

impersonal

1. [ɪmˈpɜːs(ə)n(ə)] *n грам.*
безличный глагол
2. [ɪmˈpɜːs(ə)n(ə)] *a*
 1. 1) беспристрастный объективный
an impersonal point of view - объективная точка зрения
impersonal interest in literature - бескорыстный интерес к литературе
 - 2) обезличенный
impersonal criticism - обезличенная критика
 - 3) бесстрастный, равнодушный, безразличный
2. безликий, безличный
slaves were regarded as impersonal men - рабов не считали за людей
3. *грам.* безличный
impersonal constructions - безличные обороты

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

im-person-al *BrE* [ɪmˈpɜːsəl] ¹ *NAmE* [ɪmˈpɜːrsəl] ¹ *adjective*

1. (usually disapproving) lacking friendly human feelings or atmosphere; making you feel unimportant
 - a vast impersonal organization
 - an impersonal hotel room
 - Business letters need not be formal and impersonal.
 - a cold impersonal stare
 - His touch was as impersonal as that of a doctor.
2. not referring to any particular person
 - Let's keep the criticism general and impersonal.
3. (*grammar*) an impersonal verb or sentence has 'it' or 'there' as the subject
Derived Words ↑impersonality ▪ ↑impersonally

Word Origin:

[**impersonal impersonality impersonally**] late Middle English (in sense 3): from late Latin *impersonalis*, from Latin *in-* 'not' + *personalis* 'of a person' (from *persona* 'actor's mask, character in a play', later 'human being').

Language Bank:**impersonal***Giving opinions using impersonal language*

It is vital that ▪ more is done to prevent the illegal trade in wild animals. ◇▪ (Compare: *We have to do more to stop people trading wild animals illegally.* ▪)

It is clear that ▪ more needs to be done to protect biodiversity. ◇▪ (Compare: *We clearly need to do more to protect biodiversity.* ▪)

It is unfortunate that ▪ the practice of keeping monkeys as pets still continues. ◇▪ (Compare: *It's absolutely terrible that people still keep monkeys as pets.* ▪)

It is difficult ▪ for many people **to** ▪ understand the reasons why certain individuals choose to hunt animals for sport. ◇▪ (Compare: *I can't understand why anyone would want to kill animals for fun.* ▪)

▪ Unfortunately, **it would seem that** ▪ not enough is being done to support tiger conservation. ◇▪ (Compare: *Governments aren't doing enough to help tiger conservation.* ▪)

There is no doubt that ▪ the greatest threat to polar bears comes from global warming. ◇▪ (Compare: *I believe that the greatest threat...* ▪)

Language Banks at ↑opinion, ↑perhaps, ↑vital

Example Bank:

- I find the atmosphere there rather impersonal.
- I think we should keep things entirely impersonal.
- The law is abstract and coldly impersonal.
- Business letters do not always need to be impersonal and formal.
- It's a vast impersonal organization.
- The hotel room looked bare and impersonal.
- You should write your report in an impersonal manner.

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[**Word Family:** *noun:* ↑person, ↑personality, ↑persona, ↑personage, the personals, ↑personification, ↑personnel; *adjective:* ↑personal ≠ ↑impersonal, ↑personalized, ↑personable; *verb:* ↑personalize, ↑personify; *adverb:* ↑personally ≠ ↑impersonally]

1. not showing any feelings of sympathy, friendliness etc:
 - Business letters do not have to be impersonal and formal.
 - Sometimes she seems a very impersonal, even unkind, mother.
2. a place or situation that is impersonal does not make people feel that they are important:
 - I hate staying in hotels; they're so impersonal.
 - a formal and impersonal style of management

3. *technical* in grammar, an impersonal sentence or verb is one where the subject is represented by 'it' or 'there', as in the sentence 'It rained all day'

—*impersonally* *adverb*

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■ place/organization

- **unfriendly** making you feel as though you are not wanted: The report found that the Church can seem unfriendly to outsiders.
- **unwelcoming** unfriendly - used especially about the physical characteristics or appearance of something: The entrance to the factory is cold, bare, and unwelcoming. | The new fence is just one example of the city's attempt to make public spaces unwelcoming to the homeless.
- **impersonal** lacking the normal friendly relations between people who work or do business together: I had no desire to work for a large impersonal organization. | They just handed over the keys and walked out – it was all so impersonal.
- **forbidding** unfriendly, uncomfortable, and a little frightening, so that you do not want to go there: The school was a rather forbidding building surrounded by a high steel fence.

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