# confident

- **1.** ['kpnfid(ə)nt] n
  - 1. друг, пользующийся доверием
  - 2. = confidant

# **2.** ['kɒnfɪd(ə)nt] n

### 1. уверенный

confident manner - уверенная манера confident of victory [of success] - уверенный в победе [в успехе] he is confident that everything will go well - он уверен, что всё будет хорошо

### 2. самоуверенный, самонадеянный

confident smile - самоуверенная улыбка confident bearing - осанка уверенного в себе человека a very confident young man - весьма самонадеянный молодой человек

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

# con-fi-dent BrE ['kpnfident] NAmE ['ka nfide]t adjective

- 1. feeling sure about your own ability to do things and be successful
  - She was in a relaxed, confident mood.
  - Beneath his confident and charming exterior, lurked a mass of insecurities.
  - The teacher wants the children to feel confident about asking questions when they don't understand.

# see also †self-confident

# 2. feeling certain that sth will happen in the way that you want or expect

- ~ of sth/doing sth The team feels confident of winning.
- ~ that... I'm confident that you will get the job.
- She was quietly confident that everything would go as planned.
- Derived Word <sup>†</sup>confidently

### Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from French confident(e), from Italian confidente, from Latin confident- 'having full trust', from the verb confidere, from con- (expressing intensive force) + fidere 'trust'.

### Thesaurus:

### confident [confident confidently] adj.

- 1.
- Beneath his confident exterior, he's very insecure.

self-confident · · independent · |disapproving brash ·

### **Opp:** insecure

very confident/self-confident/independent

Confident or self-confident? Confident can describe a person or what they do; self-confident only describes a person.

2.

• The team feels confident of winning

sure · · certain · · convinced · · positive ·
confident/sure/certain/convinced/positive about sth

confident/sure/certain/convinced of sth

confident/sure/certain/convinced/positive that...

### <u>Synonyms:</u>

### sure

confident • convinced • certain • positive • clear

These words all describe sb who knows without doubt that sth is true or will happen.

sure • [not before noun] without any doubt that you are right, that sth is true, that you will get sth or that sth will happen: = 'Is that John over there?' 'I'm not sure.'  $\diamond$ = Are you sure about that?  $\diamond$ = England must win this game to be sure of qualifying.

Sure is often used in negative statements and questions, because there is some doubt or anxiety over the matter. If there is no doubt, people often say quite sure: = I'm quite sure (that) I left my bag here = (= I have no doubt about it) =.

confident • completely sure that sth will happen in the way that you want or expect: ■ I'm quite confident that you'll get the job.

**Confident** is a stronger and more definite word than **sure** and is more often used in positive statements, when you feel no anxiety. **convinced** • [not before noun] completely sure that sth is true or right, especially because the evidence seems to proveit or sb else has persuaded you to believe it: • I'm convinced that she's innocent.

**certain** • [not usually before noun] sure that you are right or that sth is true: = Are you absolutely certain about this? **sure or certain?** 

Like **sure**, **certain** is often used in negative statements and questions. It is slightly more formal than **sure**; **sure** is more frequent, especially in spoken English.

positive • [not before noun] (rather informal) completely sure that sth is true: = She was positive that he'd been there.  $\diamond$ = 'Are you sure?' 'Positive.'

clear • (often used in negative statements and questions) having no doubt or confusion about sth: • My memory isn't really clear on that point.

sure/confident/convinced/certain/positive/clear **about** sth sure/confident/convinced/certain **of** sth

sure/confident/convinced/certain/positive/clear that... sure/certain/clear who/what/how, etc. to feel sure/confident/convinced/certain/positive quite/absolutely/completely/fairly/pretty sure/confident/convinced/certain/positive/clear not altogether sure/confident/convinced/certain/clear

#### Example Bank:

- · Going to university has made her more confident.
- He came out of the interview feeling quietly confident.
- He was overly confident, perhaps to the point of arrogance.
- · He's becoming more confident as he gets older.
- I'm 95% confident of success.
- · I'm fully confident of winning the title.
- I'm very confident in our ability to maintain leadership.
- · She gradually grew more confident.
- · She sauntered onto the set, looking serenely confident.
- We are confident about the future.
- · We feel confident that these results are accurate.
- · You get young people who appear to be socially confident, but inside they are a bundle of neuroses.
- young people who appear to be socially confident, but inside are a bundle of neuroses
- I'm quite confident that you'll get the job.
- · They gave a confident prediction that things would improve.
- They gave a very confident performance of the piece.

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#### con fi dent S3 W3 /'kpnfədənt, 'kpnfɪdənt \$ 'ka n/ BrE AmE adjective

[Word Family: noun: <sup>†</sup>confidence, <sup>†</sup>confident, <sup>†</sup>confidentiality; adverb <sup>†</sup>confidently, <sup>†</sup>confidentially; adjective: <sup>†</sup>confident, <sup>†</sup>confidential; verb <sup>†</sup>confide]

[Date: 1500-1600, Language: Latin; Origin: present participle of confidere; ⇒ <sup>↑</sup>confide]

1. [not before noun] sure that something will happen in the way that you want or expect

#### confident (that)

- We are confident next year's profits will be higher.
- He is <u>quietly confident</u> that there will be no problems this time.

#### confident of

- The Prime Minister appeared relaxed and <u>confident of winning</u> an overall majority.
- The company is <u>confident</u> of <u>success</u>.

#### confident about

I feel quite confident about the future.

#### 2. sure that you have the ability to do things well or deal with situations successfully:

<sup>\*</sup> Despite her disability, Philippa is very confident.

#### confident about

I feel much more confident about myself and my abilities these days.

#### confident smile/voice/manner etc

He began to read in a calm confident voice.

#### 3. sure that something is true

#### confident (that)

- We are confident we have done nothing wrong.
- He began to feel confident that Zaborski was only guessing.
- It is not possible to give a confident answer to the question of whether the delay was unreasonable.

#### -confidently adverb

#### ⇒ <sup>†</sup>self-confident

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• confident sure that you have the ability to do something well or deal with situations successfully: She seemed confident that she would pass. | his calm and confident manner | George was very confident about his abilities as a writer. | Baldwin is confident of victory in this year's senate race.

self-confident/self-assured confident, and not shy or nervous in social situations: Jess was only 12, but she was very self-confident. | He was very self-assured and spoke without notes. | I eventually became more self-confident as a public speaker. | supremely self-confident. She was supremely self-confident, with the gift of being able to talk on any subject whenever the camera was rolling.

self-possessed adjective confident, calm, and in control of your feelings even in a difficult situation

- assertive confident enough to say what you think and want, so that people take notice of you: The course helps women learn how to be more assertive in the workplace.

• sure of yourself confident that you are right, even when other people do not agree with you: He sounded so sure of himself that I didn't bother to argue. | Jenny was younger than her sister but seemed much more sure of herself.

• extrovert noun [countable] someone who behaves in a confident way in social situations and likes talking and being with other people: Most actors are natural extroverts. | Jan says her twin babies are completely different: Kelly is a real extrovert while Jessie is quiet and thoughtful. | He's a total extrovert who will talk to any stranger.

#### not confident

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

• lack confidence / be lacking in confidence to not be confident about your abilities or appearance: Francine is lacking in confidence and needs a lot of encouragement. | I was fat, had no friends, and lacked confidence. | While girls lack confidence, boys often overestimate their abilities.

• **shy** not confident about meeting or speaking to people who you do not know: Jane is a quiet shy person. | He had been painfully shy (=very shy) as a child.

• **insecure** not confident about yourself or your relationships, especially because you are worried that you are not good enough: His childhood had left him very insecure. | Ben's parents' divorce left him lonely and insecure. | Models can make young women feel insecure about their own bodies.

• unsure of yourself not confident, especially because you are young or you do not have much experience: At first, Chris seemed nervous and unsure of herself. | He was only 21 and still very unsure of himself with girls.

 discouraged /dɪs'kʌrɪdʒd \$ -'kʒ /-not confident that you can succeed, because you have had problems trying to do something: Students can become discouraged very easily if they are not given the help they need. | I was very discouraged at the time, but I still hoped we could find a solution. | discouraged by: Discouraged by her failed marriages, she gradually withdrew from the world. | discouraged about: Hartman was so discouraged about the way his performing career was going, that he gave up acting for writing.
 demoralized someone who is demoralized has lost all their confidence and wants to give up: The team were completely demoralized after losing a series of games. | a demoralized work force | Many employees became demoralized and cynical when the company announced another round of job cuts. | utterly/thoroughly demoralized

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