulde represent the qualitie of a male.
- 1726 J. SWIFT *Gulliver* I. II. vi. 110 An Assembly called the House of Commons..to represent the Wisdom of the whole Nation.
- 1788 E. GIBBON *Decline & Fall* V. xlix. 121 The patriciate represented only the title, the service, the alliance, of these distant protectors.
- 1866 C. KINGSLEY *Lett.* (1878) II. 243 The House of Lords seems to me to represent all heritable property, real or personal.
- 1874 J. MORLEY *On Compromise* 83 The growth of self-government, or government by deliberative bodies, representing opposed principles and conflicting interests.
- 1888 J. BRYCE *Amer. Commonw.* II. III. liii. 333 The National Republican, ultimately the Whig party, represented many of the views of the former Federalists.
- 1894 J. T. FOWLER in St. Adamnan *Vita S. Columbae* Introd. 53 The two Finnians represented Welsh and North British traditions respectively.
- 1901 *Davenport (Iowa) Daily Leader* 23 Aug. 6/2 They will represent the Democracy of the state better than the action of the reaffirmers.
- 1948 *Economist* 24 July 147/1 On each supervisory board five out of eleven members represent the workers' interests.
- 1998 I. HUNTER *Which? Guide to Employ.* xvii. 270 Like trade unions, staff associations exist to represent the views of members.

c. transitive. To serve as the representative of (a particular group, constituency, or party) in a legislative or deliberative assembly.

- 1550 T. NICOLLS tr. Thucydides *Hist. Peloponnesian War* XIII. x. f. ccxiii v They assembled to the number of foore houndred fully determyned to assaulte and dryue away all those, that conducted the comon gouernance: pretendinge themself to be and represente all the comons.
- 1572 *Olde & Auncient Order Keeping of Parl.* in J. Hooker *Order & Vsage Keeping of Parlement* sig. Ciiiv They in time comming shall make aunswere for the preseruacion of the King, them selues, and the Commons, whose persons they doo represent.
- 1643 W. PRYNNE *Souveraigne Power Parl.* IV. xiv. 20 It is undeniable, that the Knights, Citizens, Burgesses, and Commons in Parliament, elected by the suffrages of the severall Counties, Cities, and Burroughs of England, really and legally represent all the Commons; and the Lords and they the whole Realm, and all the people of England.
- 1655 O. CROMWELL *Speech to Parl. 22d Jan., 1654* 8 I have been careful of your Safety, and the Safety of those that you represented.
- 1700 R. BRADY *Contin. Hist. Eng.* 427 The People ought to be free to Chuse Knights to represent them in Parlement, to propound their Grievances, and provide Remedies for them.
- 1712 A. BOYER *Hist. Reign Queen Anne: Year the Tenth* 332 It was propos'd, That Her Majesty should create Sixteen Hereditary Peers to represent the Nobility of Scotland in the British Parliament.
- 1778 E. BURKE *Let.* 24 Apr. in *Corr.* (1961) III. 438 I do not wish to represent Bristol, or to represent any place, but upon Terms that shall be honourable.
- 1780 S. JOHNSON *Let.* 9 May (1992) III. 254 Did I tell you that Scot and Jones both offer themselves to represent the University in the place of Sir Roger Newdigate.
- a1901 J. FISKE *Ess. Hist. & Literary* (1902) I. v. 202 The matter was settled by the famous Connecticut compromise, according to which the upper house was to represent states, while the lower house represented population.
- 1996 *Sunday Tel.* 4 Feb. 20/4 Those representing constituencies outside London receive a generous accommodation allowance.

d. transitive. In passive. To be served by a representative or representatives; to be acted for *by*.

- ?1572 J. HOOKER *Order & Vsage Keeping of Parlements* sig. Giv The King with the concent of his Commons (who are represented by the Knights Citizens and Burgesses) may ordain & establish any Act or Law.
- a1687 W. PETTY *Polit. Arithm.* (1690) 95 May not the three Kingdoms be United into one, and equally represented in Parliament?
- 1691 D. GREGORY *Let.* 8 Aug. in I. Newton *Corr.* (1961) III. 161 In times of presbytery, each University is represented in the National or General Assembly by a Church man and a lay man.
- 1715 B. WILLIS *Notitia Parl.* I. Pref. p. vii Westminster, Peterborough, &c. were never represented in the House of Commons, 'till Edw. the 6th's Time.
- 1799 *Public Char. 1799–1800* 410 In the year 1754..he was chosen member for Honiton in Devonshire: a borough represented by his ancestors for a series of years.
- 1845 D. MACKENZIE *Emigrant's Guide* 31 The town of Melbourne is represented by one member..in our Botany Bay Parliament.
- 1861 M. PATTISON in *Westm. Rev.* Apr. 415 A committee of nine members, in which every Hanse Town was in its turn represented.
- 1875 B. JOWETT in tr. Plato *Dialogues* (ed. 2) V. 126 The people and the aristocracy alike are to be represented..by officers elected for one or two years.
- 1960 H. APTHEKER *Amer. Revol.* v. 88 This time delegates were present from all thirteen colonies, with New York officially represented by a strong delegation.

1998 *Economist* 8 Aug. 23/1 Three 'majority-minority' seats are represented by white Labour MPs, and the top echelons of the local council are also dominated by whites.

e. transitive. Chiefly *Sport*. Of a competitor or team: to participate in a competition or event on behalf of (a club, region, country, etc.).

1877 *Spirit of Times* 15 Dec. 513/1 In a really International competition, the American rifleman should represent and be selected by a National Association.

1899 *Harper's Weekly* 28 Oct. 1098/3 Pennsylvania will not be represented by a team, not being a member of the Inter-collegiate Association.

1935 C. BROOKS *Jrnl.* 13 May (1998) 109 In 1928 she was chosen as a 'Beauty Queen' to represent this country in an international contest.

1966 *Encycl. N.Z.* I. 33 One of the highest honours that a New Zealand sportsman can receive is to represent his country both at rugby and at cricket.

1992 *Lewiston (Idaho) Morning Tribune* (Nexis) 11 Mar. 11 A More than 12,000 students on teams representing more than 2,000 high schools nationwide are expected to participate in scholastic tournaments this year.

2008 *Independent* 5 Jan. (Mag.) 18/1 Later this year in Beijing she will represent Great Britain as BMX racing makes its debut as an Olympic sport.

†**2. transitive.** To present the image or appearance of; to resemble.

Obsolete.

‣ a1398 J. TREVISA tr. Bartholomaeus Anglicus *De Proprietatibus Rerum* (BL Add. 27944) (1975) I. III. xiii. 102 Amonge alle creaturis þe resonabil soule representiþ most opunlich þe liknes of þe ymage of God.

c1450 tr. G. Boccaccio *De Claris Mulieribus* (1924) I. 388 She shewyde hir selfe, a man as thowe she were, Representynge the prynce in figure and face.

1551 W. TURNER *New Herball* sig. C vj Dyll groweth..wyth a spokye top as fenell hath, whome he doth represent wonders nere.

1603 J. FLORIO tr. M. de Montaigne *Ess.* I. xlvi. 158 The engines which Dionysius invented in Siracusa..did greatly represent, and come very neere our moderne inventions.

1615 H. CROOKE *Μικροκοσμιογραφια* 855 On their outside they [sc. the valves of the veins] represent the knottes that are in the branches of plants.

1615 H. CROOKE *Μικροκοσμιογραφια* I. ii. 8 The rumbling of the guts, their croaking murmurs..do represent the fashion and manner of all kindes of thunders.

3.

a. transitive. To symbolize (something abstract or intangible, as a quality, concept, etc.), to stand in the place of; (in later use also, with little or no implication of substitution) to signify, denote.

c1400 J. WYCLIF *Sel. Eng. Wks.* (1871) III. 462 (MED) Ymagis þat representen pompe and glorie of þo world..bene false.

1508 W. DUNBAR *Ballade Barnard Stewart* in *Poems* (1998) I. 179 The sueird of conquis..Be borne suld highe before the in presence, To represent sic man as thou has beyn.

- 1560 J. DAUS tr. J. Sleidane *Commentaries* f. xxv An Appell of Golde, representynge the shape of the rounde worlde.
- 1663 S. BUTLER *Hudibras: First Pt.* i. i. 19 This hairy Meteor..With grizly type did represent Declining Age of Government.
- 1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* I. ii. 199 No sovereign has ever represented the majesty of a great state with more dignity and grace.
- 1906 E. GOLDMAN tr. M. Baginski in P. Glassgold *Anarchy!* (2001) 298 Trade unionism represents to the workingman the most natural form of association with his fellow brother.
- 1928 *Amer. Mercury* Oct. 184/1 Modern Tongueism, as Dr. White calls it, represents to her demoniacal possession at its worst.
- 1991 *Mother Jones* Nov.–Dec. 23/2 For most of these women, the *hijāb*..represents freedom from the oppression of an overbearing western world.
- 2006 F. KIERNAN & G. HEMPHILL *Still Game: Scripts* I. i. 23 That boy represents hope. No' just for you. No' just for me. For the lot of us.

b. transitive. To act as a symbolic sign or substitute for (a person or thing); to symbolize, stand for, embody.

- c1450 *Art Nombryng* in R. Steele *Earliest Arithm. in Eng.* (1922) 37 If fro the 3 place me borowede an vnyte, That vnyte by respect of the figure that he came fro representith an e.
- ?a1475 (▷ ?a1425) tr. R. Higden *Polychron.* (Harl. 2261) (1876) VI. 211 (*MED*) Peple honoure noo thyng in theyme [*sc.* images of Saints] but God or..seyntes, whiche they represente to us.
- 1529 T. MORE *Dialogue Heresyas* I, in *Wks.* 117/2 Wordes..be but ymages representing the things that the writer or speaker conceiueh in his minde.
- 1630 R. BRATHWAIT *Eng. Gentleman* 170 There is no one game which may seeme to represent the state of mans life to the full, so well as the Chesse.
- 1687 A. LOVELL tr. J. de Thévenot *Trav. into Levant* I. 116 This Colossus which represented the Sun, was cast by Chares the Lyndian.
- 1718 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let.* 16 Mar. (1965) I. 390 I live in a place that very well represents the Tower of Babel.
- 1727 N. BAILEY *Universal Etymol. Eng. Dict.* II *Calvary* (in Heraldry) as a cross Calvary, is set on Steps to represent the Cross on which our Saviour suffered.
- 1777 D. GARRICK *Bundle of Prol.* in *Rev. Eng. Stud.* (2007) 58 488 This Room is the Playhouse—the fine China in those Glass Cases, shall represent the Ladies.
- 1830 R. HARDIE *Hoyle made Familiar* 2 The inventor [of cards] proposed, by the figures of the four suits,..to represent the four classes of men in the kingdom.
- 1856 A. P. STANLEY *Sinai & Palestine* (1858) xii. 406 Cyprus thus visible from the mainland, represented to the Hebrew people the whole western world.
- 1968 *New Larousse Encycl. Mythol.* (new ed.) 19/1 Isis, in the Osirian myth, represents the rich plains of Egypt.
- 1991 *Lit. & Ling. Computing* 6 60/2 Replacement characters are used on screen to represent thorn, yogh, asc, and eth.
- 2008 *N.Y. Rev. Bks.* 14 Feb. 31/3 On the left-hand side are allegorical figures representing various strata of society.

c. transitive. With personal subject: to cause to stand in the place of; to denote *by* (also *with*) a sign or symbol.

- 1645 W. BROWNE tr. M. Le Roy *Hist. Polesander* (1647) v. i. 273 Certainly they knew well what a passion that is which we call Love, when they represented it by an Infant that had his Eies banded.
- 1693 J. EDWARDS *Disc. conc. Old & New-Test.* I. vii. 264 It was from the Oval or Round Figure of the World that they represented it by an Egg.
- 1761 tr. C. Batteux *Course Belles Lettres* IV. III. ix. 116 We have already defined what is meant by number, and have represented it by a water falling drop by drop.
- 1825 *Philos. Trans.* (Royal Soc.) 115 90 Since therefore the direction of the plane PQR is completely determined by the three quantities *h, k, l*, we may represent it by writing those three quantities thus, [etc.]
- 1868 J. N. LOCKYER *Elem. Lessons Astron.* ii. 39 If we represent the Sun by a globe about two feet in diameter, [etc.].
- 1947 C. M. G. LATTES et al. in *Nature* 4 Oct. 455/1 We represent the primary mesons by the symbol π , and the secondary by μ .
- 1989 R. DRYER & G. LATA *Exper. Biochem.* i. iv. 85 True chemical equilibrium between HCl and its product ions lies so far to the right that we represent the situation..by an unidirectional arrow.
- 1994 T. WALSH in T. Dartnall *Artific. Intelligence & Creativity* II. 186 Such an expression is called a 'wavefront', and we represent it with a box.

4. transitive. To constitute; to be, form, amount to.

- 1776 H. CLARK & T. WORMULL *Short & Easy Introd. Heraldry* (ed. 2) 43 *Sagittarius*, is an imaginary creature;..it represents one of the twelve celestial signs.
- 1818 *Let.* July in D. Turner *Acct. Tour Normandy* (1820) II. xxii. 139 Lisieux represents one of the most ancient capitals of the primitive tribes of Gaul.
- 1857 *Civil Engineer & Architect's Jrnl.* 20 363/1 The figure 38 per cent. already mentioned, whilst it represents the greatest saving that was actually obtained, is probably not exaggerated.
- 1881 *Nature* No. 619. 437 When groups of animals become so far differentiated from each other as to represent separate species, they remain isolated.
- 1958 *Times* 8 Nov. 4/7 Assurances that the ionospheric forward-scatter radio station..will not represent a radiation hazard to the public have now been given officially.
- 1991 *Internat. Jrnl. Refugee Law* 3 186 These displaced persons..represent numerically the largest group benefiting from UNHCR's current programmes.
- 2006 M. POLLAN *Omnivore's Dilemma* xiii. 248 Metropolitan buying clubs represent the fastest-growing segment of Joel's market.

5.

a. transitive. To serve as a representative example of (a group or class); to typify, exemplify, or stand for, esp. in a specified context.

- 1838 T. R. JONES in *Todd's Cycl. Anat. & Physiol.* II. 413/1 The former..represent the Annelida; like the Abranchiate division of that class, they breathe by air-sacs.
- 1884 *Bull. U.S. National Mus.* No. 27. 697 This model [of boat] represents the class..exclusively used in the mackerel purse-seine fisheries of New England.

- 1957 *Amer. Heart Jnl.* **54** 352 These patients represent an important group of cardiacs who are often denied surgical relief.
- 1990 *Lifestyle* Summer 128/1 (*advt.*) Newquay Steam Beer has been chosen to represent drinks in the 'Ideal Green Home', one of the showpieces of this year's Ideal Home Exhibition.
- 2002 *Science* 25 Jan. 615/1 The newfound fossils represent four of the 13 families of plesiadapiforms, or archaic primates, dating to about 56 million years ago.

b. transitive. In passive. Of a group or class: to be exemplified or given representation in a particular context *by* a specific instance or set of instances; (also more narrowly) to be illustrated completely or exhaustively *by*.

- 1846 J. LINDLEY *Veg. Kingdom* 411 Floating plants..on the continent of South America..are represented by Victoria.
- 1858 N. HAWTHORNE *Jrnl.* 10 Jan. in *French & Ital. Notebks.* (1980) I. 26 A soup, in which twenty kinds of vegetables were represented.
- 1868 J. N. LOCKYER *Elem. Lessons Astron.* i. 34 The spiral or whirlpool nebulae are represented by that in the constellation of Canes Venatici.
- 1905 W. L. SCLATER in *Sci. in S. Afr.* 143 The Bustards (*Otidæ*) are represented by no less than twelve species.
- 1981 A. B. KEHOE *N. Amer. Indians* vii. 376/2 Macro-Algonkian is represented by two language isolates, Yurok..and Wiyot.
- 1990 *Brit. Museum Mag.* Sept. 13/1 Abstraction of the early 1950s is represented by the cool and subtle linocuts produced by Adrian Heath, Kenneth Martin and Robert Adams.
- 2008 *Ashmolean* Summer 17/2 They ponder with him a newly-acquired flint knife.; the 'fishtail' blade is recognizable as a type already represented in the Ashmolean, but the handle?

c. transitive. Mathematics. To act as a representation of (a group).

- 1897 W. BURNSIDE *Theory Groups of Finite Order* ix. 177 A simple group can always be represented in primitive form.
- 1971 D. GORENSTEIN in M. B. Powell & G. Higman *Finite Simple Groups* ii. 77 We conclude that $H/O_p(H)$ is faithfully represented as a linear group on the Frattini factor group of $O_p(H)$.
- 2003 P. N. COHN *Further Algebra & Applic.* iii. 110 Let X be a set and F the free group on X . Then every element of F is represented by exactly one reduced group word in X and two group words represent the same element of F if and only if they are equivalent.

6. transitive. Of a number or quantity: to indicate or imply (another quantity).

- 1854 *Alton (Illinois) Weekly Courier* 30 Mar. 4/2 Table showing the probable duration of life (100 Representing the chance of living longest).
- 1878 T. H. HUXLEY *Physiography* (ed. 2) 45 An inch of rain represents about 100 tons of water to the acre.
- 1919 L. H. MORRISON *Oil Engines* xvi. 272 If..the line xx' represents 1 foot of stroke, then the area obviously represents..100 foot-pounds of work done.
- 2006 *Grocer* 9 Dec. 47/4 M&S and Asda are ahead of Tesco, overtrading at 145 and 126 respectively compared with Tesco's 117 (100+ representing an overtrade).

7. transitive. To correspond to, take the place of; *esp.* (a) *Zoology* and *Botany* to be the counterpart of (a plant or animal group) in the fauna or flora of another region (now *rare*); (b) *Anatomy* and *Biology* to be equivalent to (a part) phylogenetically or ontogenetically. Usually in *passive*.

- 1855 E. SMITH & W. S. DALLAS *Syst. Nat. Hist.* II. 432 The Llamas, which represent the Camels in the New World.
- 1879 G. C. HARLAN *Eyesight* iii. 34 In the eye, the sides of the box are represented by the sclerotic.
- 1882 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 738/2 The old idea that they in some way 'represented' each other in the two hemispheres of the world was a mere fancy.
- 1937 *Discovery* Oct. 308/2 The cuttle 'bone' which we give to the canary is, in the squid, represented by a horny 'pen' of the shape of a flat pointed feather.
- 1946 H. WOODS *Palæontol. Invertebr.* (ed. 8) 245 Sometimes the small embryonic shell..is found at the umbo of the adult shell; this represents the protogulum of the Brachiopods.
- 1993 *Collins Compl. DIY Man.* (new ed.) iii. 204/2 For an asymmetrically shaped pane of patterned glass supply a template, marking the surface that represents the outside face.
- 2006 J. T. COSTA *Other Insect Societies* viii. 196 Clearly silk spinning by solitary species represents the ancestral condition, a behavior or capability spectacularly elaborated in some cases.

II. To make present, bring to view. Cf. PRESENT *v.* I.

* To depict, portray.

8.

a. transitive. To render perceptible, make plain or manifest; to communicate to the senses, *esp.* the sight.

- a1398 J. TREVISA tr. Bartholomaeus Anglicus *De Proprietatibus Rerum* (BL Add.) f. 136 By entringe & incomynge of sonne bemes a cloude representiþ and schewiþ diuers formes and schappis & coloures.
- ?1518 A. BARCLAY *Fyfte Eglog* sig. Cijv It is in power, of god omnyotent His very presence, to us to represent.
- 1532 *Romaunt Rose* in *Wks. G. Chaucer* f. clxvii/2 Of her estate she [*sc.* Abstynence] her repented As her visage represented.
- 1567 J. MAPLET *Greene Forest* f. 11 Iris..being..stricken of the Sunne his beames, doth represent and shewe both the figure and colours of the Rainebow vpon the wall next to it.
- 1660 G. MACKENZIE *Aretina* ii. 126 Deaths horrid face represented in the mirrour of his dying friend, agasted him so, as that he was willing to ransome his life upon his knees.
- 1684 *Philos. Trans.* (Royal Soc.) 14 483 As by Polyscopes or Multiplying Glasses, one thing is represented to the Eye as many,..so by a Polyphone or Polyacoustick well order'd one Sound may be heard as many.
- 1782 W. COWPER *Hope* in *Poems* 145 But still th' imputed tints are those alone The medium represents, and not their own.
- 1867 *Chem. News & Jrnl. Industr. Sci.* 15 263/2 The principal curve in the diagram represents to the eye very roughly..the distribution of heat in the visible portion of the spectrum.
- a1881 S. LANIER *Sci. Eng. Verse* (1909) I. ii. 59 'Through' is also but one verse-sound to the ear, though represented to the eye by seven letters, or signs of sound.
- 1907 M. E. FINDLAY tr. G. Compayré *Herbart* iii. 65 Thus, in teaching history, we shall make use of every means for representing to the eyes by way of sensation the things belonging to the past.

1987 D. DUNCAN *Shadow* xvii. 224 He caught Icefire's ferocious glare and thought that perhaps, just this once, that expression represented her true feelings.

b. transitive. To bring clearly and distinctly before the mind or imagination; to describe, evoke, conjure; to imagine, conceptualize.

In quot. 1692 *intransitive*.

- c1400 tr. Aelred of Rievaulx *De Institutione Inclusarum* (Vernon) (1984) 35 (MED) Hauē in þyn awter þe ymage of þe crucifix hangynge on þe cros, which represente to þe þe passioun of crist.
- c1425 J. LYDGATE *Troyes Bk.* (Augustus A.iv) Prol. l. 177 (MED) Vn-to vs her bokes represent With-out feynynge þe weie þat þei went.
- 1489 (▷ a1380) J. BARBOUR *Bruce* (Adv.) I. 18 Auld storys that men redys Representis to thaim the dedys Of stalwart folk that lywyt ar.
- 1546 S. GARDINER *Declar. True Articles* (new ed.) f. lxvi The carpenter for example as he excelleth in cunnynge so dothe he conceyue so muche the more sodenly, & with a smal short thought represent to hym selfe all the hole frame of that he wyll worke perfityly.
- 1587 SIR P. SIDNEY & A. GOLDING tr. P. de Mornay *Trewnesse Christian Relig.* xxvii. 505 The Dreame representeth vs the stone heauen without hand.
- 1605 F. BACON *Of Aduancem. Learning* I. sig. A2 Wherefore representing your Maiestie many times vnto my mind,..I haue been..possessed with an extreame woonder at those your virtues.
- 1638 F. JUNIUS *Painting of Ancients* 18 The other..studieth also to expresse things prefigured only and represented by the phantasie.
- 1667 J. MILTON *Paradise Lost* v. 104 Of all external things, Which the five watchful Senses represent, She forms Imaginations.
- 1692 J. NORRIS *Cursory Refl. Ess. Human Understanding* 27 in *Christian Blessedness* (ed. 2) Our Ideas..are immaterial as to their Representation, that is, they represent after an immaterial manner.
- a1708 W. BEVERIDGE *Thes. Theologicus* (1710) I. 261 Why is God said to have a head and hands? To represent Him the better to our capacities.
- 1725 D. DEFOE *New Voy. round World* I. 168 Those People who have any Notion of a G O D, must represent Him to themselves as something Superior.
- 1778 J. AIKIN *Thomson's Seasons* in *Ess.* p. xxi The poet..begins with representing the reviscent plants emerging.
- 1853 W. THOMSON *Outl. Laws of Thought* (ed. 3) 25 (note) A subjective tendency in a poet or thinker would be a preponderating inclination to represent the moods and states of his own mind.
- 1856 P. E. DOVE *Logic Christian Faith* Introd. 4 Man may have knowledge which he cannot represent to his formal reason.
- 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educator* (new ed.) IV. 95/1 It remains, therefore, to complete the work by representing the character of the country.
- 1910 *Monist* 20 591 It is the nature of conception to represent to the mind that which is not present in sense.
- 2004 M. POTTER *Set Theory & its Philos.* vii. 124 We can represent space to ourselves as continuous whether or not it really is.

9.

a. transitive. To portray in an artistic medium or by artistic means (typically painting or sculpture); (of an artist, etc.) to depict or evoke (a subject).

- ?a1425 *Mandeville's Trav.* (Egerton) (1889) 38 3it es þare paynting, whare in þe grete dole þat þai made es representid and purtraid.
- 1531 T. ELYOT *Bk. named Gouvernour* II. iii. sig. Oiii^v Painted tables, and images, containyng histories: wherin is represented some monument of vertue..wherby other men in beholdyng, may be instructed.
- a1586 SIR P. SIDNEY *Arcadia* (1590) I. iii. sig. C2^v The painter meaning to represent the present condition of the young Ladie.
- 1661 O. FELLTHAM *Lett.* xvii. 88 in *Resolves* (rev. ed.) They forbad the Holy Ghosts being represented in the form of a Dove.
- 1663 B. GERBIER *Counsel to Builders* 14 Pilasters, through whose bodies Lions are represented to creep.
- 1664 B. GERBIER *Counsel to Builders* (new ed.) I. 16 To direct the Sculptors how to Represent those Images.
- 1728 E. CHAMBERS *Cycl.* at *Calvary* Such is the Church of St. Valerian, near Paris; which is accompany'd with several Chapels, in each whereof is represented in Sculpture one of the Mysteries of the Passion.
- 1766 O. GOLDSMITH *Vicar of Wakefield* I. xvi. 160 My wife desired to be represented as Venus.
- 1799 J. STRUTT *Compl. View Dress & Habits People of Eng.* II. v. 283 She is represented as a mightly precise dame, with her wimple neatly pinched, or plaited.
- 1821 W. M. CRAIG *Lect. Drawing* viii. 422 The subjects for these purposes should always be represented as if placed at a considerable degree of elevation.
- 1843 J. RUSKIN *Mod. Painters* I. 9 What is commonly considered the whole art of painting, that is, the art of representing any natural object faithfully.
- 1901 *Daily News* 23 Feb. 6/4 The Prince Consort is represented..as wearing low-heeled, square-toed 'Derbies', with buckles on them.
- 1987 J. ROBINSON in P. Alperson *What is Music?* (1994) II. vi. 179 When Schubert represents the leaping of a trout, his music does not attempt to sound like a trout; instead Schubert gives us a musical 'description' of the movement of the trout.
- 2002 R. GOFFEN *Renaissance Rivals* (2004) II. iv. 77 Michelangelo represented men battling Centaurs in a composition notable for its narrative obfuscations.

b. transitive. Of a picture, an image, etc.: to portray, depict, show.

- a1500 (▶ c1410) *Dives & Pauper* (Hunterian) (1976) I. 85 (MED) Make þin pylgrimage nought to þe ymage..but to hym and for hym þat þe ymage representyȝt.
- c1500 (▶ ?a1475) *Assembly of Gods* (1896) 1913 (MED) The thryd wall..The Tyme representeth of Reuocacion.
- 1634 T. JACKSON *Knowledg of Christ Jesus* VII. xi Chimeras, or painted devices which represent no visible creature.
- 1687 A. LOVELL tr. J. de Thévenot *Trav. into Levant* 94 There is one over the Gate, representing in bas relief our Saviour's riding into Jerusalem upon the Ass.
- 1711 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 26. ¶5 The Monuments of their Admirals..represent 'em like themselves.
- 1731 N. BAILEY *Universal Etymol. Eng. Dict.* II. (ed. 2) *Masque* (with Architects), certain pieces of sculpture, representing some hideous form; grotesque or satyrs faces, used to fill up or adorn some vacant places.
- 1794 *Columbian Gazetteer* 16 Oct. 3/4 One [painting] represents the flight of the holy family of Joseph and Mary.
- 1800 M. STARKE *Lett. from Italy* II. 126 Two paintings representing Genii with symbols relative to Bacchanlian feasts and ceremonies.
- 1861 M. PATTISON in *Westm. Rev.* Apr. 413 Two allegorical pieces by..Holbein, representing the Triumph of Riches and the Triumph of Poverty respectively.

- 1873 W. BLACK *Princess of Thule* iii. 44 The four walls were..covered by a paper of foreign manufacture, representing spacious Tyrolese landscapes, and incidents of the chase.
- 1906 R. LANCIANI *Golden Days of Renaissance in Rome* vi. 263 The basrelief represents the Redeemer sitting by the well.
- 1923 *Times* 7 June 11/2 The picture represents a scene at a fire in a modern house, with a mother seizing her rescued child from the arms of a fireman.
- 2003 *Rotunda* Summer–Fall 29/1 The sculpture represents a type of Indic goddess called a yogini.

10.

a. transitive. To depict (an action, story, scene, etc.) by acting or miming; to perform or produce on the stage.

- a1438 *Bk. Margery Kempe* (1940) I. 140 (*MED*) On a Good Fryday..þe sayd creatur behelde preystys..representyng þe lamentabyl deth and doolful beryng of owr Lord Ihesu Crist.
- ?a1525 *Play Sacram.* 10 And yt lyke yow to here ye purposos of yis play that [ys] representyd now in yower syght.
- 1589 G. PUTTENHAM *Arte Eng. Poesie* I. xv. 27 These matters were also..represented by action as that of the Comedies.
- 1615 R. BRATHWAIT *Strappado* 161 Saint Bartlemews, where all the Pagents showne, And all those acts from Adam vnto Noe Vs'd to be represent.
- 1656 EARL OF MONMOUTH tr. T. Boccacini *Ragguagli di Parnasso* II. xcvi. 391 Such like Spectacles..did but little honour to those that caused them to be represented.
- a1684 J. EVELYN *Diary* (1955) II. 449 This night we went to the Opera, which are comedies and other plays represented in Recitative Musiq.
- 1745 P. THOMAS *True Jrnl. Voy. South-Seas* 203 In China we may..represent Comedies, and dance Balls in a Lanthorn.
- 1774 T. WARTON *Hist. Eng. Poetry* I. 233 In what manner, if ever, this piece was represented theatrically, cannot easily be discovered.
- a1800 G. STEEVENS in J. Boswell *Life Johnson* (1831) V. 222 Goldsmith's last comedy was to be represented during some court-mourning.
- a1822 P. B. SHELLEY tr. J. W. von Goethe *Scenes from Faust in Posthumous Poems* (1824) 415 Quite a new piece, the last of seven, for 'tis The custom now to represent that number.
- 1894 *Daily News* 6 June 2/4 The royalties, that is to say the payments made during the year 1893 for permission to represent the play.
- 1908 J. E. SPINGAM *Hist. Lit. Crit. in Ren.* (rev. ed.) iii. 68 Giraldi gives it as a universal rule of the drama that nothing should be represented on the stage which could not with propriety be done in one's own house.
- 2005 S. MASLAN *Revol. Acts* ii. 39 What made the theater a menace to order was not the plays themselves but the fact that they were represented before and in the presence of an audience.

b. transitive. To portray (a role or character) on the stage; to act the part or depict the actions and characteristics of (a person).

- c1475 *Wisdom* (Folger) (1969) 101 (*MED*) I..represent here þe sowll of man.
- a1500 (▸ c1410) *Dives & Pauper* (Hunterian) (1976) I. 293 (*MED*) To representyn in pleyngte at Cristemesse Heroudis & þe thre kyngis..is leful and comendable.
- 1592 T. NASHE *Pierce Penillesse* (Brit. Libr. copy) sig. H2 The Tragedian that represents his person.

- 1662 J. DAVIES tr. A. Olearius *Voy. & Trav. Ambassadors* 213 The Physician, a person the fittest in the World to represent a Fool in a play.
- 1711 R. STEELE *Spectator* No. 48. ¶5 Persons who represent Heroes in a Tragedy.
- 1752 R. BATHURST in *Adventurer* 14 Nov. ¶8 Amazons; to represent whom, I have hired all the wonderful tall men and women..in this town.
- 1823 W. SCOTT *St. Ronan's Well* II. vii. 163 Oberon, the King of Shadows, whose sovereign gravity..was somewhat indifferently represented by the silly gaiety of Miss in her Teens.
- 1892 *Harper's Mag.* Sept. 625/2 He was as modest, as simple, and as manly in character as are the characters he represented on the stage.
- 1917 J. AGATE *Buzz, Buzz!* II. 146 The Repertory actress sometimes succeeds in sending you away from the theatre concerned for the character she has been representing.
- 1958 *Times Lit. Suppl.* 24 Jan. 47/3 Those actors on the stage who cannot represent a member of the rural lower classes without bent knees.
- 1995 *Guardian* 12 Sept. I. 2/1 His Ariel is..represented on stage by a chorus of bewigged, mute musicians.

†c. *intransitive*. To appear on the stage; to act, perform. *Obsolete. rare.*

- a1547 EARL OF SURREY tr. Virgil *Fourth Bk. Aeneas* (1554) IV. sig. Di Lyke Orestes Agamemnons sonne: In tragedyes who represented [*v.r.* -eth] aye Dryuen about.
- 1767 *Ann. Reg. 1766* Characters 7/1 I gave him a taste for..the 'petits operas' in which I sung and represented myself.

11.

a. transitive. To set out clearly before a person (an argument, account of a situation, etc.); to submit formally *to* a person or audience, typically with a view to influencing action or opinion. Chiefly with clause as object.

- c1443 R. PECOCK *Reule of Crysten Religioun* (1927) 429 Argumentis to hem mynystrid and not to her resoun representid wip sufficient tariaunce vpon hem.
- 1582 N. LICHEFIELD tr. F. L. de Castanheda *1st Bk. Hist. Discouerie E. Indias* I. lxvi. 135 There was represent unto him the great danger which he feared might happen unto him.
- 1646 in J. Stuart *Extracts Council Reg. Aberdeen* (1872) II. 62 To represent and show to them the distressed and desolat caice of this toun.
- 1687 A. LOVELL tr. J. de Thévenot *Trav. into Levant* I. 78 They went..to the Kiaya Bey, and having represented to him how long they had served, [etc.].
- 1702 *Clarendon's Hist. Rebellion* I. I. 41 The condition of his Son..was argument of great compassion; and was lively, and successfully represented to the King himself.
- 1741 S. JOHNSON *Deb. Senate Lilliput* in *Gentleman's Mag.* Dec. 632 To obviate those Dangers from the Army which have been so strongly and justly represented.
- 1794 C. SMITH *Wanderings of Warwick* 148 He represented to me, that..it would be unworthy of me to assail him with words of reproach.
- 1829 E. BULWER-LYTTON *Devereux* I. I. ii. 11 I have just represented to my good brother the necessity of sending my sons to school.
- 1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* II. vi. 63 It would have been useless to represent these things to James.
- 1864 D. G. MITCHELL *Seven Stories* 79 I represented my official character to the doorkeeper.

- 1931 J. GAVORSE *Suetonius' Lives Twelve Caesars* i. 9 Into those who advocated greater severity [he struck terror], by representing to them what universal odium would be attached to their memories.
- 1953 G. HEYER *Cotillion* xi. 177 He nerved himself to expostulate with Kitty, representing to her that to be striking up an acquaintanceship..could in no way add to her consequence.
- 2008 *Daily Tel.* 21 Mar. 6/7 She will represent the views of the hospitals to the Government.

†**b. intransitive.** To present objections to something; to make representations *against*. *Obsolete*.

- 1717 VISCT. BOLINGBROKE *Let. to Windham* (1753) 27 When the queen seemed to intend a change in her ministry, they had deputed some of their members to represent against it.
- 1782 R. CUMBERLAND *Anecd. Painters Spain* II. 81 The Chapter objected to his nomination, and deputed two of their body to represent to Philip against the person of Cano.
- 1828 *Cases decided on Appeal from Courts Scotl. 1824* 360 Davidson represented against the findings in this judgment.
- 1861 LD. BROUGHAM *Brit. Constit.* (ed. 2) xvi. 248 He..prosecuted seven Prelates for representing against his Declaration appointed to be read in all Churches.

12.

†**a. intransitive.** To make a claim. *Obsolete. rare*.

- 1498 *Interpr. Names Goddis & Goddesses* (de Worde) sig. Bviy/1 (*MED*) All tho that represent To be callyd goddys at that banket Resemble false ydollys.

b. transitive. To describe or portray in a particular way; to assert or declare as being of a specified character or kind. With *as*, †*for*, *to be*. Cf.

PAINT *v.*¹ 4a.

- 1513 G. DOUGLAS tr. Virgil *Aeneid* VII. ii. 53 Picus the king, quhilk dois the represent, Saturnus, for his fader and parent.
- 1612 E. GRIMESTON tr. P. Matthieu *Heroyk Life Henry IV* I. 68 Hee did represent it easie, safe, and commodious.
- 1663 J. SPENCER *Disc. Prodigies* Pref. sig. A iv Gregory the Great (represented to Posterity as one most studios of the propagation of the Christian Religion).
- 1685 A. WOOD *Life & Times* (1894) III. 142 Radcliff represented him to be a turbulent man.
- 1714 A. POPE *Corr.* 8 June (1956) I. 230 May they represent me what they will, as long as you think me what I am.
- 1764 T. HARMER *Observ. Passages Script.* I. xviii. 43 The trees are represented..as but just grown green at Jerusalem in March.
- 1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* II. ix. 444 Sunderland they represented as the chief conspirator.
- 1874 L. STEPHEN *Hours in Libr.* 1st Ser. 339 Society is not what Balzac represents it to be.
- 1900 S. J. WEYMAN *Story Francis Cludde* (new ed.) xvi. 187 They are represented to me as dangerous persons.
- 1914 *Scotsman* 30 Oct. 9/6 'Bertha' is not the delicate plaything that it has sometimes been represented to be.

- 1968 R. PASSMORE & J. S. ROBSON *Compan. Med. Stud.* I. xxvi. 16 The conversion of fibrinogen to fibrin is not as simple as previously represented.
- 1989 *Gamut* Summer 37/1 Popular portrayals represent scientists as loners, working in isolation. In fact, any scientist works under the constant scrutiny of peers.

c. transitive (reflexive). To present oneself as having a particular character, set of attributes, etc.

- 1591 G. B. A. F. tr. *Discovery Subtiltie & Wisedome Italians* xxxiv. 53 He representeth himselfe as a Standerbarer of Christs catholike church, who ought to here his voyce, and doe after his commandements.
- 1669 G. WHITEHEAD *Divinity of Christ* iii. 29 God cannot represent himself otherwise than he is; It's true: Where doth he thus represent himself as these men do, with such invented terms, vain tautologies, and confusion?
- 1694 N. H. *Ladies Dict.* 339/2 I infer..That for Aged persons by any habit or dresses to represent themselves as young and youthful, is sinfull.
- 1751 T. SMOLLETT *Peregrine Pickle* IV. cvii. 249 The warden; to whom the lieutenant, in his great wisdom, represented himself as a kinsman to Peregrine.
- 1817 J. MILL *Hist. Brit. India* I. II. ii. 107 The first legislator of the Hindus..appears to have represented himself as the republisher of the will of God.
- 1898 *Argosy* Aug. 16 She was the ardent patriot she represented herself to be.
- 1966 J. I. M. STEWART *Aylwins* xii. 141 I must not represent myself as seduced into a total regardlessness of my commission.
- 2003 *Focus* July (Kings of Egypt Suppl.) He [sc. Ramesses III] represented himself as a warrior, with the attributes of Ramesses II.

d. transitive. To allege or declare *that*. Law and archaic in later use.

- 1651 *Weekly Intelligencer* 8 July 218 The Letters from Ireland did this day represent, that our Ships with Money and Provisions are safely arrived in the Bay of Galloway.
- 1654 J. BRAMHALL *Just Vindic. Church of Eng.* vi. 152 They represented that there were so many Italians..beneficed among them, that their yearly revenue exceeded the revenue of the Crown.
- 1698 *Mem. E. Ludlow* I. 145 He represented that they had been endeavouring to obey their Orders.
- 1712 T. ELLWOOD *Davideis* IV. vii. 241 They represented, that the Enemy Would not regard, if Half of them should dy; So much as if they him could take, or slay. Therefore they begg'd, He from the Field would stay.
- 1817 J. B. BURGESS *Advertisement* II. i, in *Dramas* 146 I only venture to represent that two hundred pounds—.
- 1891 BARBER in *Law Times* 90 395/1 The defendant did represent that the cow was..sound, when he knew it was not so.
- 1929 O. A. MARTI *Econ. Causes of Reformation in Eng.* 122 It was represented that the church possessed 18,400 ploughs of land.
- 1993 *Farms For Sale* (Huron, Grey, & Bruce Counties, Ont.) Aug.–Oct. 4 (advt.) Although the vendors and brokers have represented that such information is accurate the Publisher does not represent the accuracy of the same.

†** To bring forward, introduce.

13.

a. transitive. To bring before or into the presence of; to present *to*, introduce, esp. formally or ceremoniously. *Obsolete.*

- c1425 J. LYDGATE *Troyes Bk.* (Augustus A.iv) II. 6034 Þei to-gidre wente Tofore þe kyng & Calchas
represente To alle þe lordis.
- 1483 (▶ 1413) tr. G. Deguileville *Pilgrimage of Soul* (Caxton) (1859) I. xi. 8 Representeth yo self smartely to
this iugement, by ordre, as ye shal be clepyd.
- 1502 tr. *Ordynarye of Crysten Men* (de Worde) iv. xxix. sig. ll.i^v She [sc. the soul]..leueth her body and her
representeth vnto hym vnto his blyssed pleaser.
- 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. N. de Nicolay *Nauigations Turkie* iv. i. 114 In the day time they did represent
themselues before the Gouvernours.

b. transitive. To bring (a person) *to* some state or experience. *Obsolete.*

- ▶ 1435 R. MISYN tr. R. Rolle *Fire of Love* 7 (MED) Hayle..lufe euerlastyng þat..to þe sight of godis maiestee
vs representys.
- a1450 (▶ c1410) H. LOVELICH *Hist. Holy Grail* lv. 28 (MED) Good Besynesse..schal kepen 3oure body from
Alle torment and to Endeles blysse 3ow Represent.
- c1475 *Court of Sapience* (Trin. Cambr.) (1927) 728 (MED) O souuerayn kyng of blys, I shall reward echon
wyth theyr entent And man ayene to thy blysse represent.

c. transitive. To bring forth, produce. *Obsolete. rare.*

- 1601 P. HOLLAND tr. Pliny *Hist. World* I. II. iii. 2 That as the heauen moveth, it doth represent indeed a
pleasant and incredible sweet harmonie both day and night.

†III. To give, offer, deliver. Cf. PRESENT *v.* II.

14. transitive. To give or deliver (a person or thing); *spec.* to transmit or transfer *to* a person's custody. *Obsolete. rare.*

- ?c1430 (▶ c1400) *Rule St. Francis* (Corpus Cambr.) in F. D. Matthew *Eng. Wks. Wyclif* (1880) 47 Þei
schullen presenten hym to þe nexte custode of þat place..and..þat custode..represente hym in his owen
persone in þe hondis of his mynystre, and..þe mynystre..to holde hym..til þat he represente hym to þe
cardynal hostiense.
- a1450 (▶ c1410) H. LOVELICH *Hist. Holy Grail* lii. 500 (MED) He Is A manne that 3ow Alle hath taken As
presoneres, And to Me Represented now here.
- 1575 J. ROLLAND *Treat. Court Venus* iv. f. 54 Thisbe..kneiland vpon hir kne, To Rhamnusia the missiue
represent Fra the Assise.
- 1601 P. HOLLAND tr. Pliny *Hist. World* II. 493 The Thurines honoured and said Ælius with a statue of brasse,
and represented to him a coronet of gold.
- 1649 BP. J. TAYLOR *Great Exemplar* xii. §7 We are taught to pray not that it be all at once represented or
deposited, but that God would minister it as we need it.

15. transitive. To offer or render (service) *to* a person. *Obsolete. rare.*

a1500 (▶ c1425) ANDREW OF WYNTOUN *Oryg. Cron. Scotl.* (Nero) v. Prol. l. 46 Þir ar þe twa gret lichtis..Þat
oyssis for to represent And to mynystir þar service Tyme be tyme.

1532 (▶ ?a1405) J. LYDGATE *Minor Poems* (1934) ll. 418 (*MED*) Princesse of beautie, to you I represent This
symple dyte.

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repre'sented *adj.*

a1569 A. KINGSMILL *Viewe Mans Estate* (1580) xi. 75 This is the true represented Isaac, that humbleth himself
to the Aultar.

1626 T. ADAMS *Five Serm.* v. 22 It is a silly shift to say, the honor done to the Images, reflects vpon the
represented Saints.

1789 T. TWINING tr. Aristotle *Treat. Poetry* 40 Plato drew his idea of the ΜΙΜΗΣΙΣ of poetry from the theatre
itself, and from the personal imitations of represented tragedy.

1822 J. FLINT *Lett. from Amer.* 147 His protection is the affection of a free and a represented people.

1883 *Daily News* 11 Oct. 2/2 The auditors were afforded no facilities..for ascertaining whether the represented
securities really existed.

1943 C. DE TOLNAY *Hist. & Technique Old Master Drawings* vi. 63 The self-contained closed form of the
represented space.

2005 D. M. LOPES *Sight & Sensibility* v. 189 The represented figures possess interiority and physicality.