

**lack**1. [læk] *n*

недостаток, нехватка; (полное) отсутствие; нужда

lack of money [of intelligence, of wit] - недостаток денег [ума, остроумия]

lack of balance - а) неуравновешенность; б) *спорт.* отсутствие (ощущения) равновесия

lack of judgement - неумение разобраться /понять, оценить/

lack of capacity - отсутствие (нужных) способностей

lack of land - безземелье

to feel the lack of smth. - ощущать /испытывать/ недостаток в чём-л.

for /by, from, through/ lack of smth. - из-за недостатка чего-л., за отсутствием /за неимением/ чего-л.

for lack of evidence - за отсутствием улик

the plants died for /through/ lack of water - растения погибли из-за недостатка воды

no lack of smth. - достаточное количество чего-л.; обилие чего-л.

they felt no lack of food - они не страдали от нехватки продовольствия

there was no lack of people - в людях не было недостатка /людей хватало/

2. [læk] *v*

1. испытывать недостаток (в чём-л.), нуждаться (в чём-л.), не иметь (чего-л.)

to lack courage [wisdom, wit] - не иметь достаточно мужества [мудрости, ума]

to lack a knowledge of French [of English] - не владеть французским [английским] языком

the house lacks a back door - в доме нет чёрного хода

he lacks words with which to express his thanks - он не находит слов для выражения благодарности

he is lacking in courage - ему недостаёт мужества

they are not lacking in food - у них хватает продовольствия, они не испытывают нужды в питании

he lacks nothing - у него ни в чём нет недостатка; у него есть всё

he lacks for nothing - у него есть всё нужное

you will not lack for support from me - я вас поддержу

2. *обыкн. pres. p.* *недоставать, не хватать, быть недостаточным*

nothing is lacking for comfort - есть всё для удобства /комфорта/

five copies are lacking - недостаёт пяти экземпляров

a subject on which information is lacking - предмет, о котором ничего не известно

the vote lacks three to be a majority - до (абсолютного) большинства недостаёт трёх голосов

**lack**

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**lack** [lack lacks lacked lacking] *noun, verb* *BrE* [læk] <sup>m</sup> *NAme* [læk] <sup>m</sup>*noun uncountable, singular ~ (of sth)*

the state of not having sth or not having enough of sth

**Syn:** ↑dearth, **Syn:** ↑shortage

• a lack of food/money/skills

• The trip was cancelled **through lack of** (= because there was not enough) interest.• There was **no lack of** volunteers.

• She showed a distinct lack of enthusiasm for the idea of becoming a mother.

**see** not for want/lack of trying **at** ↑try *v.*Word Origin:Middle English: corresponding to, and perhaps partly from, Middle Dutch and Middle Low German **lak** 'deficiency', Middle Dutch **laken** 'lack, blame'.Thesaurus:**lack** *noun* **U, sing.**

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**absence** • • **shortage** • • **scarcity** • • **shortfall** • |**formal deficiency** • • **deficit** •*formal* **Opp:** **abundance****have/suffer from** a lack/absence/shortage/deficiency/deficit**face** a lack/shortage/shortfall/deficit**There is no** lack/shortage/scarcity/deficiency **of sth**Example Bank:

- I've lost those skills through lack of practice.
- She thought she would collapse from lack of sleep.
- The situation was worsened by lack of communication.
- There is certainly no lack of interest in the subject.
- There was a distinct lack of urgency in his manner.
- They lost the game, but not for lack of trying.
- a complete lack of confidence
- a general lack of knowledge among the young
- an abysmal lack of knowledge
- The trip was cancelled through lack of interest.
- They haven't won a game yet, but it isn't for lack of trying.
- a lack of food/money/skills

Idiom: ↑lack nothing

verb no passive ~ sth

to have none or not enough of sth

- Some houses still lack basic amenities such as bathrooms.
- He lacks confidence.
- She has the determination that her brother lacks.

see also ↑lacking

more at have/lack the courage of your convictions at ↑courage

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	lack
	BrE /læk/
	NAmE /læk/
he / she / it	lacks
	BrE /læks/
	NAmE /læks/
past simple, past participle	lacked
	BrE /lækt/
	NAmE /lækt/
-ing form	lacking
	BrE /lækɪŋ/
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Example Bank:

- He apparently lacked the desire to learn.
- Her high-heeled shoes gave her the height she otherwise lacked.
- His claim clearly lacked conviction.
- His life seemed to lack direction.
- Perhaps you simply lack the intelligence to realize just how serious this is?
- She completely lacks confidence.
- What they lack in talent, they make up for in conviction.

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I. lack<sup>1</sup> S3 W2 /læk/ BrE<sup>u</sup> AmE<sup>u</sup> noun [singular, uncountable]

when there is not enough of something, or none of it SYN shortage OPP surplus

lack of

- new parents suffering from lack of sleep
- Too many teachers are treated with a lack of respect.
- comments based on a total lack of information
- Does their apparent lack of progress mean they are not doing their job properly?
- tours that are cancelled for lack of bookings
- There was no lack of willing helpers.
- health problems linked to poor diet and a relative lack of exercise

COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- a complete/total lack of something I was amazed by his almost total lack of interest in music.
- a relative/comparative lack of something There is a relative lack of research into this medical condition.
- a distinct/marked/conspicuous lack of something (=very noticeable) She looked at him with a marked lack of enthusiasm.
- an apparent lack of something (=one that seems to exist) Adam's apparent lack of concern angered his brother.

■ phrases

- there is no lack of something (=there is plenty of it) There is no lack of information on the subject.

II. lack<sup>2</sup> W3 BrE<sup>u</sup> AmE<sup>u</sup> verb

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Middle Dutch; Origin: laken]

1. [transitive] to not have something that you need, or not have enough of it:

• Alex's real problem is that he lacks confidence.

▶ Do not use 'in' or 'of' after the verb lack: We lack ideas (NOT We lack in/of ideas). However, you can use these prepositions after be lacking in and a lack: We are lacking in ideas. | There is a lack of ideas.

2. not lack for something formal to have a lot of something:

• He does not lack for critics.

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