

confidence[ˈkɒnfɪdəns] *n*

1. доверие

growing confidence - растущее доверие

confidence in the government - доверие правительству

a vote of confidence - *парл.* вотум доверия

to enjoy smb.'s confidence - пользоваться чьим-л. доверием

to gain smb.'s confidence - завоевать чьё-л. доверие

to place confidence in smb. - довериться кому-л.

to take smb. into one's confidence - доверять кому-л.; доверить кому-л. тайну

to shatter smb.'s confidence - поколебать чьё-л. доверие

to be in the confidence of - пользоваться чьим-л. доверием; быть в курсе чьих-л. замыслов, секретов *и т. п.*

he could not give them his confidence - он не мог оказать им доверия

2. конфиденциальное сообщение, секрет

to hear confidences - выслушивать секреты /признания/

in strict confidence - строго конфиденциально

3. уверенность

to have confidence in the future - быть уверенным в будущем

to shake confidence - поколебать уверенность

to expect smth. with confidence - с уверенностью и надеждой ждать чего-л.

to lack confidence in oneself - быть неуверенным в себе

he answered all the questions with confidence - он уверенно отвечал на все вопросы

4. самоуверенность, самонадеянность

he dived into the water with confidence - он уверенно /смело/ бросился в воду

5. *грам.* достоверность, степень достоверности

confidence interval - доверительный интервал

6. = confidence trick

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con-fi-dence [confidence confidences] *BrE* ['kɒnfɪdəns] * *NAmE* ['kɑnfɪdəns]

* noun

BELIEF IN OTHERS1. **uncountable** ~ (in sb/sth) the feeling that you can trust, believe in and be sure about the abilities or good qualities of sb/sth

- The players all **have confidence in** their manager.
- A fall in unemployment will help to restore consumer confidence.
- a lack of confidence in the government
- The new contracts have undermined the confidence of employees.
- She has every confidence in her students' abilities.

see also ↑vote of confidence, ↑vote of no confidence**BELIEF IN YOURSELF**2. **uncountable** a belief in your own ability to do things and be successful

- He answered the questions **with confidence** .
- People often **lose confidence** when they are criticized .
- He **gained confidence** when he went to college.
- She suffers from a **lack of confidence** .
- While girls **lack confidence** , boys often overestimate their abilities.
- I didn't have any confidence in myself at school.

FEELING CERTAIN3. **uncountable** the feeling that you are certain about sth

- They could not say **with confidence** that he would be able to walk again after the accident.
- No one can predict **with complete/total confidence** what will happen in the financial markets.
- He expressed his **confidence that** they would win.

TRUST4. **uncountable** a feeling of trust that sb will keep information private

- Eva told me about their relationship **in confidence** .
- This is in the **strictest confidence** .
- It took a long time to gain her confidence (= make her feel she could trust me) .

A SECRET5. **countable** (formal) a secret that you tell sb

- The girls exchanged confidences.
- I could never forgive Mike for betraying a confidence.

Idioms: ↑in somebody's confidence ▪ ↑take somebody into your confidence

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin **confidentia**, from **confidere** 'have full trust', from **con-** (expressing intensive force) + **fidere** 'trust'.

Thesaurus:

confidence noun

1. U

- The players all have confidence in the new manager.

faith • • **belief** • • **trust** •

confidence/faith/belief/trust in sb/sth

have/show confidence/faith/trust

a lack of confidence/faith/belief/trust

Confidence or faith? **Faith** is used especially in the context of human relationships; **confidence** is used especially in business contexts.

2. U

- He answered the questions with confidence.

self-confidence • • **assurance** • • **assertiveness** • |formal, approving **aplomb** •

with confidence/self-confidence/assurance/aplomb

have/show confidence/self-confidence/assurance

lose/be lacking in/lack confidence/self-confidence

Confidence, self-confidence or assurance? **Confidence** or **self-confidence** is what you feel when you believe in yourself.

Assurance is the manner and behaviour that shows this feeling.

Example Bank:

- A lot of children are lacking in confidence.
- All his false confidence had drained away.
- Are we to place confidence in a man who cannot remember a phone call he made last week?
- As the weeks went by he grew in confidence.
- Can you keep a confidence?
- Confidence has returned to the market.
- Confidence is high among the team's supporters.
- During his illness he really lost his confidence.
- Enquiries will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.
- Failing his exams really dented his confidence.
- Generally there is low public confidence in government institutions.
- Getting the certificate does a lot in terms of confidence building.
- He expressed confidence in the new plans.
- He's really striking the ball well and has got his confidence back.
- Higher profits should raise business confidence.
- I lacked confidence about how I looked.
- I really can't talk about this— she told me in confidence.
- My confidence went completely after my first major defeat.
- Only if the chairperson resigns will we be able to restore the confidence of our members.
- Only one bank scandal is needed to shake the confidence in the financial markets.
- Security institutions have to have the confidence of all communities.
- She answered the question with confidence.
- She didn't encourage confidences.
- She gave an outward appearance of quiet confidence.
- She has very little confidence in her own abilities.
- She promised not to break his confidence.
- She spoke in a tone of easy confidence.
- She thought she might take Leo into her confidence.
- She told me in confidence— I couldn't break that confidence, could I?
- She wished that she shared his confidence.
- She's gained a lot of confidence over the last year.
- Since she got the new job, she's been brimming with confidence.
- Telling other people what I'd said was a total breach of confidence.
- The Cabinet must enjoy the confidence of Parliament.
- The captain of the football team said he had every confidence in his men.
- The captain was not lacking in confidence about his team's prospects.
- The company needs the full confidence of its investors.
- The company's record does not really inspire confidence.
- The general's confidence in his army proved misplaced.
- The girls exchanged whispered confidences.
- The government lost a confidence vote.
- The home side badly need a confidence booster.
- The training is designed to give staff confidence in managing problems.
- Their confidence grew with each success.
- There is a crisis of confidence in the university about its future role.
- They are gradually instilling confidence in their staff.
- They have no confidence in the legal system.

- This government has lost the confidence of the public.
- This government no longer enjoys the confidence of the public.
- This is a tremendous vote of confidence for the government
- We all have complete confidence in this product.
- Winning the competition really boosted her confidence.
- a loss of confidence among investors
- a man who exudes confidence
- an effort to renew investor confidence in corporate America
- an environment which builds mutual confidence
- efforts to build confidence between employers and unions
- his confidence in himself
- public confidence in the government
- to instil confidence in staff who feel nervous about taking on new roles
- to maintain public confidence in the system of justice
- He answered the questions with confidence.
- She suffers from a lack of confidence.
- The survey revealed a lack of confidence in the government
- Women often lose confidence when they stop work to have a baby.

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confidence **S2 W2** /'kɒnfədəns, 'kɒnfɪdəns \$ 'kɒn- BrE " AmE " noun

[Word Family: noun: ↑confidence, ↑confidant, ↑confidentiality; **adverb**: ↑confidently, ↑confidentially; **adjective**: ↑confident, ↑confidential; **verb**: ↑confide]

1. FEELING SOMEBODY/SOMETHING IS GOOD [uncountable] the feeling that you can trust someone or something to be good, work well, or produce good results

confidence in

- " Public confidence in the government is at an all-time low.
- " She had complete confidence in the doctors.
- " Opinion polls show that voters have lost confidence in the administration.

2. BELIEF IN YOURSELF [uncountable] the belief that you have the ability to do things well or deal with situations successfully

confidence in

- " I didn't have any confidence in myself.

confidence to do something

- " Good training will give a beginner the confidence to enjoy skiing.
- " I felt I was doing well and my confidence began to grow.

with confidence

- " Our goal is to prepare students to go into the business world with confidence.

3. FEELING SOMETHING IS TRUE [uncountable] the feeling that something is definite or true

say/speak/predict etc with confidence

- " How can anyone say with confidence that the recession is over?

confidence in

- " I have complete confidence in Mr Wright's analysis of the situation.

have confidence (that)

- " I have every confidence that the job will be completed satisfactorily on time.

4. KEEP INFORMATION SECRET [uncountable] if you tell someone something in confidence, you tell them something on the understanding that they will not tell anyone else ⇒ **confide**

in confidence

- " I'll tell you about Moira – in confidence, of course.

in strict/the strictest confidence

- " Any information given during the interview will be treated in the strictest confidence.

breach of confidence (=when someone tells someone something that they were told in confidence)

- " Lawyers are satisfied that no breach of confidence took place.

5. take somebody into your confidence to tell someone your secrets or private or personal details about your life:

- " Elsa took me into her confidence and told me about some of the problems she was facing.

6. A SECRET [countable] a secret or a piece of information that is private or personal

share/exchange confidences

- " They spent their evenings drinking wine and sharing confidences.

- " I have never betrayed a confidence.

⇒ ↑vote of confidence, ↑vote of no confidence

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ verbs

- **have confidence in somebody/something** The people no longer have any confidence in their government.
- **lose confidence in somebody/something** Employees are losing confidence in the company.
- **gain/win sb's confidence** As team captain, he soon won the confidence of the players.
- **inspire confidence** (=make people have confidence) Our education system should inspire public confidence.
- **restore confidence** (=make people have confidence again) Interest rate reductions would restore business confidence.
- **boost confidence** (=make people have more confidence) The government is keen to boost consumer confidence and spending.

- **shake sb's confidence** (=make them have less confidence) The stock market fall has shaken the confidence of investors.
- **undermine/damage/weaken sb's confidence** (=make someone have less confidence) The situation in the US was undermining foreign confidence in the dollar.
- **destroy/shatter confidence in somebody/something** A further crisis has destroyed public confidence in the bank.

phrases

- **have every/complete/absolute confidence in somebody/something** A manager must be able to have complete confidence in his staff.
- **a lack of confidence** the public's lack of confidence in the National Health Service
- **a crisis of confidence** (=a situation in which people no longer trust a government, system etc) the crisis of confidence over food safety

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + confidence

- **public confidence** The changes should improve public confidence in the system.
- **consumer confidence** (=that ordinary people have when the economic situation is good) Consumer confidence has fallen to its lowest for two years.
- **business confidence** (=that businesses have when the economic situation is good) The region has gained 46,000 jobs and business confidence is high.
- **investor confidence** (=that investors have when the economic situation is good) A fall in the value of shares damages investor confidence.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

verbs

- **have confidence** Young teenagers often don't have a lot of confidence.
- **be full of confidence** The team are full of confidence.
- **brim with confidence** (=be full of it) Clive walked into the room, brimming with confidence as usual.
- **exude/radiate confidence** (=show it in a very noticeable way) As the leader, you have to exude confidence and authority.
- **lack/be lacking in confidence** She lacked the confidence to talk to people.
- **lose (your) confidence** He'd been out of work for six months and had lost all his confidence.
- **give somebody confidence** I had really good teachers who gave me a lot of confidence in myself.
- **gain confidence** (also **grow/gain in confidence**) (=become more confident) Paul did well in the job and gained a lot of confidence.
- **boost/increase sb's confidence** (=make someone feel more confident) One of my stories was published, which really boosted my confidence.
- **build up sb's confidence** (=gradually increase it) When you've had an accident, it takes a while to build up your confidence again.
- **undermine sb's confidence** (=gradually reduce it) His constant criticism was undermining my confidence.
- **dent/shake sb's confidence** (=make it less strong) A bad experience like that can dent your confidence.
- **destroy/shatter sb's confidence** When she failed her degree, it shattered her confidence.
- **sb's confidence grows/increases** Since she started her new school, her confidence has grown a lot.

nouns

- **a confidence boost** They offered me the job immediately, which was a real confidence boost.
- **confidence building** (=making it develop) Training for a big match is all about confidence building.

phrases

- **a lack of confidence** She had always suffered from insecurity and a lack of confidence.
- **a loss of confidence** As people age, they may suffer from a loss of confidence.

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- **confidence** the feeling that you have the ability to do things well, and to not make mistakes or be nervous in new situations: You need patience and confidence to be a good teacher. | **have the confidence to do something**: 'We have the confidence to beat Brazil,' said Sampson. | After the accident it took a long time before she had the confidence to get back in a car again. | **full of confidence** (=very confident): I went into the test full of confidence, but it was more difficult than I had imagined.
- **self-confidence** a strong belief that you can do things well and that other people will like you, which means you behave confidently in most situations: He's new in the job but he has plenty of self-confidence. | Studies show that girls tend to lose some of their self-confidence in their teenage years. | Students who get some kind of work experience develop greater self-confidence and better communication skills.
- **morale** the level of confidence, satisfaction, and hope that people feel, especially a group of people who work together: **low/high morale**: Morale among the soldiers has been low. | **keep up morale** (=keep it at a high level): They sang songs to keep up their morale until the rescuers arrived.
- **assurance/self-assurance** a feeling of calm confidence in your own abilities, especially because you have a lot of experience: She envied the older woman's assurance. | Danby spoke to the committee with the self-assurance of an expert.
- **self-esteem** the feeling that you are someone who deserves to be liked and respected: Getting a job did a lot for her self-esteem. | Sports should build a child's self-esteem, not damage it.

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