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insulting

in-sult-ing BrE [In'sAltIŋ] NAmE [In'sAltIŋ] adjective

causing or intending to cause sb to feel offended

- insulting remarks
- ~ to sb/sth She was really insulting to me.

Thesaurus:

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rude • • offensive • • abusive • |formal derogatory • • disparaging • • pejorative • Opp: complimentary

insulting/rude/offensive/abusive/derogatory to sb a/an insulting/rude/offensive/abusive/derogatory/disparaging remark/comment a/an insulting/rude/offensive/abusive/derogatory/disparaging/pejorative word

Example Bank:

- He made the question sound almost insulting.
- Her tone was deliberately insulting.
- His opinions are highly insulting to women.
- I find it insulting to be spoken to in that way.
- He denies charges of insulting behaviourto a police officer.

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very rude and offensive to someone:

insulting remarks

insulting to

Sexist language is insulting to women.

-insultingly adverb

THESAURUS

• rude not following the rules of good social behaviouror treating other people with a lack of respect: It's rude to interrupt. | He's the rudest man I've ever met. | rude remarks about her stomach

• impolite /not polite not following the rules of good social behaviour. Impolite sounds rather formal: It is impolite to stare. | It's not polite to talk with your mouth full of food.

• cheeky British English, smart/sassyAmerican English behaving in a way that is a little rude, especially when this is amusing or annoying – used especially about children: a cheeky grin | Let go, you cheeky monkey (=cheeky child)! | Don't get smart with me!

• tactless saying things that are likely to upset or embarrass someone, without intending to: a tactless remark | How could you be so tactless?

• offensive speaking or behaving in a way that is likely to upset or offend someone: His remarks are offensive to African-Americans. | offensive language

• insulting speaking or behaving in a way that is very rude and offensive to someone: comments that are insulting to women | The article was full of insulting language.

• discourteous /dɪs'k3 tiəs\$ -3 d-formal rather rude. Discourteous sounds very formal and is often used when talking about being careful not to upset someone's feelings: He did not wish to appear discourteous towards his host. | It would seem discourteous to refuse her offer.

• **ill-mannered** (also **bad-mannered**) especially written behaving in a rude way, especially because you have never been taught how to behave politely: Ill-mannered movie-goers talked throughout the entire picture. | It was very bad-mannered.

disrespectful not showing the proper respect for someone or something: I felt her comments were disrespectful to all the people who have worked so hard on this project.

• impertinent formal not showing a proper respect for someone, especially by asking or talking about subjects that you do not have a right to know about: an impertinent question about his private life | an impertinent young man | Would it be impertinent to ask how old you are?

• **insolent** *formal* behaving in a way that is deliberately very rude to someone in authority: The girl's only response was an insolent stare. | Don't be so insolent!

impudent formal rude, and having no respect for people who are older or more important: The boy gave an impudent smile.
irreverent showing a lack of respect for someone or something who people are supposed to respect – used especially about

comedy programmes and newspaper articles: an irreverentlook at the week's events | his irreverentsense of humour

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