

**comfortable****1. ['kʌmf(ə)təb(ə)] *n***

1. = comfort | 4
2. шерстяной шейный шарф *или* платок
3. шерстяной напульсник

**2. ['kʌmf(ə)təb(ə)] *a***

1. 1) удобный; комфортабельный уютный  
comfortable chair [bed] - удобное кресло [-ая кровать]  
comfortable room - комфортабельная/уютная/ комната
- 2) *предис. разг.* довольный, спокойный, чувствующий себя удобно  
do you feel comfortable? - вам удобно?  
to make oneself comfortable - удобно устроиться, чувствовать себя уютно  
the nurse made the patient comfortable - сиделка устроила больного поудобнее
2. утешительный, успокоительный  
comfortable words - слова утешения
3. *разг.*
  - 1) достаточный, приличный, хороший (о *заработке и т. п.*)  
comfortable income - приличный /хороший/ доход
  - 2) обеспеченный, имеющий средний достаток
  4. 1) спокойный; не испытывающий особой боли, тревоги *и т. п.*  
the doctor said that she was comfortable after her operation - врач сказал, что после операции она чувствует себя хорошо  
shy people are seldom comfortable speaking to large groups - выступая перед большой аудиторией, робкие люди обычно волнуются
  - 2) простой и безмятежный  
his life has settled into a comfortable pattern - его жизнь вошла в спокойную колею
5. *амер. разг.* пьяный, навеселе

**comfortable**

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**com-fort-able** BrE ['kʌmfətəbl̩] <sup>m</sup> NAmE ['kʌmfətəbl̩] <sup>m</sup> BrE ['kʌmfətəbl̩] <sup>m</sup> NAmE  
['kʌmfətəbl̩] <sup>m</sup> adjective

**CLOTHES/FURNITURE**

1. (of clothes, furniture, etc.) making you feel physically relaxed; pleasant to wear, sit on, etc
  - It's such a comfortable bed.
  - These new shoes are not very comfortable.
  - a warm comfortable house
  - Let me slip into something more comfortable (= change into more comfortable clothing) .

**Opp:** ↑uncomfortable**PHYSICALLY RELAXED**

2. feeling physically relaxed in a pleasant way; warm enough, without pain, etc
  - Are you comfortable?
  - She shifted into a more comfortable position on the chair.
  - Please **make yourself comfortable** while I get some coffee.
  - The patient is comfortable (= not in pain) after his operation.

**Opp:** ↑uncomfortable**CONFIDENT**

3. confident and not worried or afraid
  - He's more comfortable with computers than with people.
  - I never feel very comfortable in her presence.

**Opp:** ↑uncomfortable**HAVING MONEY**

4. having enough money to buy what you want without worrying about the cost
  - They're not millionaires, but they're certainly very comfortable.
  - He makes a comfortable living.
  - They come from comfortable middle-class families.

**VICTORY**

5. quite large; allowing you to win easily
  - The party won with a comfortable majority.
  - a comfortable 2–0 win

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'pleasant, pleasing'): from Anglo-Norman French **confortable**, from **conforter** 'to comfort', from late Latin **confortare** 'strengthen', from **com-** (expressing intensive force) + Latin **fortis** 'strong'.

## Thesaurus:

**comfortable** [**comfortable**] *adj.* (approving)

• Wear loose, comfortable clothing.

**snug** • [informal **comfy**] • [BrE **cosy**] • • **homely** • [AmE **cozy**] • [AmE, informal **homey/homy**] •

**Opp:** uncomfortable

a comfortable/snug/comfy/cosy/cozy **bed**

a comfortable/comfy/cosy/cozy **chair**

a comfortable/cosy/homely/cozy/homey **atmosphere**

## Synonyms:

**rich**

**wealthy** • **prosperous** • **affluent** • **well off** • **comfortable**

These words all describe sb/sth that has a lot of money, property or valuable possessions.

**rich** • (of a person) having a lot of money, property or valuable possessions; (of a country or city) producing a lot of wealth so that many of its people can live at a high standard

**wealthy** • rich

**rich or wealthy?**

There is no real difference in meaning between these two words. Both are very frequent, but **rich** is more frequent and can be used in some fixed phrases where **wealthy** cannot: He's stinking/filthy wealthy. ◊ It's a favourite resort for the wealthy and famous.

**prosperous** • (rather formal) rich and successful.

**affluent** • (rather formal) rich and with a good standard of living: ▪ affluent Western countries

**prosperous or affluent?**

Both **prosperous** and **affluent** are used to talk about people and places. **Prosperous** is used much more than **affluent** to talk about times and periods. **Affluent** is often used to contrast rich people or societies with poor ones. Being **prosperous** is nearly always seen as a good thing: ▪ It's good to see you looking so prosperous. ◊ It's good to see you looking so affluent

**well off** • (often used in negative sentences) rich: ▪ His family is not very well off.

The opposite of **well off** is **badly off**, but this is not very frequent; it is more common to say that sb is **not well off**.

**comfortable** • having enough money to buy what you want without worrying about the cost: ▪ They're not millionaires, but they're certainly very comfortable.

a(n) rich/wealthy/prosperous/affluent/well-off **family**

a(n) rich/wealthy/prosperous/well-off **man/woman**

a(n) rich/wealthy/prosperous/affluent **country/city**

## Example Bank:

- I don't feel comfortable with him.
- I had a relatively comfortable life in Brazil.
- I was not entirely comfortable about the plans they had made.
- I'll change into something more comfortable when I get home.
- Make yourself comfortable!
- She didn't feel comfortable about going out alone.
- The bed felt comfortable.
- The hotel was comfortable enough.
- They didn't feel comfortable about her travelling alone.
- This bed is lumpy— I just can't seem to get comfortable.
- We must think how we can make the room more comfortable for you.
- an extremely comfortable chair
- It is advisable to wear loose, comfortable clothing.
- It's an elegant, comfortable house with good views from the windows.
- It's such a comfortable bed.
- Let me slip into something more comfortable.
- The patient is comfortable after his operation.
- They come from comfortable middle-class families in the suburbs.
- They're not millionaires, but they're certainly very comfortable.

## comfortable

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**com·fort·a·ble** **S2 W3** /'kʌmfətəbəl, 'kʌmfət- \$ 'kʌmfət-, 'kʌmf- / **BrE** = **AmE** = **adjective**

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑comfort, ↑discomfort, ↑comforter; **adverb:** ↑comfortably ≠ ↑uncomfortably, ↑comfortingly; **adjective:**

↑comfortable ≠ ↑uncomfortable, ↑comforting; **verb:** ↑comfort]

**1. FURNITURE/PLACES/CLOTHES ETC** making you feel physically relaxed, without any pain or without being too hot, cold etc ⇒

**comfort**

**comfortable chair/bed/sofa etc**

▪ The bed wasn't particularly comfortable.

**comfortable room/lounge/hotel etc**

▪ Joyce has a comfortable apartment in Portland.

**comfortable clothes/shoes/boots etc**

▪ Wear loose comfortable clothing.

**comfortable to wear/use/sit on etc**

▪ Linen is very comfortable to wear.

**2. PHYSICALLY RELAXED** feeling physically relaxed, without any pain or without being too hot, cold etc ⇒ **comfort:**

I was so comfortable and warm in bed I didn't want to get up.

Sit down and make yourself comfortable.

With difficulty, she rolled her body into a more comfortable position.

**3. CONFIDENT** [not before noun] confident, relaxed, and not worried

**comfortable with**

She's never felt very comfortable with men.

In our business, we need people who are comfortable in an unstructured environment.

**4. MONEY** having enough money to buy the things you need or want, without having to worry about how much they cost

**comfortable life/retirement/existence etc**

Jean's looking forward to a comfortable retirement.

**5. COMPETITION/VOTE** [usually before noun] if you have a comfortable win or lead, you win or are leading by a large amount

**comfortable win/victory**

The pair had a comfortable win, beating the German team by nearly three seconds.

The bill should pass in the House by a comfortable margin.

Another penalty from Roberts gave the home team a comfortable half-time lead.

**6. ILL/INJURED** [not before noun] if someone who is ill or injured is comfortable, they are not in too much pain

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**COLLOCATIONS**

**nouns**

- **chair/bed/sofa etc** Is that chair comfortable?
- **bedroom/lounge etc** The bedroom was large and comfortable with a view of the river.
- **home/hotel/apartment etc** This is a friendly and comfortable hotel.
- **comfortable clothes/shoes/boots etc** You'll need comfortable shoes for walking around the city.
- **a comfortable position** When driving, make sure you are seated in a comfortable position.
- **comfortable surroundings (=comfortable things around you)** Relax in the comfortable surroundings of the hotel.

**phrases**

- **comfortable to wear/use/ride etc** My bike isn't very comfortable to ride.
- **warm and comfortable** The house is warm and comfortable even in winter.

**verbs**

- **feel comfortable** You'll probably feel most comfortable wearing cotton clothes.
- **look comfortable** That sofa looks wonderfully comfortable.
- **make something comfortable** There are lots of ways you can make your home more comfortable to live in.

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**THESAURUS**

- **comfortable** making you feel physically relaxed, and not too hard, hot, cold etc. Also used about people feeling physically relaxed: The hotel was very comfortable. | I tried to get into a more comfortable position.
- **comfy** *informal* comfortable – used especially about furniture and clothes: a comfy armchair | These shoes are very comfy. | Are you comfy?
- **cosy** *British English*, **cozy** *American English* comfortable and warm – used especially about small rooms, houses etc: There's a cosy lounge with a real fire. | a cozy apartment
- **snug** small, warm, and comfortable, especially in a way that makes you feel protected – used especially about rooms, houses etc. Also used about people feeling warm and comfortable: It was very cold outside, but our tents were snug and warm. | She wished she was back in her snug little house. | I'm snug as a rug in here! (=very snug – an informal use BrE)
- **smooth** a smooth journey is comfortable because your car or plane does not shake, or the sea is not rough: Did you have a smooth flight? | a smooth crossing

**COLLOCATIONS CHECK**

- **comfortable** chair/bed/house/position/person
- **comfy** chair/clothes/person
- **cosy** room/house/fire
- **snug** room/house/person
- **smooth** journey/crossing/flight

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