

**disdain**

1. [dis'deɪn] *n*

презрение; пренебрежение  
 to treat smb. with disdain - относиться к кому-л. свысока  
 disdain for fascist propaganda - презрение к фашистской пропаганде

2. [dis'deɪn] *v*

1. презирать; пренебрегать  
 to disdain flattery - презирать лесть  
 to disdain an offer - пренебречь предложением

2. считать ниже своего достоинства  
 to disdain to notice /noticing/ an insult - считать ниже своего достоинства заметить оскорбление  
 they disdained the town library - они не снисходили до городской библиотеки

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**dis·dain** [dis·dain disdains disdained disdaining] **noun, verb** BrE [dis'deɪn] <sup>1</sup>  
 NAmE [dis'deɪn] <sup>2</sup>

**noun uncountable, singular**

the feeling that sb/sth is not good enough to deserve your respect or attention

**Syn:** ↑contempt

- to treat sb **with disdain**
- He turned his head away in disdain.
- ~ **for sb/sth** a disdain for the law

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **desdeign** (noun), **desdeignier** (verb), based on Latin **dedignari**, from **de-** (expressing reversal) + **dignari** 'consider worthy' (from **dignus** 'worthy').

Example Bank:

- Judges sometimes show great disdain for the law.
- Marcus had trouble hiding his disdain for the man.
- She did not hesitate to express the disdain that she felt.
- She turned her head away in disdain.
- Traditionalists look upon the changes with disdain.
- Why does he treat his father with such disdain?
- Imitation jewellery is regarded with disdain.
- She's shown her disdain for me from day one.

**verb (formal)**

1. ~ **sb/sth** to think that sb/sth is not good enough to deserve your respect
  - She disdained his offer of help.
  - Immigrants accept the jobs disdained by the local workforce.
2. ~ **to do sth** to refuse to do sth because you think that you are too important to do it
  - He disdained to turn to his son for advice.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	disdain
	BrE /dɪz 'deɪn/
	NAmE /dɪs 'deɪn/
he / she / it	disdains
	BrE /dɪz 'deɪnz/
	NAmE /dɪs 'deɪnz/
past simple, past participle	disdained
	BrE /dɪz 'deɪnd/
	NAmE /dɪs 'deɪnd/
-ing form	disdaining
	BrE /dɪz 'deɪnɪŋ/
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1. **dis·dain** <sup>1</sup> /dɪs'deɪn/ BrE <sup>1</sup> AmE <sup>2</sup> **noun** [uncountable] **formal**

a complete lack of respect that you show for someone or something because you think they are not important or good enough

**with disdain**

- She watched me with disdain.
- a look of complete disdain

**disdain for**

- his disdain for capitalism

## II. **disdain**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> *verb formal*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: *desdeignier*, from *deignier*, ⇨ ↑*deign*]

1. **[transitive]** to have no respect for someone or something, because you think they are not important or good enough:  
"Childcare was seen as women's work, and men **disdained** it.
2. **disdain to do something** to refuse to do something because you are too proud to do it:  
"Butler **disdained** to reply.

### **disdain**

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15000 **5587**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **10k DISDAIN** <sup>2506</sup>

disdain <sup>1636</sup>

disdained <sup>290</sup>

disdaining <sup>72</sup>

disdains <sup>101</sup>

disdainful <sup>265</sup>

disdainfully <sup>142</sup>

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<sup>1427</sup> **15832**<sup>1566</sup> *nn1*

<sup>58</sup> **98094**<sup>61</sup> *vv0*

<sup>9</sup> **275827**<sup>9</sup> *vvi*