

**comfort****1. ['kʌmfət] n****1. утешение, поддержка**

this news is a great comfort to me - эта новость - большое утешение для меня

to find comfort in one's children - находить утешение в детях

my husband was a great comfort to me when I was ill - мой муж всячески поддерживал меня, когда я была больна

**2. успокоение, покой; отдых**

the comfort of solitude - покой уединения

it is a comfort to know that she is safe - мы успокоились, узнав, что у неё всё благополучно

**3. 1) комфорт, уют; благополучие, хорошие условия (жизни)**

to live in great comfort - ≅ жить - не тужить

**2) *обыкн. pl* удобства**

home comforts - бытовые удобства

creature comforts - земные блага

the hotel offers every modern comfort - гостиница располагает современными удобствами

**4. *амер.* стёганое одеяло****2. ['kʌmfət] v****1. утешать, успокаивать**

the child ran to his mother to be comforted - ребёнок бросился к матери за утешением

**2. устраивать удобно; создавать кому-л. комфорт****comfort**

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**com·fort** [**comfort comforts comforted comforting**] **noun, verb** BrE ['kʌmfət] <sup>1</sup>NAme ['kʌmfət] <sup>1</sup>**noun****1. uncountable** the state of being physically relaxed and free from pain; the state of having a pleasant life, with everything that you need

- These tennis shoes are designed **for comfort** and performance.
- With DVD, you can watch the latest movies **in the comfort of** your own home.
- The hotel offers a high standard of comfort and service.
- They had enough money to live **in comfort** in their old age.

**2. uncountable** a feeling of not suffering or worrying so much; a feeling of being less unhappy**Syn:** ↑consolation

- to **take/draw comfort** from sb's words
- I tried to offer a few words **of comfort** .
- The sound of gunfire was **too close for comfort** .
- If **it's any comfort** to you, I'm in the same situation.
- His words were **of little comfort** in the circumstances .
- **comfort food** (= food that makes you feel better)

**3. singular** a person or thing that helps you when you are suffering, worried or unhappy

- The children have **been a great comfort to** me through all of this.
- It's a comfort to know that she is safe.

**see also** ↑cold comfort**4. countable, usually plural** a thing that makes your life easier or more comfortable

- The hotel has all modern comforts/every modern comfort.
- material comforts (= money and possessions)

**see also** ↑creature comfortsWord Origin:

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Thesaurus:**comfort** noun**1. U**

- shoes designed for comfort

**ease** •formal **Opp:** discomfort**comparative /relative** comfort/ease**a life of** comfort/ease**2. U, sing.**

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- It's a comfort to know that he is safe.

**consolation** • • **reassurance** • • **sympathy** • • **relief** • • **compassion** • • **condolence** •a comfort/consolation/relief **to** sbfind comfort/consolation/reassurance/relief **in** sth**seek/find/bring** (sb) comfort/consolation/reassurance/relief**offer** (sb) comfort/consolation/reassurance/relief/your sympathy/condolences**Comfort or consolation?** These words are used in many of the same patterns but there is a slight difference in meaning. You

- might find **consolation** after a disappointment, such as losing a competition; you find **comfort** when sth has made you feel unhappy or worried
- consolation prizes include £5 vouchers
- Chocolate is a great comfort food.

Word Family:

- comfort** noun verb
- comfortable** adjective (≠uncomfortable)
- comfortably** adverb (≠uncomfortably)
- comforting** adjective

Example Bank:

- Chocolate is a great comfort food.
- He enjoys dangerous sports from the comfort of his couch.
- His kind words brought some comfort to the grieving parents.
- I dress for comfort rather than elegance.
- I hate camping— I miss all my creature comforts.
- I like to travel in reasonable comfort.
- I need all the comfort I can get right now.
- Learn a new language in the comfort of your own home.
- She found comfort in music.
- She's willing to venture outside her comfort zone.
- The hotel offers a high standard of comfort.
- The sound of gunfire was too close for comfort.
- They live in modest comfort.
- They sought comfort in each other.
- We took great comfort from the fact that at least some of our savings were safe.
- We took great comfort from the fact that our savings were safe.
- a quilted cover for added comfort
- A small drop in the inflation rate was cold comfort for those without a job.
- I drew comfort from his words.
- I tried to offer a few words of comfort.
- If it's any comfort to you, I'm in the same situation.
- It's a comfort to know that she is safe.

verb

to make sb who is worried or unhappy feel better by being kind and sympathetic towards them

- ~ **sb** The victim's widow was today being comforted by family and friends.
- She comforted herself with the thought that it would soon be spring.
- **it comforts sb to do sth** It comforted her to feel his arms around her.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	comfort
	BrE / 'kʌmfərt/
	NAme / 'kʌmfɜrt/
he / she /it	comforts
	BrE / 'kʌmfərts/
	NAme / 'kʌmfɜrts/
past simple, past participle	comforted
	BrE / 'kʌmfərtɪd/
	NAme / 'kʌmfɜrtɪd/
-ing form	comforting
	BrE / 'kʌmfərtɪŋ/
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**comfort** verb T

- She was being comforted today by family and friends.
- console** • • **cheer sb up** • • **cheer** • • **reassure** • • **put/set sb's mind at rest** •
- comfort sb/console sb/cheer sb up/cheer sb/reassure sb/put sb's mind at rest **with** sth
- be **greatly** comforted/cheered/reassured
- It comforts/consols/reassures sb to know (that)...**

**Comfort or console?** Both verbs can be used when sb is unhappy or upset about sth

- I didn't know how to comfort/console her when her baby died.

You can **comfort** sb who is worried by putting your arm round them, etc. You can **console** sb who is disappointed by saying that a situation is not as bad as they think

- 'Nevermind,' she consoled him, 'You can try again next year.'

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**comforting** adjective

### Example Bank:

- He was comforted to know that most people in the class knew even less than he.
- The idea that he was not alone comforted him greatly.

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## comfort

I. **com·fort**<sup>1</sup> **W3** /'kʌmfət \$ -ərt/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun*

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑comfort, ↑discomfort, ↑comforter; **adverb:** ↑comfortably ≠ ↑uncomfortably, ↑comfortingly; **adjective:** ↑comfortable ≠ ↑uncomfortable, ↑comforting; **verb:** ↑comfort]

**1. PHYSICAL** [**uncountable**] a feeling of being physically relaxed and satisfied, so that nothing is hurting you, making you feel too hot or cold etc ⇒ **comfortable**, **discomfort**

**built/made/created for comfort**

• All our sports shoes are designed for comfort and performance.

**too hot/high/tight etc for comfort** (=physically unpleasant for a particular reason)

• The temperature was too low for comfort.

• I dress for comfort, not fashion.

• Alan was very reluctant to leave the warmth and comfort of the fire.

**in comfort**

• Upstairs is a more intimate bar where guests can relax in comfort.

• Now you can watch your favorite movies in the comfort of your own home.

**2. EMOTIONAL** [**uncountable**] if someone or something gives you comfort, they make you feel calmer, happier, or more hopeful after you have been worried or unhappy ⇒ **comforting**:

• Whenever he was upset, he would turn to her for comfort and advice.

**give/bring/provide/offer comfort**

• a book which offers comfort and help to the parents of children with cancer

• The knowledge that Cara was safe gave him some comfort.

**great/much/little comfort**

• My faith has been a source of great comfort over the years.

**take/draw/derive comfort from (doing) something**

• He drew comfort from her warm support.

**find/take comfort in (doing) something**

• You can take some comfort in the fact that you did your best.

**it's no/some comfort**

• It was no comfort to think he might be as frightened as she was.

**if it's any comfort** (=used to introduce a statement that you think may make someone feel slightly less worried or unhappy)

• Well, if it's any comfort, I don't think he'll try again.

**3. SOMEBODY/SOMETHING THAT HELPS** [**countable**] someone or something that helps you feel calmer, happier, or more hopeful after you have been worried or unhappy ⇒ **comforting**

**be a comfort (to somebody)**

• Louisa's been a great comfort to me since Mary died.

• It's a comfort to know there's someone to keep an eye on the kids.

**4. MONEY/POSSESSIONS** [**uncountable**] a way of living in which you have all the money and possessions that you need or want ⇒ **comfortable**

**in comfort**

• When Dad died, he left us both enough to live in comfort for the rest of our lives.

• He was used to a life of comfort.

**5. comforts** [**plural**] the things that make your life nicer and more comfortable, especially things that are not necessary:

• Modern caravans offer all the comforts of home.

• hotels with all the modern comforts (=things such as a television, telephone etc)

**material comforts** (=money and possessions) ⇒ ↑creature comforts

**6. too close/near for comfort** something that is too close for comfort makes you feel worried, unhappy, or uncomfortable, because it is dangerous in some way:

• The cars were whizzing past us much too close for comfort.

**7. cold/small comfort** a small piece of good news that does not make you feel better about a bad situation

**cold/small comfort for/to**

• Another drop in the inflation rate was cold comfort yesterday for the 2.74 million jobless.

⇒ ↑comfort food, ↑comfort zone

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

#### ■ verbs

- **take comfort from something** The family has taken comfort from the support of friends.

▪ **draw/derive comfort from something** *formal* (=take comfort from something) Economists have been quick to draw comfort from the latest figures.

▪ **find/take comfort in something** He had been through a similar experience and she found comfort in that.

▪ **offer (somebody) comfort** Volunteers are available to offer comfort and advice.

▪ **give (somebody) comfort** It was impossible to give her any comfort.

▪ **bring (somebody) comfort** Religious belief can bring comfort during times of stress.

▪ **provide comfort** Talking about your problems may provide some comfort.

▪ **seek comfort** (=look for comfort) People come to us seeking comfort and guidance.

### ■ adjectives

▪ **great comfort** Your letters have been a great comfort to me.

▪ **cold/small comfort** (=not much comfort) The tax changes will provide cold comfort to people living on a pension.

### ■ phrases

▪ **a word of comfort** He tried to find some words of comfort that would help her.

▪ **a source of comfort** Some people eat as a source of comfort.

▪ **a crumb of comfort** (=a very small amount) 'You're no worse than the rest,' the football coach said, trying to offer me a crumb of comfort.

▪ **if it's any comfort** (=used to say something that may make someone less worried or unhappy) If it's any comfort, you very nearly passed the exam.

### ■ comfort + NOUN

▪ **comfort food** (=food that you eat to make you feel relaxed and happy) I find pasta and cheese is a great comfort food.

## II. comfort<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>1</sup> AmE <sup>2</sup> verb [transitive]

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[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: conforter, from Late Latin confortare 'to strengthen', from Latin com- (⇒ COM-) + fortis 'strong']

to make someone feel less worried, unhappy, or upset, for example by saying kind things to them or touching them ⇒ **comforting**:

" Within hours of the news, Helen arrived to comfort her heartbroken friend.

" He longed to take her in his arms and comfort her.

" Mr Aston's father was last night being comforted by relatives.

### comfort yourself

" She comforted herself with the thought that it would soon be spring.

## comfort

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