

This Kibbitzer is based on a suggested correction to the dissertation of a Farsi-speaking student of Economics:

Original	Revision
The variation of these ratios presents some insight about the financial intermediary role of banks.	The variation of these ratios offers some insight into the role of banks as financial intermediaries.

What attracted attention in the original was the slight oddity of the collocation **present + insight(s)**. We could find no example of this collocation in my data, while there were several examples of **offer + insight(s)** (with incidentally, the preposition **into**):

1 Scott-type inquiry is a mouthwatering one, **offering an insight into** the detailed workings of  
 2 ts own accord." Mr Aleksashenko's analysis **offers an insight into** the mess of Russia's day-t  
 3 ersome fielding. Illingworth was unable to **offer any insight into** what other criteria short  
 4 ve Coogan, can make his creation last will **offer fascinating insights into** the pain-threshol  
 5 his vital and energetic performance, which **offered fresh insights** and perspectives in every  
 6 its yolk and white, the rotation of nuclei **offers insights into** their fluid properties. When  
 7 ard Williams nor the staging of Tom Hawkes **offered insights** or any justification for the exp  
 8 t the writing is there from the first page, **offering insights into** Mammon . . . a la mode and  
 9 pe was her inspiration. This retrospective **offers new insight into** an artist often overshado  
 10 ry of the crumbling Maitland. But the show **offers no insight into** the reasons behind Barrymo  
 11 es had been lost all those years but which **offered no insights** into why native North America  
 12 ve to say it's probably my mother.' Having **offered the insight** he has little to add by way o  
 13 of specialisms on their own terms, and to **offer them insights** from other fields of knowledg  
 14 There is little sense that rationality can **offer us insight** and progress into all sorts of t  
 15 tions for which there is no need. The book **offers useful insights** and will interest educator

**Offering insights** (which may be fascinating (4), fresh (5), new (9) or useful (15)) is clearly more tentative and more modest than the activities associated with **present**: for example **presenting findings** (typically performed for an audience (16), at a conference (21 & 22) or meeting (25)):

16 tions, record findings, interpret data and **present findings** for different audiences and purpo  
 17 pported the method used by the Guardian to **present findings**, but doubted whether this should  
 18 they can swop problems," said Dr Kahn, who **presented his findings** to the Scottish branch of t  
 19 t immunity certificates. This inquiry will **present its findings** later this year. Ministers de  
 20 s health by Global Sports Marketing, which **presented its findings** to clubs at Wigan two weeks  
 21 titute responsible for organising it will **present its findings** at a conference in Tokyo in e  
 22 were in work. The campaign group, which **is presenting its findings** at a conference today in N  
 23 asury's Economic Secretary, is also due to **present the findings** of a review into small compan  
 24 wed as exceptional," said Fiona Smith, who **presented the findings** to the Institute of British  
 25 sity of Michigan geo-chemistry student who **presented the findings** to the annual meeting of t  
 26 that Dr Sutcliffe and other experts would **present their findings** next month on ways of makin  
 27 ection group SOS Mata Atlantica. The group **presented the findings** of a five-year survey of fo

It may be noted, in conclusion, that there were no citations in the data for **offer + findings**.