

indifferent[ɪnˈdɪf(ə)rənt] *a*

- 1) безразличный, равнодушный, индифферентный
 indifferent spectator - равнодушный /холодный/ зритель
 indifferent to biology - не интересующийся биологией
 to be indifferent to danger - не бояться опасности, пренебрегать опасностью
 to be indifferent to the sufferings of others - быть равнодушным к страданиям других
 it is quite indifferent to me whether you go or stay - мне совершенно безразлично, уйдёшь ты или останешься
- 2) нейтральный беспристрастный
 to remain indifferent in a dispute - занять в споре нейтральную позицию
2. посредственный
 indifferent book - посредственная книга
 indifferent acting - заурядное исполнение
 is it good, bad or indifferent? - *разг.* это хорошо, плохо или так себе?
3. не имеющий значения, маловажный
 to converse on indifferent topics - говорить о пустяках
4. *слец.* нейтральный индифферентный
 indifferent gas - *хим.* нейтральный газ

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in-dif-fer-ent *BrE* [ɪnˈdɪfrənt] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ɪnˈdɪfrənt] ^ˈ **adjective**

1. **not usually before noun** ~ **(to sb/sth)** having or showing no interest in sb/sth
 • The government cannot afford to be indifferent to public opinion.

2. not very good

Syn: ↑mediocre

- an indifferent meal
- The festival has the usual mixture of movies— **good, bad and indifferent** .

Derived Word ↑indifferently**Word Origin:**

late Middle English (in the sense 'having no partiality for or against'): via Old French from Latin **indifferent** 'not making any difference', from **in-** 'not' + **different** 'differing' (from the verb **differre**, from **dis-** 'from, away' + **ferre** 'bring, carry').

Thesaurus:**indifferent** [**indifferent indifferently**] **adj.** **not usually before noun**

- Public opinion remained largely indifferent to the issue.

lukewarm • • **half-hearted** • • **uninterested** • |especially written **apathetic** • • **detached** • |disapproving **casual** • • **offhand** •indifferent/lukewarm/half-hearted/apathetic/casual/offhand **about** sthindifferent/lukewarm/apathetic **towards** sb/stha/an indifferent/lukewarm/detached/apathetic/casual **attitude****Example Bank:**

- He appeared indifferent to her suffering.
- He was coldly indifferent to other people.
- Most staff were indifferent about the plans.
- Pat sounded almost indifferent.
- The festival has the usual mix of films— good, bad and indifferent.
- We enjoyed the day, in spite of very indifferent weather.
- a rather indifferent performance
- Anna shrugged her shoulders trying to seem indifferent.
- He suffered from indifferent health.
- Public opinion remained largely indifferent to the issue.
- Teammates joke about his indifferent attitude to training.
- They were concerned about the team's indifferent form since the semi-final.

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1. not at all interested in someone or something

indifferent to

" Sarah was absolutely indifferent to him, and it hurt.

2. not particularly good **SYN mediocre** :

" an indifferent cook

—**indifferently** **adverb**

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THESAURUS■ **not interested**

- **not interested** not wanting to know about something or give it your attention: I just wasn't at all interested in science at school.
- **uninterested** not interested in wanting to know about something, especially something you are told: When I tried to tell her

about my holiday, she seemed completely uninterested.

▪ **apathetic** not interested in a particular problem or situation, so that you are not willing to make an effort to change and improve things: Voters have become increasingly apathetic.

▪ **indifferent** having no interest in someone or something, and often not caring about them: Sometimes the government seems indifferent to the problems of the poor.

▪ **somebody couldn't care less** *spoken* used when saying that someone does not care at all about something and is not interested in it: I couldn't care less what other people think.

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