

opinion[ə'pɪnjən] *n***1. мнение; взгляд; убеждение**

political [religious] opinions - политические [религиозные] убеждения

public opinion - общественное мнение

golden opinion - благоприятное/лестное/ мнение

horseback opinion - *амер.* непродуманное /наспех высказанное/ мнение

a matter of opinion - спорный вопрос

opinions differ - \cong о вкусах не спорят

in my opinion - по-моему; мне кажется

to have no settled opinions - не иметь определённых взглядов

to be of opinion that ... - полагать, что ...

to have the courage of one's opinions - открыто защищать свои убеждения

to act up to one's opinions - поступать согласно своим убеждениям

I'm entirely of your opinion - я полностью придерживаюсь вашего мнения

2. оценка; мнение

to have a good [a high, a low, a bad, a favourable] opinion of smb., smth. - быть хорошего [высокого, низкого, плохого, благоприятного] мнения о ком-л., чём-л.

to have no opinion of smb., smth. - не иметь мнения о ком-л., чём-л.

to have a good opinion of oneself - быть о себе высокого мнения; быть самоуверенным /тщеславным/

to give an opinion - выразить /высказать/ своё мнение; дать свою оценку

I haven't much of an opinion of him - я невысокого мнения о нём

what's your opinion of this article? - что вы думаете об этой статье?

3. заключение специалиста (часто письменное)

advisory opinion - консультативное заключение

to have/to get, to take/ another opinion - запросить мнение /пригласить/ ещё одного специалиста

to get a lawyer's opinion on the question - проконсультироваться у юриста по этому вопросу

to have the best opinion - получить консультацию высококвалифицированного специалиста

4. *юр.* судебное решениеdissenting opinion - особое мнение (*судьи*); несогласное мнение**opinion**

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opin-ion [opinion opinions] *BrE* [ə'pɪnjən] ^m *NAmE* [ə'pɪnjən] ^m **noun****1. countable** your feelings or thoughts about sb/sth, rather than a fact**Syn:** ↑view

- ~ **(about/of/on sb/sth)** We were invited to **give our opinions** about how the work should be done.
- I've recently changed my opinion of her.
- Everyone **had an opinion** on the subject.
- ~ **(that...)** The chairman **expressed the opinion** that job losses were inevitable.
- He has very strong political opinions.
- **In my opinion**, it's a very sound investment.
- (*formal*) It is our opinion that he should resign.
- If you want my opinion, I think you'd be crazy not to accept.

2. uncountable the beliefs or views of a group of people

- legal/medical/political opinion (= the beliefs of people working in the legal, etc. profession)
- There is **a difference of opinion** (= people disagree) as to the merits of the plan.
- **Opinion is divided** (= people disagree) on the issue.
- There is a wide body of opinion that supports this proposal.
- Which is the better is a **matter of opinion** (= people have different opinions about it).

see also ↑public opinion**3. countable** advice from a professional person

- They called in a psychologist to give an independent opinion.
- I'd like a **second opinion** (= advice from another person) before I make a decision.

more at your considered opinion **at** ↑consider**Idioms:** have a good/bad/high/low opinion of somebody ▫ ↑of the opinion that ...Word Origin:Middle English: via Old French from Latin *opinio(n)*, from the stem of *opinari* 'think, believe'.Thesaurus:**opinion** **noun** C, U

- In my opinion he should resign.

view •• **point of view** •• **belief** •• **idea** •• **feeling** •• **judgement** •• **point** •• **attitude** •• **stance** •• **position** •• **line** ••**conviction** • [*formal*] **sentiment** •sb's opinion/view/beliefs/ideas/feelings/judgement/point/conviction/sentiments **about** sb/sthsb's opinion/view/ideas/feelings/stance/position/line **on** sb/sth**have** a/an opinion/view/point of view/belief/idea/feeling/attitude/line/conviction**express** your opinion/view/point of view/beliefs/ideas/feelings/conviction/sentiments

Language Bank:

according to

Reporting someone's opinion

- Photography is, **according to** ▪ Vidal, the art form of untalented people.
- For** ▪ Vidal, photography is the art form of untalented people.
- His **view is that** ▪ photography is not art but merely the mechanical reproduction of images.
- Smith **takes the view that** ▪ photography is both an art and a science.
- In** ▪ Brown's **view** ▪, photography should be treated as a legitimate art in its own right.
- James **is of the opinion that** ▪ a good painter can always be a good photographer if he or she so decides.
- Emerson **believed that** ▪ a photograph should only reflect what the human eye can see.

Language Banks at [↑argue](#), [↑opinion](#)

Language Bank:

opinion

Giving your personal opinion

- In my opinion** ▪, everyone should have some understanding of science.
- Everyone should, **in my opinion** ▪, have some understanding of science.
- It seems to me that** ▪ many people in this country have a poor understanding of science.
- This is, **in my view** ▪, the result of a failure of the scientific community to get its message across.
- Another reason why so many people have such a poor understanding of science is, **I believe** ▪, the lack of adequate funding for science in schools.
- Smith argues that science is separate from culture. **My own view is that** ▪ science belongs with literature, art, philosophy and religion as an integral part of our culture.
- In this writer's opinion** ▪, the more the public know about science, the less they will fear and distrust it.

Synonyms at [↑think](#)

Language Banks at [↑according to](#), [↑argue](#), [↑impersonal](#), [↑nevertheless](#), [↑perhaps](#)

Example Bank:

- 'Miami is wonderful.' 'That's a matter of opinion.'
- Contrary to popular opinion, many adult cats dislike milk.
- Contrary to popular opinion, not all of Hitchcock's movies were great.
- He asked me for my opinion of the course.
- He has a very high opinion of your work.
- He writes an opinion piece in the 'New York Times'.
- I don't share your opinion of his ability.
- I don't trust her, if you want my honest opinion.
- I formed the opinion that he was not to be trusted.
- If in doubt about your diagnosis, get a second opinion.
- If you want my honest opinion, I think the book is awful.
- In my opinion, golf is a dull sport.
- Opinion among doctors is that the medication is safe.
- Opinions are mixed regarding genetically-modified food.
- Opinions differ as to when this wine should be drunk.
- Prevailing local opinion is against the new road proposals.
- Public opinion is divided on the subject of capital punishment.
- She holds strong opinions on education.
- The bishop spoke without passing any opinion on the scandal.
- The country's government appears disdainful of world opinion.
- The meeting will give people the chance to voice their opinions on the matter.
- This view is supported by a growing body of professional opinion.
- a genuine difference of opinion between the experts
- all shades of political opinion
- attempts to shape public opinion
- in the present climate of opinion
- opinions as to the merits of the plan
- 'I think she's great.' 'Well, that's a matter of opinion'.
- Everyone had a different opinion on the matter.
- I didn't ask for your opinion!
- I think you should keep your opinions to yourself.
- I've recently changed my opinion of her.
- If you want my opinion, I think you'd be crazy to accept the offer.
- In my opinion it's a very sound investment.
- It's our opinion that he should resign.
- Medical opinion differs as to whether the condition has any psychological causes.
- Opinion is divided about whether to join the new currency.
- Public opinion is shifting in favour of change.
- There is a difference of opinion as to the merits of the plan.

- We try to represent all shades of opinion.
- You can always ask for a second opinion if you're not sure.
- You need to be able to distinguish between fact and opinion.

opinion

opinion **S1 W2** /ə'pɪnjən/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: Latin opinio]

1. [uncountable and countable] your ideas or beliefs about a particular subject

opinion of

" What's your opinion of Cathy?

opinion on

" He asked his wife's opinion on every important decision.

opinion about

" The two women had very different opinions about drugs.

in my opinion (=used when giving your opinion)

" In my opinion, the law should be changed. ⇨ ↑view¹(1)

REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say **I think ...** rather than **my opinion is ...** or **in my opinion ...**. In questions, people usually ask **what do you think?** rather than **what is your opinion?**:

▪ *What do you think* of Cathy?

2. [countable] judgement or advice from a professional person about something:

" When choosing an insurance policy it's best to get an independent opinion.

" My doctor says I need an operation, but I've asked for a second opinion (=advice from a second doctor to make sure that the first advice is right).

" They took the painting to get an expert opinion (=an opinion from someone who knows a lot).

3. **have a high/low/good/bad etc opinion of somebody/something** to think that someone or something is very good or very bad:

" They have a very high opinion of Paula's work.

4. **be of the opinion (that)** to think that something is true:

" I was firmly of the opinion that we should not give Jackson any more money.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

▪ **have/hold an opinion** Everyone seemed to have a different opinion. | He holds strong opinions on these issues.

▪ **ask somebody (for) their opinion** (also **ask for sb's opinion**) We asked people for their opinions about the Olympics. | Nobody asked my opinion. | It's a good idea to ask people for their opinions and suggestions.

▪ **give/express an opinion** (=say what your opinion is) He gave his opinion only when asked.

▪ **voice/state an opinion** *written* (=give your opinion, especially in a formal situation) She has every right to voice her opinion.

▪ **form an opinion** (=gradually decide what your opinion is) Olson had not yet formed an opinion as to Mark's reliability.

■ adjectives

▪ **the general opinion** (=the opinion that most people have about something) The general opinion seems to be that the government has made a mess of the war.

▪ **popular/public opinion** (=what ordinary people think about something) How much do newspapers influence popular opinion?

▪ **sb's personal opinion** My personal opinion is that his first film was better.

▪ **strong opinions** People have strong opinions about this subject.

■ phrases

▪ **have a difference of opinion** (=two people disagree) He and Luke had a difference of opinion.

▪ **something is a matter of opinion** (=used to say that you disagree, or that people disagree about something) "He's a very nice man." "That's a matter of opinion," thought Sam.

▪ **contrary to popular opinion** (=in spite of what most people think) Contrary to popular opinion, many cats dislike milk.

▪ **in my humble opinion** (=used when giving your opinion, especially when you want to emphasize what you are about to say) In my humble opinion, he is the greatest sportsman Britain has produced.

▪ **keep your opinions to yourself** (=not say what you really think) As the youngest person there, I knew enough to keep my opinions to myself.

▪ **opinion is divided as to/on/over something** (=people have different opinions about it) Opinion was divided as to whether the program will work.

▪ **everyone is entitled to their opinion** (=used especially when politely disagreeing with what someone says) Of course everyone is entitled to their opinion, but I can't accept what he is saying.

■ COMMON ERRORS

▶ Do not say '*according to my opinion*'. Say **in my opinion**.

Do not say '*say your opinion*'. Say **give your opinion** or **express your opinion**.

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THESAURUS

▪ **opinion** what you think about something or someone: People didn't usually ask his opinion about anything. | She has rather a low opinion of young people.

▪ **view** your opinion about a serious or important issue: She has strong views about education. | In my view, footballers are paid too much.

▪ **point of view** your opinion, especially when this is influenced by the situation you are in: From a farmer's point of view, foxes are a nuisance. | It all depends on your point of view.

▪ **position** the official opinion of a government, political party, or someone in authority: The Prime Minister has made his position

perfectly clear. | The party has changed its position on nuclear weapons.

▪ **attitude** your opinions and feelings about something or someone, especially when this shows in your behaviour: My parents and I have very different attitudes to life. | It was his attitude to women that shocked me.

▪ **school of thought** an opinion that one group of people have about a subject, especially when this is different from that of another group: There is one school of thought that says that coffee is addictive and is therefore a bad thing. | There are two schools of thought on this.

opinion

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