

**face****1. [feis] n****1. 1) лицо, физиономия**

face massage - массаж лица

face angle - **антр.** лицевой уголblack /blue, red/ in the face - багровый (*от гнева, напряжения и т. п.*)**2) морда (животного)****2. 1) выражение лица**

face of a dying calf - глуповато-меланхолическое выражение лица

his face fell - у него вытянулась физиономия

straight face - бесстрастное/ничего не выражающее/ лицо, «маска»

to straighten one's face - пытаться принять невозмутимый вид, успокоиться, перестать смеяться

to keep a straight face, to keep one's face straight - сохранять невозмутимое /бесстрастное/ выражение; удерживаться от смеха

to make /to pull, to wear/ a long face - иметь огорчённый /печальный, кислый, мрачный, разочарованный/ вид

to read people's faces - быть хорошим физиономистом

**2) разг. гримаса**

to make /to pull/ a face - сделать гримасу, гримасничать

to make faces - корчить /строить/ рожи

to make /to pull/ a pitiful [sad, silly] face - скорчить постную [скорбную, глупую] физиономию

to make a wry face - скорчить рожу

**3. внешний вид**

on /upon/ the face of (it) - судя по внешнему виду; на первый взгляд

upon the face of the document - если исходить из буквального смысла документа

on the face of it you are guilty - похоже на то, что вы виновны

the idea is absurd on the face of it - на первый взгляд, эта мысль кажется абсурдной

to carry a /the/ face (of) - казаться (*кем-л., чем-л.*)

this version carries no face of probability - эта версия лишена правдоподобия /маловероятна/

to carry on its face - быть совершенно очевидным /ясным/

**4. аспект, сторона (вопроса)****5. разг. наглость, нахальство**

to have the face (to say smth.) - иметь наглость (сказать что-л.)

to show a face - нахально /нагло, вызывающе/ держаться

**6. поверхность; внешняя сторона**face of a door - сторона двери (внешняя *или* внутренняя)face of a racket - **спорт.** струнная поверхность /ударная часть/ ракетки**7. поверхность (земли, воды)**

on the face of the earth - на земле, на свете, в целом мире

from /off/ the face of the earth - с лица земли

the north face of the mountain - северный склон горы

**8. лицевая сторона, лицо (ткани, игральные карты, медали и т. п.); правая сторона**

to lie on its face - лежать обратной стороной кверху

put your cards on the table face down - положите ваши карты рубашкой вверх

**9. циферблат****10. фасад**

the face of the building is covered with ivy - фасад дома зарос плющом

**11. престиж; репутация; достоинство**

(the) loss of face - унижение; потеря престижа /доброе имени/

to lose face - быть униженным; потерять престиж

to save (one's) face - избежать позора, спасти свою репутацию /свой престиж/, не уронить своего достоинства

**12. 1) разг. личность, человек с именем, знаменитость****2) сл. детина, «лоб»****3) амер. сл. белый (в речи негров)****13. 1) геом. грань****2) фас, грань (кристалла)****14. тех.****1) (лобовая) поверхность, торец****2) срез; фаска****15. воен. фас****16. горн. забой, плоскость забоя; лава**

face cut - забойка, вруб

**17. полигр.****1) очко (литеры)****2) шрифт, рисунок шрифта, гарнитура шрифта, шрифт****18. ширина (доски)****19. тлв. экран (трубки)****20. тех. уровень (жидкости)****21. тех. (плоский) боёк (молота)****22. тех. передняя грань (резца)**

## 23. *лиц.* облицовка

face brick - облицовочный кирпич

◇ in /to/ smb.'s face - в лицо, в глаза, открыт в присутствии кого-л.

it's written all over his face - это у него на лбу написано

to laugh in smb.'s face - смеяться в лицо кому-л.; открыто смеяться над кем-л.

to look full in /into/ the face of smb. - смотреть прямо в лицо /в глаза/ кому-л.

to be unable to look smb. in the face - стыдиться взглянуть в лицо кому-л.

to cast /to fling, to throw/ smth. in smb.'s face - бросать что-л. в лицо кому-л.

at /in, on/ the first face - а) с первого взгляда; б) на первый взгляд

to hear /to carry, to have/ two faces under one hood, to have two faces - а) быть двуличным, лицемерным; б) быть двусмысленным

to show a false face - притворяться, лицемерить

before smb.'s face - перед носом у кого-л.

in the face of - а) перед лицом; открыт на глазах; б) вопреки, наперекор; под угрозой

to act in the face of direct orders - действовать вопреки прямому приказу

to succeed in the face of many difficulties - добиться успеха несмотря на все трудности

in the face of day /of the sun/ - не скрываясь, открыт среди бела дня

face to face - а) лицом к лицу; б) лично, наедине

let's get together and talk the whole thing over face to face - давайте встретимся и потолкуем обо всём лично

to open one's face - *амер.* ≅ открыть рот, заговорить

to fly in the face (of) - держаться вызывающе, бравировать, бросать вызов (кому-л.)

to fly in the face of facts - игнорировать факты, пренебрегать фактами

to fly in the face of nature - действовать вопреки законам природы

to set one's face against smb., smth. - решительно воспротивиться кому-л., чему-л.; бороться с кем-л., чем-л.; относиться враждебно к кому-л., чему-л.

to put a bold face on smth. - казаться уверенным в чём-л., не растеряться

to put a good face on smth. - а) делать довольное лицо по поводу чего-л. малоприятного; б) изображать что-л. в наилучшем виде, истолковывать что-л. в благоприятном свете

to put a new face on smth. - представить что-л. в новом /другом/ свете

to run one's face, to travel on one's face - *амер.* использовать приятную внешность, чтобы добиться продвижения, кредита *и т. п.*; выезжать на хорошеньком личике

to stare smb. in the face - а) бросаться в глаза, быть очевидным /явным/; б) быть неминуемым /неотвратимым/

death stared him in the face - он был на пороге /на волосок от/ смерти

to fall on one's face *см.* fall 1 II ◇

a face as long as a fiddle - унылое /мрачное/ лицо

the face is the index of the mind - ≅ лицо - зеркало души

a fair face may hide a foul heart - за приятной внешностью может скрываться низкая душонка

a good face is a letter of recommendation - хорошее /приятное/ лицо - лучшая рекомендация

## 2. [feis] *v*

### 1. 1) находиться лицом к

they sat so as to face each other - они сидели друг против друга /лицом друг к другу/

the man now facing me - человек, который сейчас находится передо мной

stand facing the light - станьте лицом к свету

### 2) быть обращённым к

the house faced eastwards - дом выходил фасадом на восток

my window faces the street - моё окно выходит на улицу

the picture faces page 7 - рисунок к странице 7

### 3) смотреть в лицо

I can't face him now - я не могу показаться ему на глаза

to face away - отвернуться

### 2. встречать (*что-л.*) смело; смотреть в лицо (*чему-л.*) без страха

to face the ordeal - стойко выдержать испытание

to face the facts - смотреть в лицо фактам

to face danger - мужественно встретить опасность

I can't face the disgrace of a failure - я не смогу перенести позор провала

you'll have to face it yourself - вам самому придётся с этим справиться

### 3. сталкиваться лицом к лицу (с *чем-л.*)

to be faced with a difficulty - встретиться /столкнуться/ с трудностью

to be faced with bankruptcy - оказаться перед угрозой банкротства

he was suddenly faced with the necessity of ... - он внезапно очутился перед необходимостью ...

the problem now facing us - проблема, стоящая сейчас перед нами

### 4. отделывать (*платье*)

to face a coat with gold braid - отделать мундир золотым галуном

### 5. облицовывать

to face a building with marble - облицевать здание мрамором

to face a table with rose-wood veneering - фанеровать стол розовым деревом

### 6. полировать; обтачивать

this stone has not been properly faced - этот камень плохо отполирован

### 7. поворачивать лицом вверх (*игральную карту*)

8. **воен.** **скомандовать** вперед

the captain faced his company left - капитан скомандовал роте «налево»

right face! - направо!

9. **подкрашивать** (чай)

◇ to face the knocker - просить милостыню у дверей

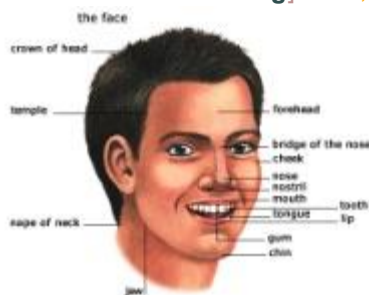
to face the music - а) храбро встречать трудности /неприятности; б) держать ответ, расплачиваться за свои действия

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## face

**face** [face faces faced facing] noun, verb BrE [feɪs] <sup>1</sup> NAmE [feɪs] <sup>2</sup>

noun



## FRONT OF HEAD

1. the front part of the head between the ↑forehead and the chin

- a pretty/round/freckled face
- He buried his face in his hands.
- You should have seen the look **on her face** when I told her!
- The expression on his face never changed.
- At that time, her face was on the covers of all the magazines.



## EXPRESSION

2. an expression that is shown on sb's **face**

- a **sad/happy/smiling face**
- Her **face lit up** (= showed happiness) when she spoke of the past.
- His **face fell** (= showed disappointment, sadness, etc.) when he read the headlines.
- Sue's **face was a picture** (= she looked very surprised, angry, etc.) as she listened to her husband's speech.

## -FACED

3. (in adjectives) having the type of **face** or expression mentioned

- pale-faced
- grim-faced

## PERSON

4. (in compounds) used to refer to a person of the type mentioned

- She looked around for a **familiar face** .
- a well-known face on our television screens
- It's nice to see some **new faces** here this evening
- I'm fed up of seeing the **same old faces** every time we go out!

## SIDE/SURFACE

5. a side or surface of sth

- the north face of the mountain
- The birds build their nests in the rock face.
- Ivy covered the front face of the house.
- How many faces does a cube have?

**see also** ↑coalface

## FRONT OF CLOCK

6. the front part of a clock or watch

## CHARACTER/ASPECT

7. ~ **of sth** the particular character of sth

- the changing face of Britain

8. ~ **of sth** a particular aspect of sth

• the unacceptable face of capitalism

**see also** ↑in-your-face, ↑typeface, ↑volte-face

**more at** blow up in sb's face **at** ↑blow *v.*, till you are blue in the face **at** ↑blue *adj.*, put on a braveface/put a brave face on sth **at** ↑brave *adj.*, shut/slam the door in sb's face **at** ↑door *n.*, have egg on/all over your face **at** ↑egg *n.*, look sb in the eye/face **at** ↑eye *n.*, feed your face **at** ↑feed *v.*, fall flat on your face **at** ↑flat *adv.*, fly in the face of sth **at** ↑fly *v.*, laugh in sb's face/laugh on the other side of your face **at** ↑laugh *v.*, a long face **at** ↑long *adj.*, cut off your nose to spite your face **at** ↑nose *n.*, (as) plain as the nose on your face **at** ↑plain *adj.*, not just a pretty face **at** ↑pretty *adj.*, save (sb's) face **at** ↑save *v.*, show your face **at** ↑show *v.*, shut your mouth/face **at** ↑shut *v.*, a slap in the face **at** ↑slap *n.*, be staring sb in the face/be staring sth in the face **at** ↑stare *v.*, a straight face **at** ↑straight *n.*, wipe sb/sth off the face of the earth **at** ↑wipe *v.*, be written all over sb's face **at** ↑write

#### Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French, based on Latin *facies* 'form, appearance, face'.

#### Vocabulary Building:

##### **Expressions on your face**

To beam is to have a big happy smile on your face.

To frown is to make a serious, angry or worried expression by bringing your eyebrows closer together so that lines appear on your forehead.

To glare or glower is to look in an angry, aggressive way.

To grimace is to make an ugly expression with your face to show pain, disgust, etc.

To scowl is to look at someone in an angry or annoyed way.

To smirk is to smile in a silly or unpleasant way that shows that you are pleased with yourself, know something that other people do not know, etc.

To sneer is to show that you have no respect for someone by turning your upper lip upwards.

These words can also be used as nouns: ▪ She looked up with a puzzled frown. ◇ ▪ He gave me an icy glare. ◇ ▪ a grimace of pain

#### Example Bank:

- A face peered around the door at him.
- A wry smile crossed his face.
- From the stage, he looked down at a sea of faces.
- He has become the public face of the company.
- He searched her face for some clue as to what she meant.
- He tilted her face up to his.
- Her face betrayed no emotion at all.
- Her face broke into a wide smile.
- Her face contorted in pain.
- Her face crumpled and she started crying.
- Her face darkened with anger.
- Her face paled with fright.
- Her face suddenly grew serious.
- Her face was flushed after her run.
- Her little face lit up when I gave her the present.
- Her short hair suited her elfin face.
- His eyes were sunken in his gaunt face.
- His face cleared and she smiled back.
- His face looked a little confused.
- His face remained impassive, so strong was his self-control.
- His face set in grim lines.
- His face was set and hard.
- I looked around for a familiar face.
- I'm so bored with seeing the same old faces!
- Jack's face flushed with embarrassment.
- Mr Hibbs came in with a face like thunder.
- She drew a little yellow smiley face.
- She had a big smile on her face.
- She had a plump, pretty face.
- She has a beautiful, oval face.
- She looked at the honest, open face of her husband.
- She made a disgusted face at that and walked away.
- She made a funny face and gave a snorting sort of laugh.
- She placed the cards face down on the table.
- She put some powder on her face.
- She turned her face away.
- Social deprivation is the unacceptable face of capitalism.
- The ball hit him in the face.
- The face smiled benignly at him.
- The father's face softened as he hugged his little boy.
- The look on his face was priceless.

- The news for the company isn't good, judging from the long faces in the boardroom.
- This discovery changed the whole face of science.
- We slowly climbed the steep face of the crag.
- a craggy face with deep-set eyes and bushy brows
- a restaurant where you often see famous faces
- bureaucracy with a human face
- the sight of Sarah's smiling face beaming up at him
- Her face lit up when she spoke of the past.
- His face fell when he read the headlines.
- Sue's face was a picture as she listened to her husband's speech.

**Idioms:** ↑face the music ▪ ↑face to face ▪ ↑face to face with something ▪ ↑face up ▪ ↑have the face to do something ▪ ↑in somebody's face ▪ ↑in the face of something ▪ ↑lose face ▪ ↑on the face of it ▪ ↑pull a face ▪ ↑put your face on ▪ ↑set your face against somebody ▪ ↑somebody has a face like thunder ▪ ↑somebody's face ▪ ↑somebody's face doesn't fit ▪ ↑somebody's face is like thunder ▪ ↑vanish off the face of the earth ▪ ↑what's his face

**Derived** ↑face off ▪ ↑face somebody down ▪ ↑face up to something

verb

## BE OPPOSITE

**1. transitive, intransitive** to be opposite sb/sth; to have your face or front pointing towards sb/sth or in a particular direction

- ~ **sb/sth** She turned and faced him.
- Most of the rooms face the sea.
- + **adv./prep.** The terrace faces south.
- a north-facing wall
- Stand with your feet apart and your hands facing upwards.
- Which direction are you facing?

## SB/STH DIFFICULT

**2. transitive** if you face a particular situation, or it faces you, you have to deal with it

- ~ **sth** the problems faced by one-parent families
- The company is facing a financial crisis.
- **be faced with sth** She's faced with a difficult decision.

**3. transitive ~ sth** to accept that a difficult situation exists, although you would prefer not to

- It's not always easy to face the truth.
- She had to **face the fact that** her life had changed forever
- **Face facts** — she isn't coming back.
- **Let's face it**, we're not going to win.

**4. transitive** if you can't face sth unpleasant, you feel unable or unwilling to deal with it

- ~ **sth** I just can't face work today.
- ~ **doing sth** I can't face seeing them.

**5. transitive ~ sb** to talk to or deal with sb, even though this is difficult or unpleasant

- How can I face Tom? He'll be so disappointed.

## COVER SURFACE

**6. transitive, usually passive ~ sth with sth** to cover a surface with another material

- a brick building faced with stone

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	face
	BrE /fets/
	NAme /fets/
he / she / it	faces
	BrE /fetsz/
	NAme /fetsz/
past simple, past participle	faced
	BrE /fets/
	NAme /fets/
-ing form	facing
	BrE /fetsɪŋ/
	NAme /fetsɪŋ/

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**Thesaurus:**

**face** verb

**1. T**

- Travelling across the desert, they faced many dangers.

**confront** • |written **brave** •

face/confront sb **with** sth

face/confront a **problem/crisis/dilemma /challenge /difficulty/situation** faces/confronts sb  
a **problem/dilemma /challenge /difficulty/situation** faces/confronts sb

**Face or confront?** If you **confront** a situation, you actively decide to deal with it. If you **face** sth, the problem already exists and you have no choice but to deal with it.

## 2. T

• It's not always easy to face the truth.

**accept** • • **face up to sth** • • **come to terms with sth** • • **live with sth** • • **make the best of sth** • • **resign yourself to sth** •

[formal] **reconcile sb/yourself to sth** •

face/accept/face up to/come to terms with/live with/make the best of/resign yourself to/reconcile yourself to **the fact that...**

face/accept/face up to/come to terms with **the truth/reality** of sth

face/accept/come to terms with/make the best of a **situation**

### Example Bank:

- Face facts — she isn't coming back.
- I just can't face work today.
- It's not always easy to face the truth.
- Let's face it, we're not going to win.
- On their journey across the desert they faced danger of all sorts.
- Several students now face expulsion.
- She is faced with a difficult situation.
- The party will have to change its policies to fit the new problems facing society.
- We could all face higher fuel bills this winter.

## face

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1. **face**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /feɪs/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin facies 'form, face', from facere 'to make']



1. **FRONT OF YOUR HEAD** the front part of your head, where your eyes, nose, and mouth are:

- " She had a beautiful face.
- " Her face was white with fear.
- " A big smile spread across his face.
- " I felt like punching him in the face.

► You say that something is **on sb's face**, not 'in sb's face': *You've got a mark on your face.*

2. **EXPRESSION** an expression on someone's face:

- " I'll never forget my father's face – I'd never seen him so upset before.

3. **keep a straight face** to not laugh or smile, even though something is funny

4. **pale-faced /round-faced etc** having a face that has a particular colour or shape:

- " a pale-faced youth ⇨ ↑red-faced

5. **grim-faced /serious-faced etc** showing a particular expression on your face:

- " Negotiators emerged grim-faced after the day's talks. ⇨ ↑barefaced, ↑po-faced, ↑poker-faced, ↑stony-faced

6. **PERSON** a person

**new/different face** (=someone who you have not seen before)

- " There are a few new faces in class this year.
- " Gordon is a **familiar face** (=someone who you know or have seen many times before) at the Shrewsbury Flower Show.
- " It's **the same old faces** (=people who you see often, especially too often) at our meetings every week.

**famous/well-known face** (=someone who is famous from television, magazines, films etc)

- " She looked around at the **sea of faces** (=lots of people seen together) in the cafeteria.

7. **face to face**

**a)** if two people are standing face to face, they are very close and are looking at each other

**meet somebody/talk to somebody/explain something etc face to face** (=to meet someone and talk to them, instead of just hearing about them, talking to them on the phone etc)

- " I've never met her face to face.
- " 'You could have just phoned.' 'I wanted to explain things face to face.'

**come face to face/find yourself face to face (with somebody)** (=to meet someone, especially in a way that surprises or frightens you)

- " At that moment he came face to face with Sergeant Burke.
- " The two men stood face to face without a word.

b) if you come face to face with something difficult, you experience it and have to deal with it:

It was the first time he'd ever come face to face with death.

**bring somebody face to face with something**

Sometimes one is brought face to face with facts which cannot be ignored. ⇒ ↑**face-to-face**

8. **say something/tell somebody something to their face** if you say something unpleasant to someone's face, you say it to them directly, rather than to other people:

I told him to his face just what I thought of him.

9. **face down/downwards** with the face or front towards the ground:

Keith was lying face down on the bed.

10. **face up/upwards** with the face or front towards the sky:

The body was lying face up in the rain.

11. **in the face of something** in a situation where there are many problems, difficulties, or dangers:

It is amazing how Daniels has survived in the face of such strong opposition from within the party.

12. **on the face of it** used to say that something seems true but that you think there may be other facts about it which are not yet clear:

It looks, on the face of it, like a minor change in the regulations.

On the face of it, his suggestion makes sense.

13. **the face of something**

a) the nature or character of an organization, industry, system etc, and the way it appears to people:

technology that has changed the face of society

Is this the new face of the Tory party?

**the ugly/unacceptable/acceptable face of something** (=the qualities of an organization, industry etc which people find unacceptable or acceptable)

the unacceptable face of capitalism

b) the general appearance of a particular place:

the changing face of the landscape

14. **MOUNTAIN/CLIFF** the face of a mountain, cliff etc is a steep vertical surface or side

**face of**

He fell and died while attempting to climb the north face of Mont Blanc.

The cliff face was starting to crumble into the sea.

a sheer (=very steep) rock face

15.



**CLOCK** the front part of a clock or watch, where the numbers and hands are

16. **lose face** if you lose face, you do something which makes you seem weak, stupid etc, and which makes people respect you less:

He doesn't want to back down (=accept defeat in an argument) and risk losing face.

17. **save face** if you do something to save face, you do it so that people will not lose their respect for you:

Both countries saved face with the compromise.

18. **disappear/vanish from/off the face of the earth** used to say that you have no idea where someone is and have not seen them in a very long time:

I haven't seen Paul in ages; he seems to have vanished off the face of the earth.

19. **on the face of the earth** used when you are emphasizing a statement to mean 'in the whole world':

If she were the last woman on the face of the earth, I still wouldn't be interested!

20. **sb's face doesn't fit** used to say that someone will not get or keep a particular job because they are not the kind of person that the employer wants

21. **set your face against something especially British English** to be very determined that something should not happen:

The local Labour Party has set its face against the scheme.

22. **MINE** the part of a mine from which coal, stone etc is cut ⇒ ↑**coalface**

23. **OUTSIDE SURFACE** one of the outside surfaces of an object or building:

A cube has six faces.

24. **SPORT** the part of a ↑**racket** or ↑**bat** etc that you use to hit the ball

25. **in your face spoken informal** behaviour, criticisms, remarks etc that are in your face are very direct and often shocking or surprising:

Bingham has a very 'in your face' writing style.

26. **get in sb's face spoken informal** if someone gets in your face, they really annoy you

27. **get out of my face spoken informal** used to tell someone in an impolite way to go away because they are annoying you

28. **what's his face/what's her face spoken informal** used as a way of talking about someone when you cannot remember their name:

I saw old what's his face in school yesterday.

29. **put your face on** *informal* to put ↑make-up on:

I just need to run upstairs and put my face on.

⇒ **blow up in sb's face** at ↑blow up(7), ⇒ **put on a brave face** at ↑brave<sup>1</sup>(3), ⇒ **do something till you're blue in the face** at ↑blue<sup>1</sup>(4), ⇒ **have egg on your face** at ↑egg<sup>1</sup>(5), ⇒ **face-to-face**, ⇒ **fly in the face of** at ↑fly<sup>1</sup>(18), ⇒ **laugh in sb's face** at ↑laugh<sup>1</sup>(11), ⇒ **long face** at ↑long<sup>1</sup>(12), ⇒ **not just a pretty face** at ↑pretty<sup>2</sup>(4), ⇒ **show your face** at ↑show<sup>1</sup>(15), ⇒ **shut your face** at ↑shut<sup>1</sup>(2), ⇒ **a slap in the face** at ↑slap<sup>2</sup>(2), ⇒ **be staring somebody in the face** at ↑stare<sup>1</sup>(2), ⇒ **a straight face** at ↑straight<sup>2</sup>(8), ⇒ **wipe something off the face of the earth** at ↑wipe<sup>1</sup>(8), ⇒ **wipe the smile/grin off sb's face** at ↑wipe<sup>1</sup>(7), ⇒ **have something written all over your face** at ↑write(10)

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## COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

### ■ adjectives

- **pretty/beautiful/handsome etc** Her face was beautiful in the morning light.
- **round/oval/square** Her face was round and jolly.
- **thin/narrow** Tears rolled down her thin face.
- **pale/dark** His face suddenly became pale and I thought he was going to faint.
- **an angular face** (=so thin that you can see the bones) She stared at his dark, angular face.
- **sad/serious** Maggie looked at him with a sad face.
- **happy/smiling** Shelley looked at the children's happy faces.
- **a grinning face** He looked down at the boy's grinning face.
- **angry** Beth's angry face stared fiercely at her husband.
- **worried/anxious** My father watched us go with a worried face.
- **puzzled** He looked at his son's puzzled face.
- **blank/impassive** (=showing no emotion or thoughts) What was she really thinking behind that blank face?
- **wrinkled/lined** (=with a lot of small lines, especially because of old age) His wrinkled face must once have been handsome.
- **scowling** (=one that shows you are not pleased about something) He looked around and saw his boss's scowling face behind him.
- **a long face** (=an unhappy expression) What's the long face for?

### ■ verbs

- **sb's face goes/turns red** (=becomes red) His face went red with embarrassment.
- **sb's face goes/turns pale** (=becomes pale) I saw her face go pale when he walked in.
- **sb's face lights up/brightens** (=they start to look happy) Denise's face lit up when she heard the news.
- **sb's face darkens** (=they start to look angry or threatening) She handed him the letter and his face darkened.
- **sb's face falls** (=they look sad or disappointed) Her face fell when she saw who it was.
- **pull/make a face** (=to change your expression to make people laugh or to show you are angry, disappointed etc) Here's a funny photo of Joe pulling a face.
- **sb's face is contorted with anger/rage** (=someone's face is twisted out of its normal shape because they are angry) Eve's face was contorted with anger as she picked up the broken vase.

### ■ phrases

- **a look/expression on sb's face** She had a rather surprised look on her face. | I could tell by the look on Dan's face that he was disappointed.
- **a smile/grin/frown on sb's face** There was a mischievous grin on her face. | He was reading the newspaper with a frown on his face.
- **you can see something in sb's face** (=you know what someone is feeling from the expression on their face) She could see the despair in his face.
- **something is written all over sb's face** (=their feelings can be seen very clearly in their expression) You're jealous – it's written all over your face!
- **you should have seen sb's face** (=used to say that someone was very angry, surprised etc) You should have seen his face when I told him that I was resigning.
- **a face like thunder** (=a very angry expression) The boss had a face like thunder when he arrived this morning.

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## THESAURUS

- **expression** a look on someone's face that shows what they are thinking or feeling: His expression became more serious as he listened to her story. | She had a contented expression. | He has a very different expression in the next picture.
- **look** an expression – used especially with adjectives that describe the expression. **Look** sounds less formal than **expression**: She had a sad look on her face. | With a look of relief, he handed her the baby. | What's that look for? | She gave me a dirty look (=a look that showed she was angry).
- **face** used when talking about someone's expression, especially in the following phrases: You should have seen his face! | Look at my face. Am I bothered? | The boys were making faces (=making strange, silly, or rude expressions which show that you dislike someone) through the window.

## II. **face**<sup>2</sup> **S1** **W1** **BrE** **AmE** **verb** [transitive]

1. **DIFFICULT SITUATION** if you face or are faced with a difficult situation, or if a difficult situation faces you, it is going to affect you and you must deal with it:

- Emergency services are facing additional problems this winter.
- The President faces the difficult task of putting the economy back on its feet.
- McManus is facing the biggest challenge of his career.
- As the project comes to an end, many workers now face an uncertain future.
- He must face the prospect of financial ruin.



**be faced with something**

- I was faced with the awful job of breaking the news to the girl's family.
- the difficulties faced by the police
- If he is found guilty, he faces up to 12 years in jail.

**face charges/prosecution (=have legal charges brought against you)**

- He was the first member of the former government to face criminal charges.

**2. ADMIT A PROBLEM EXISTS (also face up to something)** to accept that a difficult situation or problem exists, even though you would prefer to ignore it:

- Many couples refuse to face the fact that there are problems in their marriage.
- You've got to face facts, Rachel. You can't survive on a salary that low.
- He had to face the awful truth that she no longer loved him.
- Face it, kid. You're never going to be a rock star.

**3. can't face** if you can't face something, you feel unable to do it because it seems too unpleasant or difficult:

- I don't want to go back to college – I just can't face it.
- I can't face the thought of going into town when it's this hot.
- She couldn't face the prospect of another divorce.

**can't face doing something**

- He couldn't face driving all the way to Los Angeles.

**4. TALK/DEAL WITH SOMEBODY** to talk or deal with someone, when this is unpleasant or difficult for you:

- You're going to have to face him sooner or later.
- I don't know how I'm going to face her after what happened.
- The accident left her feeling depressed and unable to face the world (=be with people and live a normal life).

**5. BE OPPOSITE** to be opposite someone or something, or to be looking or pointing in a particular direction:

- The two men stood facing each other, smiling.
- When he turned to face her, he seemed annoyed.
- Lunch is served on the terrace facing the sea.

**south-facing/west-facing etc**

- a south-facing garden

**face north/east etc**

- The dining room faces east.

**6. OPPONENT/TEAM** to play against an opponent or team in a game or competition:

- Martinez will face Robertson in tomorrow's final.

**7. face the music informal** to accept criticism or punishment for something you have done

**8. BUILDING be faced with stone/concrete etc** a building that is faced with stone, ↑concrete etc has a layer of that material on its outside surfaces

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**COLLOCATIONS**

■ **nouns**

- **face a problem** She told me about some of the problems she was facing.
- **face a difficulty** The hotel's owners were facing financial difficulties.
- **face a challenge** The coal industry faces serious challenges.
- **face the task of doing something** He faced the task of preparing a three-course meal for 50 people.
- **face a danger** He has the courage to face danger in spite of fear.
- **face opposition** (=deal with strong disagreement) The government faced opposition from the Liberal Democrats.
- **face charges** (=be accused of a crime and have to go to a court of law) He faces charges of fraud and theft.
- **face an uncertain/difficult future** The company is facing an uncertain future.
- **face the prospect of something** (=something in the future is going to affect you and you will have to deal with it) Many coastal cities face the prospect of disastrous flooding.

**face somebody ↔ down phrasal verb especially American English**

to deal in a strong and confident way with someone who opposes you:

- Harrison successfully faced down the mob of angry workers.

**face off phrasal verb American English**

to fight, argue, or compete with someone, or to get into a position in which you are ready to do this:

- The two candidates will face off in a televised debate on Friday.

**face up to something phrasal verb**

to accept and deal with a difficult fact or problem:

- They'll never offer you another job; you might as well face up to it.
- She had to face up to the fact that he was guilty.

**face**

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