

**tact** [tækt] *n*

1. ТАКТ, ТАКТИЧНОСТЬ

to have great tact - быть очень тактичным  
 to demonstrate /to show/ a remarkable [an unerring] tact in (doing) smth. - продемонстрировать замечательный [безошибочный] такт в чём-л.  
 he's lacking in tact - он бестактен, ему не хватает тактичности  
 he had much tact with children - он умел ладить с детьми

2. здравый смысл

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**tact** *BrE* [tækt] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *NAmE* [tækt] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> **noun uncountable**

the ability to deal with difficult or embarrassing situations carefully and without doing or saying anything that will annoy or upset other people

**Syn:** ↑sensitivity

- Settling the dispute required great tact and diplomacy.
- She is not exactly known for her tact.

Word Origin:

[**tact**] mid 17th cent. (denoting the sense of touch): via French from Latin **tactus** 'touch, sense of touch', from **tangere** 'to touch'.

Example Bank:

- The incident should have been handled with more tact by the police.
- The situation called for considerable tact.
- Their host, who was the soul of tact, never mentioned the incident again.

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the ability to be careful about what you say or do, so that you do not upset or embarrass other people ⇒ **tactful, tactless:**

With great tact, Clive persuaded her to apologize.

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**THESAURUS**

■ **carefulness**

- **care** if you do something with care, you are careful to avoid damage, mistakes etc: She put the needle in with great care. | Everyone should take care in the sun.
- **caution** care to avoid danger or risks, or care about trusting information that might not be true: Her evidence should be treated with caution. | There was a certain lack of caution among investors.
- **prudence** a sensible and careful attitude that makes you avoid unnecessary risks - a rather formal use: Banks should show more prudence in lending money.
- **vigilance** careful attention to what is happening, so that you will notice any danger or illegal activity: Governments from across the world have called for greater vigilance against Internet-based crime. | There is a need for constant vigilance to protect vulnerable people.
- **regard for something** careful attention and consideration shown to something, to avoid danger or risks - used especially when someone fails to do this: The court heard that the company had shown no regard for the safety of its employees. | These men are cold-blooded killers and have little regard for human life.
- **tact** care not to say anything that might offend or upset someone: He handled the matter with a great deal of tact.
- **discretion** care to deal with situations in a way that does not embarrass, upset or offend people, especially by not telling any of their secrets: Any confidential information was treated with discretion.

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