

**insult**

1. [ˈɪnsʌlt] *n*

- 1. оскорбление; обида; надругательство  
an insult to the memory of smb. - оскорбление памяти кого-л.
- 2. 1) ущерб
- 2) фактор наносящий ущерб
- 3. *арх.* нападение
- 4. *мед.*
- 1) поражение; повреждение; травма
- 2) кровоизлияние  
insult to the brain - кровоизлияние в мозг, инсульт  
◇ to add insult to injury - наносить новые оскорбления

2. [ɪnˈsʌlt] *v*

- 1. оскорблять; наносить оскорбление; обижать  
to insult smb. by word or act - оскорбить кого-л. словом или действием  
to insult on /upon, over/ smth., smb. - надругаться над чем-л., кем-л.
- 2. наносить, причинять ущерб  
foods that insult the body - пища, причиняющая вред организму
- 3. *арх.* нападение

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**in-sult** [ɪnˈsʌlt] *verb, noun*

*verb* BrE [ɪnˈsʌlt] <sup>m</sup> ; NAmE [ɪnˈsʌlt] <sup>m</sup> ~ sb/sth

to say or do sth that offends sb

- I have never been so insulted in my life!
- She felt insulted by the low offer.
- You insult my intelligence! (= you are treating me as if I am stupid)

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	insult
	BrE /ɪnˈsʌlt/
	NAmE /ɪnˈsʌlt/
he / she / it	insults
	BrE /ɪnˈsʌltz/
	NAmE /ɪnˈsʌltz/
past simple, past participle	insulted
	BrE /ɪnˈsʌltɪd/
	NAmE /ɪnˈsʌltɪd/
-ing form	insulting
	BrE /ɪnˈsʌltɪŋ/
	NAmE /ɪnˈsʌltɪŋ/

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

**insult** *verb* T, often passive

- I've never been so insulted!

**offend** • • **abuse** • • **shock** •

**Opp:** compliment, **Opp:** flatter

**feel** insulted/offended/shocked

**deeply** insulted/offended/shocked

**Insult or offend?** To **insult** sb is to do or say sth rude to them, usually deliberately. To **offend** sb is to upset them, either because you have insulted them, or because you have been rude or thoughtless about sb/sth that is important to them.

Example Bank:

- He was dismissed for publicly insulting prominent politicians.
- I felt deeply insulted that she hadn't asked me to the meeting.
- Do you really expect me to believe that? Don't insult my intelligence!
- I have never been so insulted in all my life!

**noun** BrE [ˈɪnsʌlt] <sup>m</sup> ; NAmE [ˈɪnsʌlt] <sup>m</sup>

a remark or an action that is said or done in order to offend sb

- The crowd were shouting insults at the police.
- ~ **to sb/sth** His comments were seen as an insult to the president.
- The questions were an **insult to our intelligence** (= too easy) .

**see** add insult to injury **at** ↑add

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### Example Bank:

- I don't mean this as an insult, but I think the team would play better without you.
- I meant it as a bit of constructive advice, but he took it as a personal insult
- Insults were flying back and forth.
- It was an insult to his wife.
- Only 300 people came to the match and to add insult to injury, the floodlights went out during the second half.
- The king is unlikely to forgive the insult offered to his ambassador.
- The questions were a real insult to our intelligence.
- The two groups of fans exchanged insults.
- Then, to add insult to injury= to make things worse, they told me I couldn't get on the flight.
- They were hurling insults at the police.
- To call a woman a girl is the ultimate insult.
- Whatever you do, don't call a 'railway enthusiast' a trainspotter— it's the ultimate insult.
- one of the worst insults you can throw at somebody
- The crowd was shouting insults at the police.

## insult

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### I. **in**ˈsʌlt<sup>1</sup> /ɪnˈsʌlt/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> verb [transitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: *insulter*, from Latin *insultare* 'to jump on, insult', from *saltare* 'to jump']

#### 1. to offend someone by saying or doing something they think is rude:

- ˈ Nobody insults my family and gets away with it!
- ˈ I hope Andy won't be insulted if I don't come.

#### insult somebody by doing something

- ˈ They insult us by ignoring our complaints.

#### 2. **insult sb's intelligence** to say or do something that suggests you think someone is stupid:

- ˈ I won't insult your intelligence by lying. Yes, I told him.

### II. **in**ˈsʌlt<sup>2</sup> /ɪnˈsʌlt/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> noun [countable]

#### 1. a remark or action that is offensive or deliberately rude:

- ˈ She was shouting insults at her boyfriend.
- ˈ \$200 for all that work? It's an insult.
- ˈ Their offer was so low I took it as an insult (=thought it was meant to be an insult).

#### 2. **be an insult to sb's intelligence** to offend someone by being too simple or stupid:

- ˈ Some advertising is an insult to our intelligence.

⇒ **add insult to injury** at ↑add(8)

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