

modest[ˈmɒdɪst] **a**

1. скромный; сдержанный

with a modest air - со скромным видом, скромно, сдержанно

to be modest in speech [in dress, in behaviour] - быть скромным в разговоре [в одежде, в поведении]

to be modest about one's achievements - скромно /сдержанно/ говорить о своих успехах

2. скромный, застенчивый; благопристойный

modest girl - скромная девушка

3. умеренный, небольшой, ограниченный

modest means - скромные /ограниченные/ средства

modest fortune - скромное /небольшое/ состояние

modest gift - скромный подарок

modest house - скромный /непритязательный/ дом

to be modest in one's demands - быть скромным /умеренным/ в своих требованиях

by a modest computation - по скромным подсчётам

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mod-est **BrE** [ˈmɒdɪst] ^m **NAmE** [ˈmɑːdɪst] ^f **adjective**

1. not very large, expensive, important, etc

• modest improvements/reforms

• He charged a relatively modest fee.

• a modest little house

• The research was carried out on a modest scale.

2. (approving) not talking much about your own abilities or possessions

• She's very modest about her success .

• You're too modest!

Opp: ↑immodest

3. (of people, especially women, or their clothes) shy about showing much of the body; not intended to attract attention, especially in a sexual way

Syn: ↑demure

• a modest dress

Opp: ↑immodest**Derived Word** ↑modestlyWord Origin:mid 16th cent.: from French **modeste**, from Latin **modestus** 'keeping due measure', related to **modus** 'measure' .Thesaurus:**modest** [**modest modestly**] **adj.** (approving)

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humble • • **unassuming** • • **unpretentious** •**Opp:** **vain**, **Opp:** **boastful**a/an modest/humble/unassuming/unpretentious **person/man/woman****in** a/an modest/humble/unassuming **way**Example Bank:

• He is looking to improve on his relatively modest achievements so far.

• He is modest about his achievements.

• Our requirements seem fairly modest.

• She would be falsely modest not to acknowledge that she had come a very long way since those early days.

• The new homes are modest in scale, but very comfortable.

• Don't be so modest! You're a very talented player.

• He was a quiet, modest man.

• She grew up in a modest little house in the suburbs.

• She's very modest about her success .

• The FTSE staged a modest recovery to be 6.5 points down.

• There has been a modest improvement in the situation.

• They live in modest comfort.

• a modest aim/achievement/ambition/goal/success

• a modest contribution/expenditure/fee/gain/investment/outlay/profit/sum

• a modest house/flat/villa

• a modest size/amount/quantity/scale/share/proportion

• modest premises

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[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: modestus]

1. **NOT PROUD** someone who is modest does not want to talk about their abilities or achievements **OPP** **immodest**, **boastful****modest about**

He was always modest about his role in the Everest expedition.

You're too modest! You've been a huge help to us.

2. **NOT BIG** not very great, big, or expensive:

a modest increase in costs

She had saved a modest amount of money.

The new service proved a modest success.

a modest house with a small garden

his modest ambitions

3. **SHY** shy about showing your body or attracting sexual interest, because you are easily embarrassed **OPP** **immodest**:

She was a modest girl, always keeping covered, even in summer.

4. **CLOTHES** *old-fashioned* modest clothing covers the body in a way that does not attract sexual interest:

a modest knee-length dress

—**modestly** *adverb*:

'I was just lucky,' he said modestly.

modestly priced meals

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- **modest** not wanting to talk about your abilities or achievements and to say that you are good at something, even when you are – used to show approval: Miller, a quiet, modest man, gave credit to Asher for the initial discovery. | She was surprisingly modest about her own achievements as a player.
- **self-effacing** *written* not wanting to talk about yourself or to attract attention: Her husband was a quiet, self-effacing man who spent much of his time in his study.
- **unassuming** not wanting to be noticed and not expecting to be treated in a special way: By now Chapman was famous, but he remained as unassuming as ever. | He then began, in typically unassuming fashion, to establish the first modern dance company.
- **humble** believing that you are not more important, better, or cleverer than other people, and therefore not expecting to be treated in a special way: A good leader is humble enough to get advice from experts.
- **unpretentious** not trying to seem better than other people, even if you are rich, famous, clever etc: President Eisenhower was a friendly and unpretentious man who seemed to embody American virtues. | It's his unpretentious boyish charm that ensures Jackie Chan's position as one of the giants of international cinema.
- **self-deprecating** *written* behaving or talking about your own abilities or achievements in a way that makes them seem unimportant: Despite his intellect, he had an appealing self-deprecating humour. | The nice thing about him is his self-deprecating manner. His intellectual ability was never pushed at you, yet he obviously had great potential. | a self-deprecating smile

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