

failure[ˈfeɪljə] *n*

1. 1) неудача, неуспех, провал
 dead failure - полный провал
 bitter failures - горькие неудачи
 failure of justice - *юр.* неправильное судебное решение, судебная ошибка
 to end in failure - окончиться неудачей
 all his efforts ended in failure - все его усилия были напрасны /окончились неудачей/
 to meet with failure - терпеть неудачу
 to invite failure - а) обрекать себя на неудачу; б) вести к неудаче
 by saying so you yourself invite failure - говоря так, вы сами себе готовите неудачу
- 2) провал на экзамене
2. недостаток (*чего-л.*); отсутствие (*чего-л.*)
 failure of rain - сушь, отсутствие дождей
 crop failure - неурожай
3. 1) неудачник
 he was a failure in art - он был неудачником в искусстве
- 2) неудавшееся дело
 his invention turned out (to be) a failure - его изобретение не оправдало надежд
 the play was a failure - пьеса провалилась
4. 1) невыполнение, неосуществление
 failure to keep a promise - нарушение обещания
 failure to pay a bill - неуплата по счёту
- 2) оплошность, недосмотр; ошибка
 they made a failure of keeping watch - они проглядели
- 3) что-л. несостоявшееся *или* не сделанное
 failure to report - *юр.* недонесение
 alarm was felt at his failure to return - когда он не вернулся, все встревожились
 failure to explain the noise worried us - источник шума был не установлен, и это нас волновало
 his failure to answer questions made the police suspicious - подозрения полиции были вызваны тем, что он не отвечал на вопросы
5. несостоятельность, банкротство, прекращение платежей
 numerous bank failures - многочисленные банкротства
6. 1) *тех.* авария, повреждение; перебой; отказ в работе; остановка *или* перерыв в действии
 there was a failure of electricity - отключилось электричество
 failure of a pump [of a dynamo] - повреждение насоса [динамо-машины]
 failure of shots - *горн.* осечки (*при палении*)
 failure inhibition - предупреждение аварий
 failure load - разрушающая нагрузка
- 2) *физ.*, *тех.* разрушение
- 3) *вчт.* отказ; выход из строя; сбой; фатальная ошибка
7. *геол.* обвал, обрушение; оседание; сползание

failure

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fail·ure [failure failures] *BrE* [ˈfeɪljə(r)] ^m *NAmE* [ˈfeɪljə] ^m **noun****NOT SUCCESSFUL**

1. **uncountable** lack of success in doing or achieving sth
 - The success or failure of the plan depends on you.
 - The attempt was **doomed to failure**.
 - All my efforts **ended in failure**.
 - the problems of economic failure and increasing unemployment
 - She is still coming to terms with the failure of her marriage.**Opp:** ↑success
2. **countable** a person or thing that is not successful
 - The whole thing was a complete failure.
 - He was a failure as a teacher.
 - A team learns from experience, both successes and failures.**Opp:** ↑success

NOT DOING STH

3. **uncountable, countable** ~ **to do sth** an act of not doing sth, especially sth that you are expected to do
 - the failure of the United Nations to maintain food supplies
 - Failure to comply with the regulations will result in prosecution.
 - His confession followed repeated failures to appear in court.

OF MACHINE/PART OF BODY

4. **uncountable, countable** the state of not working correctly or as expected; an occasion when this happens

- patients suffering from **heart/kidney, etc. failure**
- Production has been hampered by mechanical failure.
- A power failure plunged everything into darkness.
- The cause of the crash was given as engine failure.

OF BUSINESS

5. **countable, uncountable** business ~ a situation in which a business has to close because it is not successful
- an alarming increase in business failures

OF CROP/HARVEST

6. **uncountable, countable** crop/harvest ~ a situation in which crops do not grow correctly and do not produce food
- Bad weather has resulted in crop failure.

Word Origin:

mid 17th cent. (originally as failer, in the senses 'non-occurrence' and 'stopping of supply'): from Anglo-Norman French **failer** for Old French **faillir**, based on Latin **fallere** 'deceive' .

Thesaurus:

failure noun

1.
 - The marriage ended in failure.

collapse • • **breakdown** •

Opp: success
 a failure/collapse/breakdown **in** sth
contribute to/lead to/result in/cause/avoid the failure/collapse/breakdown (of sth)
end in failure/breakdown (of sth)
2. C
 - The whole thing was a complete failure.

disaster • • **catastrophe** • • **debacle** • |informal **fiasco** • • **washout** • • **flop** •

Opp: success
 a failure/disaster/catastrophe **for** sb
 a **total** failure/disaster/catastrophe/debacle/fiasco/washout/flop
 a **financial** failure/disaster/debacle/fiasco
3. C
 - He was a failure as a teacher.

disappointment • |disapproving **incompetent** • |informal, disapproving **loser** • • **disaster** • • **no-hoper** •

Opp: success
 be a failure/disappointment/disaster **as** sth
 a **complete** failure/loser/disaster/no-hoper

Example Bank:

- All her efforts were doomed to failure.
- Business failures rose by 30% in 2001.
- Children who are doing badly tend to expect failure and criticism .
- Fear of failure should not deter you from trying.
- He attributes the failure of the project to lack of government support.
- He lamented his failure to formulate a satisfactory theory.
- He was too proud to admit failure.
- Her ideas were large: if she could not succeed, she would at least be a heroic failure.
- Her parents had long since branded her a failure.
- I blame the failure of our relationship on my husband.
- I felt (like) a complete failure.
- I will not tolerate failure.
- Initial failure was followed by unexpected, if modest, success .
- John had a long history of academic failure.
- Nothing can excuse your failure to ask my permission.
- The aircraft seems to have experienced an engine failure.
- The attempt ended in abject failure.
- The decision to withdraw funding represents a failure of imagination.
- The film was one of the rare failures in his career.
- The venture proved a costly failure.
- There is a high failure rate with this treatment.
- This breach constitutes a serious failure in performance.
- War is the ultimate failure of public communication.
- a failure in the computer system
- a rare viral infection that can lead to heart failure
- economic failure and increasing unemployment
- failures arising from circumstances beyond your control
- government failure to listen to the voice of the electorate
- patients with chronic renal failure

- seeking to excuse his failure to ask her permission
- the commonest cause of acute liver failure
- to learn from past failures
- All my efforts ended in failure.
- Failure to comply with the regulations will result in prosecution.
- His confession followed repeated failures to appear in court.
- The attempt was doomed to failure.
- The project was considered a failure in both technical and economic terms.
- The rebellion was a dismal failure.
- There has been an alarming increase in business failures.
- patients suffering from heart/kidney failure

failure

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fail  **ure** **S3 W2** /'feɪljə \$ -ər/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑fail, ↑failure, ↑failing; **adjective**: ↑failed, ↑unfailing; **verb**: ↑fail; **adverb**: unfaithfully]

1. LACK OF SUCCESS [uncountable and countable] a lack of success in achieving or doing something **OPP success**

" Successful people often aren't very good at dealing with failure.

failure to do something

" the conference's failure to reach an agreement

2. UNSUCCESSFUL PERSON/THING [countable] someone or something that is not successful **OPP success**

" I always felt a bit of a failure at school.

3. failure to do something an act of not doing something which should be done or which people expect you to do:

" Failure to produce proof of identity could result in prosecution.

4. BUSINESS [uncountable and countable] a situation in which a business has to close because of a lack of money:

" Business failures in Scotland rose 10% last year.

5. MACHINE/BODY PART [uncountable and countable] an occasion when a machine or part of your body stops working properly:

" The cause of the crash was engine failure.

heart/kidney/liver etc failure

" He died from kidney failure.

failure in

" a failure in the computer system

6. CROPS [uncountable and countable] an occasion when crops do not grow or produce food, for example because of bad weather:

" a series of crop failures

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

■ verbs

- **end in/result in failure** A series of rescue attempts ended in failure.
- **be doomed to failure** (=be certain to fail) The rebellion was doomed to failure from the start.
- **admit failure** He was too proud to admit failure.
- **accept failure** Being able to accept failure is part of life.
- **avoid failure** She was anxious to avoid failure.

■ adjectives

- **complete/total/utter failure** The project ended in total failure.
- **abject/dismal failure** (=used to emphasize how bad a failure is) The experiment was considered a dismal failure.
- **a personal failure** (=a failure that is someone's personal fault) He considered his inability to form long-term relationships to be a personal failure.
- **economic failure** Economic failure drove the government out of office.

■ phrases

- **fear of failure** Fear of failure should not deter you from trying.
- **the risk/possibility of failure** The risk of failure for a new product is very high. | The possibility of failure was sufficiently high for the auditors to warn investors.
- **an admission of failure** Dropping out of college would be an admission of failure.
- **a history of failure** (=a situation in which someone has failed many times in the past) Some children have a history of failure at school.
- **a string of failures** (=a series of failures) The team has had a string of failures in recent games.
- **a sense of failure** People may feel a sense of failure if they admit they have ended up in a job they hate.
- **the consequences of failure** The political consequences of failure would be defeat at the next election.

■ failure + NOUN

- **a failure rate** There is a high failure rate in the restaurant industry.

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THESAURUS

- **failure** *noun* [countable] someone or something that is not successful: The book was a complete failure. | I felt a complete failure.
- **flop** *noun* [countable] *informal* something that is not successful because people do not like it – used especially about a film, play, product, or performance: Despite the hype, the movie was a flop at the box office. | Their next computer was a flop.
- **disaster** *noun* [countable] used when saying that something is extremely unsuccessful: Our first date was a disaster. | Their marriage was a total disaster.
- **fiasco** *noun* [countable usually singular] something that is completely unsuccessful and goes very badly wrong – used especially about things that have been officially planned, which go very wrong: The baggage system broke down on the first day

the airport was open. It was a complete fiasco. | The fiasco came close to ending de Gaulle's political career.

- **debacle** *noun* [countable usually singular] *formal* an event or situation that is a complete failure, because it does not happen in the way that it was officially planned: the banking debacle that has put our economy at risk

- **shambles** *noun* [singular] *especially British English* if a situation or event is a shambles, it is completely unsuccessful because it has been very badly planned or organized, and no one seems to know what to do: The first few shows were a shambles, but things soon got better.

- **washout** *noun* [singular] *informal* a failure – used when something is so bad that it would be better if it had not happened: The play wasn't a complete washout; the acting was okay. | His most recent and ambitious project, a big-budget Hollywood film, was a washout with both critics and audiences alike.

- **turkey** *noun* [countable] *informal* something that is so bad and unsuccessful that you think the people involved should be embarrassed about it – a very informal use: At the time most people thought the car was a complete turkey. | Since then he has appeared in a string of turkeys.

failure

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