symptom

['simptəm] n

1) симптом, внешний признак

to show symptoms of smth. - обнаруживать симптомы /признаки/ чего-л.

symptoms of appendicitis [atherosclerosis] - симптомы аппендицита [атеросклероза]

premonitory symptoms of an earthquake - признаки, предупреждающие о землетрясении

2) проблеск, след (чего-л.)

to discover in smb. symptoms of genius - распознать в ком-л. проблеск /след/ гениальности

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symp tom [symptom symptoms] BrE ['simptəm] * NAmE ['simptəm] * noun

- 1. a change in your body or mind that shows that you are not healthy
- flu symptoms
- Look out for symptoms of depression.
- Symptoms include a headache and sore throat.
- 2. a sign that sth exists, especially sth bad

Syn: [†]indication

• The rise in inflation was just one symptom of the poor state of the economy.

Word Origin:

late Middle English synthoma, from medieval Latin, based on Greek sumptoma 'chance, symptom', from sumpiptein 'happen'; later influenced by French symptome.

Synonyms:

sign

indication • symptom • symbol • indicator • signal

These are all words for an event, action or fact that shows that sth exists, is happening or may happen in the future. **sign** • an event, action or fact that shows that sth exists, is happening or may happen in the future: = Headaches may be a sign of stress.

indication • (rather formal) a remark or sign that shows that sth is happening or what sb is thinking or feeling: • They gave no • indication as to • how the work should be done.

sign or indication?

An **indication** often comes in the form of sth that sb says; a **sign** is usually sth that happens or sth that sb does. **symptom** • a change in your body or mind that shows that you are not healthy; a sign that sth exists, especially sth bad: = Symptoms include a sore throat. \diamondsuit = The rise in inflation was just one symptom of the poor state of the economy.

symbol • a person, object or event that represents a more general quality or situation: = The dove is a universal symbol of peace. indicator • (rather formal) a sign that shows you what sth is like or how a situation is changing: = the economic indicators signal • an event, action or fact that shows that sth exists, is happening or may happen in the future: = Chest pains can be a warning signal of heart problems.

sign or signal?

Signal is often used to talk about an event, action or fact that suggests to sb that they should do sth. **Sign** is not usually used in this way: Reducing prison sentences would send the wrong signs to criminals.

a(n) sign/indication/symptom/symbol/indicator/signal of sth

a(n) sign/indication/symptom/indicator/signal that...

a clear sign/indication/symptom/symbol/indicator/signal

an obvious sign/indication/symptom/symbol/indicator

an early sign/indication/symptom/indicator/signal

an **outward** sign/indication/symbol

to give a(n) sign/indication/signal

Example Bank:

- \cdot 40% of patients were treated within three hours of the onset of symptoms .
- Can you describe your symptoms?
- Cigarettes can aggravate the symptoms of a cold.
- He had been ignoring the symptoms for years.
- $\ensuremath{\,^\circ}$ If symptoms do not improve after a week, see your doctor.
- If symptoms persist, consult your doctor.
- Not all carriers of the disease develop symptoms .
- Nurses are taught how to identify and treat the symptoms of poisoning.
- She had all the classic symptoms of the disorder.
- The patient was admitted presenting with flu-like symptoms .
- These virus infections display obvious visual symptoms .
- after two symptom free years
- the physical symptoms that are the result of stress
- cold/flu symptoms

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happen', from syn- (⇒ [†]syn-) + piptein 'to fall']

1. something wrong with your body or mind which shows that you have a particular illness symptom of

Common symptoms of diabetes are weight loss and fatigue.

2. a sign that a serious problem exists

symptom of

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The disappearance of jobs is a symptom of a deeper socioeconomic change.

COLLOCATIONS

verbs

- have symptoms Many people with the disease have no symptoms.
- experience /suffer symptoms I had suffered mild symptoms of asthma as a child.
- show symptoms The doctor said he showed symptoms of meningitis.
- display/exhibit symptoms formal (=show symptoms) She was displaying symptoms of stress.
- cause symptoms Make a note of which foods cause the symptoms, and which do not.
- relieve /alleviate symptoms formal (=make them less severe) Take aspirin to relieve the symptoms, and keep warm.
- symptoms persist formal (=they do not stop) If the symptoms persist, see your doctor.
- symptoms disappear The symptoms should disappear after a few days.

adjectives

- physical symptoms Depressed people often complain of physical symptoms such as headaches.
- severe symptoms If the baby develops severe symptoms, call 911.
- mild symptoms The damage can be detected by a scan even where there are only mild symptoms.
- a common symptom By far the most common symptom of caffeine withdrawal is headache.
- a classic symptom (=a typical symptom) These are all classic symptoms of hay fever.

withdrawal symptoms (=symptoms you get when you stop taking a substance) People who try to give up smoking usually get withdrawal symptoms.

THESAURUS

• sign [countable] an event, fact etc that shows that something is happening or that something is true or exists: The curtains were still drawn and there was no sign of activity. | A score of 80 or more is a sign that you are doing very well.

• indication [countable] a sign. Indication is more formal than sign: Recently there have been several indications of improving relations. | There was no indication the killings were related to the drug trade.

• evidence [uncountable] facts or signs that show clearly that something exists or is true, especially something that you are trying to prove: Scientists are hoping to find evidence that there was once life on Mars. | There was not enough evidence to convict him of the murder.

• symptom [countable] a sign that someone has an illness or that a serious problem exists: The first symptoms are tiredness and loss of weight. | Is this a symptom of the decay of Western civilization?

• indicator [countable] a sign that shows you what is happening or what is true – used about a process, or about the state or level of something: There are a number of indicators of economic slowdown. | The tests are considered a good indicator of intelligence.

• signal [countable] a sign that shows that you should do something, or that you have a particular attitude: Severe chest pain is a warning signal that cannot be ignored. | Legalizing drugs could send the wrong signal to young people.

• mark [countable] a sign, especially that you respect or honour someone: People stood in silence as a mark of respect. | It was a mark of her popularity that so many colleagues and friends attended the presentation.

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