disinterested Apresyan (En-Ru)

[dis'intristid] a

1. незаинтересованный бескорыстный

disinterested help - бескорыстная помощь

2. безучастный; безразличный, равнодушный, не проявляющий интереса; скучающий

to be disinterested in the theatre - быть равнодушным к театру disinterested listeners - скучающие /равнодушные/ слушатели

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[dɪs'ɪntrestɪd] \*\* NAmE [dɪs'ɪntrestɪd] \* adjective

1. not influenced by personal feelings, or by the chance of getting some advantage for yourself

Syn: †impartial, Syn: †objective, Syn: †unbiased

- · a disinterested onlooker/spectator
- Her advice appeared to be disinterested.
- 2. (informal) not interested

Derived Word †disinterestedly

#### Word Origin:

[disinterested disinterestedly] early 17th cent.: past participle of the rare verb disinterest 'rid of interest or concern', from dis-(expressing removal) + dinterest.

### Which Word?:

# interested / interesting / uninterested / disinterested / uninteresting

The opposite of interested is uninterested or not interested: ■ He is completely uninterested in politics. ♦ I am not really interested in politics.

Disinterested means that you can be fair in judging a situation because you do not feel personally involved in it: A solicitor can give you disinterested advice. However, in speech it is sometimes used instead of uninterested, although this is thought to be incorrect.

The opposite of interesting can be **uninteresting**: • The food was dull and uninteresting. It is more common to use a different word such as **dull** or **boring**.

### Example Bank:

• I was merely a disinterested spectator in the whole affair.

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[Word Family: advert  $\uparrow$  interestingly,  $\uparrow$  disinterestedly; adjective:  $\uparrow$  interested  $\neq \uparrow$  disinterested  $\neq \uparrow$  uninterested,  $\uparrow$  interesting  $\neq$  UNINTERESTING vert  $\uparrow$  interest; noun:  $\uparrow$  interest  $\neq \uparrow$  disinterest]

- 1. able to judge a situation fairly because you are not concerned with gaining any personal advantage from it **SYN objective**, **impartial**, **unbiased**:
  - A lawver should provide disinterested advice.
- 2. not interested. Many teachers think that this is not correct English ⇒ uninterested

-disinterestedly adverb

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