accusation

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1. обвинение

- an accusation of murder обвинение в убийстве
- to bring an accusation against smb. обвинить кого-л.; выдвинуть обвинение против кого-л.
- to be under an accusation of ... быть обвинённым в ...; обвиняться в ...
- to swear an accusation against smb. обвинять кого-л. под присягой
- 2. юр. обвинительный акт, обвинительное заключение

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ac·cus·ation [accusation accusations] *BrE* [,ækju'zeɪʃn] *NAmE* [,ækju'zeɪʃn] noun countable, uncountable

- a statement saying that you think a person is guilty of doing sth wrong, especially of committing a crime; the fact of accusing sb
- I don't want to make an accusation until I have some proof.
- There was a hint of accusation in her voice.
- ~ of sth accusations of corruption/cruelty/racism
- ~ against sb No one believed her wild accusations against her husband.
- ~ that... He denied the accusation that he had ignored the problems.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French, from Latin accusatio(n-), from accusare 'call to account', from ad- 'towards' + causa 'reason, motive, lawsuit'.

Example Bank:

- He was forced to defend himself against accusations of plagiarism.
- New evidence has emerged which supports the accusation against her.
- She made a lot of thinly veiled accusations.
- She rejected all the accusations brought against her.
- Their father now faces an accusation of murder.
- There seem to be a lot of wild accusations flying around.
- They have the nerve to level these accusations against one of our most respected members.
- They sank into mutual accusation and incrimination.
- You made a public accusation of misconduct against Nigel.
- an accusation frequently levelled at junior doctors
- I don't want to make an accusation until I have some proof.
- They fled the country amid accusations of fraud.

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ac cusation /,ækjə'zeɪ∫ən, ,ækjʊ'zeɪ∫ən/ BrE AmE noun [countable]

[Word Family: noun: †accusation, the accused, †accuser; verb †accuse; adverb †accusingly; adjective: †accusing] a statement saying that someone is guilty of a crime or of doing something wrong

accusation against

- A number of <u>serious</u> <u>accusations</u> have been <u>made</u> against her.
- The main <u>accusation levelled against</u> him was that he tried to avoid military service.

accusation of

His administration now <u>faces</u> <u>accusations</u> of corruption.

accusation that

- ^{*} The organizers of the march strongly <u>denied</u> government <u>accusations</u> that they intended to cause trouble.
- Burton's enemies had made <u>false accusations</u> against him.
- She's made all sorts of <u>wild accusations</u> against me in the past.
- They fled the country, <u>amid accusations</u> of corruption.

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COLLOCATIONS

verbs

- make an accusation You've made a lot of accusations but you haven't got any evidence.
- bring an accusation against somebody The accusations against him were brought by two 18-year-old women.

• level an accusation against/at somebody (=bring an accusation against someone) As a result, some outrageous accusations were levelled at her.

- face an accusation (=have an accusation made about you) The police faced accusations of using excessive force.
- deny/dismiss an accusation The government denied accusations of corruption.
- prove/support an accusation There were very few facts to support the accusation against him.

adjectives

- serious These are very serious accusations indeed.
- false There were a lot of false accusations throughout the trial.
- unfounded/groundless (=not based on facts or reason) The accusation is totally unfounded. | The embassy denied what it called groundless accusations about its involvementin the attack.
- outrageous (=shocking and extremely unfair) He was drunk and his accusations were becoming more and more outrageous.
- a wild accusation (=with no evidence to support it) She's made all sorts of wild accusations about him, hasn't she?
- bitter accusations (=angry) The dispute was marked by bitter accusations from both sides.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

- repeated accusations Repeated accusations of neglect were made against the authorities.
- renewed accusations (=made again, often in a more forceful way) The government faced renewed accusations of corruption.
- further accusations There were further accusations of incompetence.

phrases

amid accusations of something (=surrounded by accusations) He fled the country amid accusations of fraud.

THESAURUS

 accusation a statement saying that you believe someone is guilty of a crime or of doing something bad: The army has faced accusations of racism.

• allegation a public statement accusing someone of doing something although it has not been proved: He denied allegations that he received a bribe. | Police are investigating allegations of corruption.

• charge an official statement by the police accusing someone of a crime and saying that they must go to court, or a statement saying that someone has done something bad, made by anyone: He appeared in court on a murder charge. | She denied the charge that the article had been misleading.

• **indictment** *law especially American English* an official written statement accusing someone of a crime so that they will be judged under the American legal system: He is under indictment for credit card fraud.

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