

**contempt**[kən'tempt] *n*

## 1. презрение

to feel contempt for a liar - испытывать презрение к лжецу

to have/to hold/ smb. in contempt - презирать кого-л.

to bring contempt upon oneself, to fall into contempt - навлечь на себя всеобщее презрение

to treat smb. with contempt - третировать кого-л.

to be beneath contempt - ≅ низко пасть; быть гнусным, смехотворным *и т. п.*

such accusation is beneath contempt - такое обвинение просто смехотворно

2. *юр.*1) неуважение (к суду *и т. п.*); оскорбление (органов власти, парламента *и т. п.*)

direct contempt - оскорбление суда (на судебном заседании)

the contempt power - *амер.* право (конгресса, суда) наказывать без судебного разбирательства лиц, обвиняемых в оскорблении конгресса или судаcontempt of Congress - *амер.* неуважение к конгрессу

## 2) невыполнение распоряжений суда

contempt of the law - нарушение /несоблюдение/ норм права

contempt of court - оскорбление суда, невыполнение его распоряжений; неявка в суд

◇ in contempt of - вопреки, невзирая на

he rushed forward in contempt of danger - он бросился вперёд невзирая на опасность

in contempt of all rules - вопреки всем правилам, в нарушение всех правил

familiarity breeds contempt *см.* familiarity ◇**contempt**

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**con·tempt** [contempt contempt] *BrE* [kən'tempt] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAme* [kən'tempt] <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun*

uncountable, singular

## 1. the feeling that sb/sth is without value and deserves no respect at all

• She looked at him **with contempt** .

• I shall treat that suggestion with the contempt it deserves.

• His treatment of his children is **beneath contempt** (= so unacceptable that it is not even worth feeling ↑contempt for) .• Politicians seem to be generally **held in contempt** by ordinary people.• ~ **for sb/sth** They had shown a contempt for the values she thought important.2. ~ **for sth** a lack of worry or fear about rules, danger, etc

• The firefighters showed a contempt for their own safety.

• His remarks betray a staggering contempt for the truth (= are completely false) .

## 3. = ↑contempt of court

• He could be jailed for two years for contempt.

• She was held **in contempt** for refusing to testify .**see** familiarity breeds contempt **at** ↑familiarityWord Origin:late Middle English: from Latin **contemptus**, from **contemnere**, from **con-** (expressing intensive force) + **temnere** 'despise' .Thesaurus:**contempt** *noun* **U, sing.**

• I'll treat that remark with the contempt it deserves.

**scorn** • • **disdain** • • **disrespect** • • **mockery** • • **ridicule** • • • **derision** •**Opp:** respectcontempt/scorn/disdain /disrespect **for** sb/sth**treat sb/sth with** contempt/disdain/disrespect/ridicule**risk/invite** (sb's) contempt/scorn/ridicule/derision**Which word?** **Contempt**, **scorn** and **disdain** put the emphasis on showing that you have no respect for sb/sth. **Mockery**, **ridicule** and **derision** put the emphasis on making sb/sth look silly .Example Bank:

• He has a deep contempt for racists .

• His remarks betray an utter contempt for the truth.

• His treatment of his children is beneath contempt.

• Politicians seem to be generally held in contempt by the police.

• She looked at him with barely disguised contempt.

• She'd developed what she considered a healthy contempt for authority.

• He did not want to risk the contempt of his fellows.

• He felt nothing but contempt for her.

**contempt**

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: contemptus, from contemnere 'to think of with contempt', from com- ( ⇨ COM-) + temnere 'to despise']

## 1. a feeling that someone or something is not important and deserves no respect

### contempt for

" The contempt he felt for his fellow students was obvious.

### utter/deep contempt

" The report shows utter contempt for women's judgement.

### open/undisguised contempt

" She looked at him with undisguised contempt.

" The public is treated with contempt by broadcasters.

" How could she have loved a man who so clearly held her in contempt?

### beneath contempt

" That sort of behaviour is simply beneath contempt (=does not deserve respect or attention).

## 2. *law* disobedience or disrespect towards a court of law:

" He was jailed for seven days for contempt of court.

### in contempt of something

" He was found in contempt of the order.

## 3. complete lack of fear about something

### contempt for

" his contempt for danger

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ verbs

▪ **treat somebody/something with contempt** The opinions of the public should not be ignored or treated with contempt.

▪ **have contempt for somebody/something** (also **feel contempt for somebody/something**) He had a deep contempt for authority.

▪ **show contempt** Her face showed clearly the contempt she felt for them.

▪ **hold somebody/something in contempt** (=have a low opinion of something or someone, and show it) He was one of those men who hold in contempt those who do not share his point of view.

### ■ adjectives

▪ **utter/total contempt** Sally looked at him with utter contempt.

▪ **the utmost contempt** Many people regarded the government with the utmost contempt.

▪ **open/undisguised contempt** (=that you do not try to hide) Her expression was one of open contempt.

▪ **deep contempt** (=great contempt) There is a deep contempt for the commercialism in the West.

▪ **cold/icy contempt** (=that shows in a very unfriendly way) I noticed the icy contempt in his voice.

▪ **withering contempt** (=that makes you feel very inferior) She treated some of her staff with withering contempt.

### ■ phrases

▪ **a look of contempt** He gave her a look of contempt that made her want to hit him.

▪ **have/feel/show etc nothing but contempt** The public should have nothing but contempt for bad journalism.

▪ **treat somebody/something with the contempt they deserve** She treated these accusations with the contempt they deserved.

▪ **familiarity breeds contempt** (=used to say that if you know someone very well, you may respect them less)

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## THESAURUS

▪ **hatred** an angry feeling of deep dislike for someone or something: his hatred of violence | It is easy to understand their hatred for the invaders of their country. | racial hatred (=of people who belong to a different race)

▪ **hate** the angry feeling that someone has when they hate someone and want to harm them: His mind was filled with hate and the desire for revenge. | Her love for him turned to hate, and she tore up all his old letters. | Thatcher became a hate figure for the left (=someone who many people hate). | His enemies started a hate campaign against him in the press.

▪ **loathing** a very strong feeling of hatred for someone or something that you think is extremely unpleasant: I felt nothing but loathing for him after the way he'd treated me.

▪ **animosity** a feeling of hatred and anger that often makes people behave unpleasantly to each other: The animosity between parents who are getting a divorce can often cause great suffering to their children.

▪ **abhorrence** *formal* a deep feeling of hatred towards something that you think is morally wrong or unpleasant: the abhorrence of terrorism by all decent people

▪ **contempt** a feeling of hate towards someone or something you think does not deserve any respect at all: She looked at him with contempt. | I have nothing but contempt for these people.

## contempt

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