

honest**1. ['ɒnɪst] a****1. честный**

an honest man - честный /порядочный/ человек

poor but honest - беден, но честен

honest employment - честный труд; честное занятие

an honest living - честно заработанные средства к существованию; честный заработок

honest means - честные /законные/ средства

honest sweat - трудовой пот

to be honest - быть честным

as honest a man as ever lived /as ever broke bread, as ever trod on earth/ - честнейший /порядочнейший/ человек, честнейшая душа

2. 1) правдивый; прямой, искренний; откровенный

an honest face /countenance/ - открытое /честное/ лицо

honest confession - чистосердечное признание

to give an honest opinion - откровенно выразить своё мнение

to be honest with oneself - не обманывать себя

to be honest in one's repentance - быть искренним в раскаянии, искренне раскаиваться

to be quite honest about it - *разг.* говоря чистосердечно /откровенно, начистоту/

to be honest, I was wrong - честно говоря, я ошибся

I shall be honest with you - *разг.* скажу вам откровенно, не буду скрывать; я буду с вами искренен /откровенен/

2) добросовестный; верный

an honest effort /attempt/ - добросовестные усилия, честная попытка

an honest piece of work - добросовестно выполненная работа

an honest judge - неподкупный судья

honest chronicler - а) беспристрастный летописец; б) объективный историк

to be honest to one's principles [convictions] - быть верным принципам [убеждениям]

3. настоящий, подлинный, нефальсифицированный

honest weight - правильный вес (*без обвеса*)

honest price - справедливая цена

honest goods - доброкачественные товары, натуральная продукция (*не суррогат*)

honest wool - чистая шерсть

honest material - *тех.* доброкачественный материал

honest truth - чистая правда; неприкрашенная истина

4. скромный, простой; обычный

good honest food - хорошая простая пища

honest average playgoer - рядовой неискушённый зритель

younger sons were often apprenticed to some honest trade - младших сыновей часто обучали какому-нибудь нехитрому ремеслу

5. *арх.* (о женщине) целомудренная, честная; добродетельная, нравственная

an honest girl - честная /целомудренная/ девушка

an honest wife - верная /добродетельная/ жена

she lost her honest name - она потеряла доброе имя /-ую репутацию/

to make an honest woman of smb. - а) жениться на соблазнённой девушке, прикрыть грех браком; б) *шутл.* жениться на возлюбленной

6. *уст.* добрый, почтенный, достойный (часто в снисходительных обращениях)

an honest fellow - добрый малый

my honest gentleman - почтенный джентльмен, сударь; почтеннейший, любезнейший

born of poor but honest parents - рождён от бедных, но почтенных родителей

they are honest folk - они славные люди

◇ twelve honest men - присяжные заседатели

Honest Abe /Abraham/ - *уст.* честный Эйб /Авраам/ (*прозвище Линкольна*)

honest broker - а) честный маклер (*прозвище Бисмарка*); б) *сл.* сват; сваха

honest graft - *амер. полит.* «честная коррупция» (*использование политического поста для личного обогащения без прямого нарушения закона*)

to turn an honest penny - заработать /нажить/ честным трудом /путём/

honest to God, honest to goodness - *амер.* действительно по чести говоря; клянусь!

she was honest to God indifferent to it all - она относилась ко всему этому с неподдельным равнодушием

honest Injun!, honest Indian! - *амер. разг.* честное слово!, ей-богу!

2. ['ɒnɪst] adv**1) *прост.* честное слово; ей-богу**

I couldn't help it, honest - ей-богу, я ничего не мог с этим поделать

2) *поэт.* поистине

honest true - верный, преданный

honest

hon·est BrE ['ɒnɪst] ^m NAmE ['ɑːnɒst] ^t adjective

1. always telling the truth, and never stealing or cheating

- an honest man/woman

Opp: †dishonest

2. not hiding the truth about sth

- an honest answer
- ~ **(about sth)** Are you being completely honest about your feelings?
- ~ **(with sb)** Thank you for being so honest with me.
- Give me your honest opinion.
- The meeting was described as 'a frank and honest exchange of views'.
- **To be honest** (= what I really think is) , it was one of the worst books I've ever read.
- **Let's be honest** , she's only interested in Mike because of his money.

3. showing an honest mind or attitude

- She's got an honest face.

4. (of work or wages) earned or resulting from hard work

- He hasn't done **an honest day's work** in his life.
- It's quite a struggle to make **an honest living** .
- She claimed she was just trying to **earn an honest penny** . Use **an**, not **a**, before **honest**.

Idioms: †honest to God ▪ †honest! ▪ †make an honest woman of somebody

Word Origin:

Middle English (originally in the sense 'held in or deserving of honour'): via Old French from Latin **honestus**, from **honos**, **honor**.

Thesaurus:

honest [**honest**] **adj.** (often approving)

- Give me your honest opinion.

direct • • **outspoken** • • **blunt** • • **forthright** • |often approving **frank** • • **straight** • • **candid** • |approving **sincere** • • **truthful** • • **open** • • **straightforward** •

Opp: dishonest

honest/direct/outspoken/forthright/frank/straight/candid/sincere/truthful/open/straightforward **about** sth

honest/direct/blunt/frank/straight/candid/truthful/open/straightforward **with** sb

honest/outspoken/forthright/frank/candid/sincere **in** your views/criticism, etc.

Which word? **Honest**, **frank** and **candid** all refer to **what** you say as much as **how** you say it

- a/an honest/frank/candid admission of guilt

Direct, **outspoken**, **blunt** and **forthright** all describe sb's manner of saying very clearly what they think, without worrying about other people's reactions. **Forthright** is the most positive of these words. **Open** and **straightforward** both describe sb's character

- She's such an open/straightforward person.

Synonyms:

honest

frank • direct • open • outspoken • straight • blunt

These words all describe people saying exactly what they mean without trying to hide feelings, opinions or facts.

honest • not hiding the truth about sth: ▪ Thank you for being so honest with me.

frank • honest in what you say, sometimes in a way that other people might not like: ▪ To be frank with you, I think your son has little chance of passing the exam.

direct • saying exactly what you mean in a way that nobody can pretend not to understand: ▪ You'll have to get used to his direct manner.

Being **direct** is sometimes considered positive but sometimes it is used as a 'polite' way of saying that sb is rude.

open • (approving) (of a person) not keeping thoughts and feelings hidden: ▪ He was quite open about his reasons for leaving.

outspoken • saying exactly what you think, even if this shocks or offends people: ▪ She was outspoken in her criticism of the plan.

straight • honest and direct: ▪ I don't think you're being straight with me.

blunt • saying exactly what you think without trying to be polite: ▪ She has a reputation for blunt speaking.

which word?

Honest and **frank** refer to **what** you say as much as **how** you say it: ▪ a(n) honest/frank admission of guilt . They are generally positive words, although it is possible to be **too** frank in a way that other people might not like. **Direct**, **outspoken** and **blunt** all describe sb's manner of saying what they think. **Outspoken** suggests that you are willing to shock people by saying what you believe to be right. **Blunt** and **direct** often suggest that you think honesty is more important than being polite. **Open** is positive and describes sb's character: ▪ I'm a very open person.

honest/frank/direct/open/outspoken/straight **about** sth

honest/frank/direct/open/straight/blunt **with** sb

a(n) honest/direct/straight/blunt **answer**

a frank/direct/blunt **manner**

Example Bank:

- I don't think you've been altogether honest with me.
- Let's be brutally honest about this: you don't have a hope of succeeding.
- My parents were always completely honest with me.
- She seems honest enough.
- She was totally open and honest about her feelings.
- To be quite honest with you, I don't think he's the right person for the job.
- Try to be honest about how you feel.
- Let's be honest, she's only interested in Mike because of his money.

- To be honest, it was one of the worst books I've ever read.
- Try to give an honest answer.
- an honest man/woman

honest

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honest **S1 W3** /'ɒnəst, 'ɒnɪst \$ 'ɑːn-BrE " AmE " adjective

[Word Family: noun: ↑honesty ≠ ↑dishonesty; adverb: ↑honestly ≠ ↑dishonestly; adjective: ↑honest ≠ ↑dishonest]

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1. **CHARACTER** someone who is honest always tells the truth and does not cheat or steal **OPP dishonest**

- " He was a hard-working honest man.
- " Ann had an honest face.

2. **STATEMENT/ANSWER ETC** not hiding the truth or the facts about something **SYN frank**:

- " Do you want my honest opinion?
- " an honest answer
- " Let's be honest: the only reason she married him was for his money.

honest with

- " At least he was honest with you.

honest about

- " She was always very honest about her feelings. ⇨ see *Thesaurus box on P. 844*

3. **to be honest (with you)** *spoken* used when you tell someone what you really think:

- " To be honest, I don't like him very much.

4. **honest!** *spoken* used to try to make someone believe you:

- " I didn't mean to hurt him, honest!

5. **honest to God** *spoken* used to emphasize that something you say is true:

- " Honest to God, I wasn't there.

6. **WORK** honest work is done using your own efforts and without cheating:

- " I bet he's never done an honest day's work in his life!
- " I'm just trying to earn an honest living.

7. **ORDINARY GOOD PEOPLE** honest people are not famous or special, but behave in a good, socially acceptable way:

- " She came from a good honest working-class background.

8. **make an honest woman (out) of somebody** *old-fashioned* to marry a woman because you have had a sexual relationship with her

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THESAURUS

■ not cheating, stealing, lying etc

- **honest** always saying what is true, and not cheating, stealing etc: I liked them because they were good honest people. | You can trust Noah – he's totally honest.
- **reputable** known to be honest and good in your business or work – used about people, companies, or organizations: It's best to buy from a reputable company. | They were highly reputable sports physicians.
- **above board** [not before noun] honest and legal – used about the way something is done, organized etc: The deal was entirely aboveboard. | Was the voting in the elections aboveboard?
- **upright** *written* always behaving in an honest way: an upright citizen | George was an upright man from a military family.

■ not hiding the truth or the facts

- **honest** saying what you really think and not hiding the truth or the facts: I'm going to ask you something, and I want you to be honest with me. | an honest answer | To be honest, I didn't think his speech was very good.
- **straight** *informal* honest and saying what you really think: I can't help you if you're not straight with me. | I need a straight answer.
- **open** willing to talk about what you think, feel etc in an honest way, rather than trying to hide it: People have become more open about their feelings. | She's very easy to talk to because she's so open.
- **frank** speaking honestly and directly about something, especially something that people find difficult to discuss: In his book, he's brutally frank about his experience with his illness. | a frank discussion about sex
- **direct** saying exactly what you think in an honest clear way, even when this might annoy or upset people: Not everyone liked his direct manner. | She can be very direct.
- **blunt** speaking in a completely honest way, even if it upsets people, when it would be better to be more careful or polite: Sorry if I was a bit blunt with you. | His hard tone and blunt words were hurtful. | She didn't reply and I knew I had been too blunt.
- **upfront** [not before noun] *informal* talking and behaving in an honest way, even when it is difficult to do this, in a way that people respect: It's best to be upfront about your financial problems. | You have to be upfront with kids.
- **outspoken** expressing your opinions publicly in a very direct way, which may offend or annoy some people: an outspoken critic of the government | He was known for his outspoken views on various controversies.
- **forthright** *formal* saying exactly what you think, without being afraid of what other people will think: The opposition have not come up with a clear forthright statement of their policies. | At times, Helena was a little too forthright.
- **candid** *formal* honest about the facts, or about your opinions and feelings, even if other people disapprove of them: He'd always been completely candid about his past. | It was an unusually candid admission for a politician.

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