

bother

1. [ˈbɒðə] *n*

1. **беспокойство, хлопоты; источник беспокойства**

we had a little bother with him at first - вначале он причинил нам некоторое беспокойство
I am giving you a lot of bother - я причиняю вам много хлопот

2. **надоедливый человек**

what a bother you are! - отстань, ты мне надоел!

2. [ˈbɒðə] *v*

1) **надоедать, докучать, беспокоить**

don't bother me with foolish questions! - не приставай ко мне с глупыми вопросами!
he bothers me to death - он надоел мне до смерти

2) **беспокоить, волновать**

a point, which has bothered us - вопрос, который нас беспокоил
he can't be bothered - его нельзя тревожить
his stomach has been bothering him - его беспокоит желудок

3) **трудиться, давать себе труд**

don't bother to make tea - не возитесь с чаем
don't bother to lock the door! - дверь можешь не закрывать, не беспокойся!
he didn't bother to be polite - он не потрудился быть вежливым
she didn't bother to lower her voice - она даже не старалась /не потрудилась/ говорить (по)тише
◇ to bother one's head /brains/ - ломать голову
don't bother your head about me! - не беспокойтесь за меня!
I'm bothered! - чёрт возьми!

3. [ˈbɒðə] *int*

выражает раздражение или досаду тьфуты!; да ну тебя!; чёрт возьми!

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bother [bother bothers bothered bothering] *verb, noun, exclamation BrE*

[ˈbɒðə(r)] ¹ *NAmE* [ˈbɑːðə(r)] ²

verb

1. **intransitive, transitive** (often used in negative sentences and questions) **to spend time and/or energy doing sth**

- 'Shall I wait?' 'No, don't bother.'
- I don't know why I bother! Nobody ever listens!
- If that's all the thanks I get, I won't bother in future!
- ~ **with/about sth** It's not worth bothering with (= using) an umbrella—the car's just outside.
- I don't know why you bother with that crowd (= why you spend time with them) .
- He doesn't bother much about his appearance.
- ~ **to do sth** He didn't even bother to let me know he was coming.
- ~ **doing sth** Why bother asking if you're not really interested?

2. **transitive** **to annoy, worry or upset sb; to cause sb trouble or pain**

- ~ **sb** The thing that bothers me is...
- That sprained ankle is still bothering her (= hurting) .
- 'I'm sorry he was so rude to you.' 'It doesn't bother me.'
- ~ **sb with sth** I don't want to bother her with my problems at the moment.
- **be bothered about sth** You don't sound too bothered about it.
- ~ **sb that...** Does it bother you that she earns more than you?
- **it bothers sb to do sth** It bothers me to think of her alone in that big house.

3. **transitive** **to interrupt sb; to talk to sb when they do not want to talk to you**

- ~ **sb** Stop bothering me when I'm working.
- Let me know if he bothers you again.
- **Sorry to bother you** , but there's a call for you on line two.

more at hot and bothered **at** ↑hot *adj.*

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	bother
	BrE / ˈbɒðə(r)/
	NAmE / ˈbɑːðər/
he / she /it	bothers
	BrE / ˈbɒðəz/
	NAmE / ˈbɑːðəz/
past simple, past participle	bothered
	BrE / ˈbɒðəd/
	NAmE / ˈbɑːðəd/
-ing form	bothering
	BrE / ˈbɒðərɪŋ/
	NAmE / ˈbɑːðərɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

bother verb

1. T

- The noise doesn't bother me.

worry • • **disturb** • • **trouble** • • **concern** • • **unsettle** • • **alarm** •

It bothers/worries/disturbs/troubles/concerns/alarms **sb that...**

Is **there something** bothering/worrying/disturbing/troubling **you**?

bother/worry/trouble/concern sb **with sth**

bother/worry/trouble/concern **yourself about sth**

Which word? Bother is the most informal of these words, especially in spoken phrases such as **It doesn't bother me** and **I'm not bothered**. **Concern** is the most formal and not usually used in the progressive tenses.

2. T (especially spoken)

- Sorry to bother you.

disturb • • **interrupt** • | **formal trouble** •

bother/disturb/interrupt/trouble sb **with sth**

be **sorry to** bother/disturb/interrupt/trouble sb

Bother, disturb or interrupt? You can **bother** or **disturb** sb who is trying to do sth by talking to them. You **interrupt** sb who is speaking by speaking yourself. You can also **disturb** sb by making a lot of noise.

Example Bank:

- 'I'm sorry he was so rude to you.' 'It doesn't bother me.'
- Please stop bothering me with all these questions!
- Sorry to bother you, but there's a call for you on line two.
- Stop bothering me when I'm working.

Idioms: ↑ **bothered** ▪ ↑ **can't be bothered** ▪ ↑ **not bother your head with something**

noun

1. uncountable trouble or difficulty

- You seem to have got yourself into a **spot of bother** .
- I don't want to **put you to any bother** (= cause you any trouble) .
- Don't **go to the bother** of tidying up on my account (= don't make the effort to do it) .
- 'Thanks for your help!' 'It was no bother.'
- Call them and save yourself the bother of going round.
- I don't mind looking after the children; they aren't any bother.
- She's been having a bit of bother with her car.

2. a bother singular (BrE) an annoying situation, thing or person

Syn: ↑ **nuisance**

- I hope I haven't been a bother.

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Example Bank:

- He's got a spot of bother with his eyes.
- He's having a little bother with his computer.
- He's in a bit of bother with the police.
- I don't mind looking after your dog— it's no bother to me.
- I had a little bother finding your house.
- I wouldn't go to the bother of making the cakes myself.
- I'd love to come and stay with you, but I don't want to put you to any bother.
- It was no bother having the children to stay .
- The children were no bother.
- We found the hotel without any bother.
- Your little boy didn't give me any bother.
- Don't go to the bother of tidying up on my account.
- I don't mind looking after the children; they aren't any bother.
- I don't want to put you to any bother.
- She's having a bit of bother with her car.
- You seem to have got yourself into a spot of bother.

exclamation (BrE) used to express the fact that you are annoyed about sth/sb

- **Bother!** I've left my wallet at home.
- Oh, **bother him!** He's never around when you need him.

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I. **bother**¹ **S1 W3** /'bɒðə \$ 'bɑːðər *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *verb*

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: Perhaps from Irish Gaelic *bodhar* 'deaf, bothered']

1. **MAKE AN EFFORT** [intransitive, transitive usually in questions and negatives] to make the effort to do something

(not) bother to do something

" He didn't bother to answer the question.

not bother about/with

" He didn't bother with a reply.

(not) bother doing something

" Many young people didn't bother voting.

don't/didn't/won't etc bother

" 'Do you want me to wait for you?' 'No, don't bother.'

" Why bother to go abroad, when there are so many nice places here?

2. **WORRY** [intransitive and transitive] to make someone feel slightly worried, upset, or concerned:

" Being in a crowd really bothers me.

" It was very noisy, but that didn't bother me.

bother about especially *British English*:

" I try not to bother about what other people think.

bother somebody that

" It really bothered me that he'd forgotten my birthday.

3. **ANNOY** [intransitive and transitive] to annoy someone, especially by interrupting them when they are trying to do something:

" Danny, don't bother Ellen while she's reading.

" Would it bother you if I put on some music?

bother somebody about/with something

" It didn't seem worth bothering the doctor about.

4. **somebody can't/couldn't be bothered (to do something)** especially *British English* used to say that you do not want to make the effort to do something, or that you are not interested in doing something:

" It was so hot I couldn't be bothered to cook.

" I should be revising, but I just can't be bothered.

5. **CAUSE PAIN** [transitive] if a part of your body bothers you, it is slightly painful or uncomfortable:

" My back's been bothering me.

6. **sorry to bother you** *spoken* used as a very polite way of interrupting someone when you want their attention:

" Sorry to bother you, but Mr. Grey is on the line.

7. **FRIGHTEN** [transitive] to upset or frighten someone by talking to them when they do not want to talk to you, trying to hurt them, touch them sexually etc:

" Don't worry – my dog won't bother you.

" If he starts bothering you, let me know.

8. **not bother yourself/not bother your head** to not spend time or effort on something, either because it is not important or because it is too difficult

not bother yourself/not bother your head with/about

" Cliff didn't want to bother himself with details.

9. **bother it/them etc** *British English spoken old-fashioned* used to express a sudden feeling of annoyance about something:

" Oh bother it! The thread's broken again!

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THESAURUS

■ when someone is doing something

▪ **interrupt** [intransitive and transitive] to stop someone from continuing to do something: Miss Danziger apologised for interrupting their enjoyment of their meal. | My thoughts were interrupted by the sound of the doorbell. | His interview was interrupted by a call from the President.

▪ **disturb** to interrupt someone when they are trying to work, sleep etc: The sign on the door said 'Do not disturb. Meeting in progress'. | I hope I'm not disturbing you. Do you want me to come back later? | Her sleep was disturbed by a violent hammering on the door.

▪ **bother** to interrupt someone, especially by asking questions when they are trying to do something else: 'I'm very sorry to bother you,' Jackson said smoothly, 'but I'd like a few minutes of your time.' | You mustn't bother him - he's working on his essay.

II. **bother**² *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *noun*

1. [uncountable] especially *British English* trouble or difficulty that has been caused by small problems and that usually only continues for a short time **SYN** trouble:

" It's an old car, but it's never caused me any bother.

bother with

" Joe's been having a bit of bother with his back again.

" 'Thanks for your help.' 'It was no bother (=used to emphasize that you were happy to help someone) at all.'

" My mother hardly ever went to the bother of (=the effort of) making cakes.

" Are you sure the station is on your way? I don't want to give you any extra bother.

" I should have phoned the shop first and saved myself the bother of going there.

something is more bother than it's worth (=it is too difficult to be worth doing)

2. a **bother** especially *British English* a person or job that slightly annoys you by causing trouble or problems:

" I hate to be a bother, but could you show me how the copier works?"

III. **bother**³ *BrE* " *AmE* " *interjection British English informal*

used when you are slightly annoyed:

" Oh bother! I forgot to phone Jean."

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