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1. [mes] *n*

1. 1) беспорядок, кутерьма, путаница

in a mess - в беспорядке; вверх дном [*ср. тж.* 2]

everything was in a mess - всё было в беспорядке; всё было перепутано

the room was in a mess - комната была в беспорядке

to make a mess of things /of a job/ - напутать, напороть; испортить /провалить/ всё дело

you made a fine mess of my watch - ну и починил же ты /во что ты превратил/ мои часы!

this illness makes a mess of my holiday plans - эта болезнь портит/губит/ мои планы на отпуск /отдых/

you look a mess! - у тебя ужасный вид!, ну и вид у тебя!

2) грязь

your shirt is in a mess - ваша рубашка в грязи, вы испачкали рубашку

to make a mess of the tablecloth - запачкать скатерть

to clear up the mess - а) убирать грязь; б) приводить дела в порядок; [*см. тж.* 2]

I've never seen such a mess - я такой грязи /такого беспорядка/ ещё никогда не видел

what a mess! - что за беспорядок!, какая грязь! [*см. тж.* 2]

2. неприятность

to be in a mess - быть в беде, иметь неприятности [*ср. тж.* 1]

to get (oneself) into a mess - попасть в неприятное положение /в беду/

I got myself into a mess - я влип

he has made a mess of his life - он загубил свою жизнь

to get [to get smb.] out of a mess - выпутаться [выручить кого-л.] из неприятного положения /из беды/

to clear up the mess - выяснить недоразумение; расхлёбывать кашу [*см. тж.* 1]

what a mess! - ну и дела!; какая неприятности! [*см. тж.* 1]

2. [mes] *v*

1. 1) производить беспорядок

to mess a dress (up /about/) - (по)мять платье

2) пачкать, грязнить

Johnny's messed his pants - Джонни замарал штанишки

2. портить (*часто* mess up)

to mess (up) a [the whole] business - испортить [всё] дело

to mess up a car [a watch] - испортить машину [часы]

it messed up all our plans - это нарушило все наши планы

II

1. [mes] *n*

1. 1) группа людей, питающихся за общим столом; артель

to be introduced to the mess - быть представленным товарищам по столу

2) (*без артикля*) питание за общим столом; общий стол, общее питание

to be at mess - находиться за столом /за едой/; обедать

it's time to go to mess - пора идти обедать (в столовую)

3) пища, обед, подаваемые за общим столом

4) *мор.* стол, бачок (*рядового состава*)2. 1) столовая (*в учебном заведении*)2) *мор.* старшинская кают-компания3) *воен.* столовая, кухня-столовая; клуб-столовая

3. 1) жидкая пища, похлёбка

mess of pottage - *библ.* чечевичная похлёбка

2) болтушка, месиво (*для животных*)

3) варево, неаппетитная еда

4. *уст.* блюдо, кушанье

◇ to lose the number of one's mess - быть убитым, погибнуть в бою

out of mess - убитый

2. [mes] *v*

1. 1) обедать совместно, за общим столом, артелью

we decided to mess together - мы решили столоваться вместе

2) *воен.* состоять на котловом довольствии

2. кормить за общим столом; обеспечивать питанием

to mess a regiment [a crew] - снабжать /обеспечивать/ питанием полк [команду]

mess

mess [mess messes messed messing] *noun, verb* *BrE* [mes] ^ˈ *NAmE* [mes] ^ˈ

noun

UNTIDY STATE

1. *countable, usually singular* a dirty or untidy state

- The room was **in a mess**.
- The kids **made a mess** in the bathroom.
- ' **What a mess!** ' she said, surveying the scene after the party.

- My hair's a real mess!

DIFFICULT SITUATION

2. **countable, usually singular** a situation that is full of problems, usually because of a lack of organization or because of mistakes that sb has made
- The economy is **in a mess**.
 - I feel I've **made a mess of** things.
 - The whole situation is a mess.
 - Let's try to sort out the mess.
 - The biggest question is how they got into this mess in the first place.
 - (**ironic**) That's another fine mess you've got us into.

PERSON

3. **singular** a person who is dirty or whose clothes and hair are not tidy
- You're a mess!
4. **singular (informal)** a person who has serious problems and is in a bad mental condition
- When my wife left me I was a total mess.

ANIMAL WASTE

5. **uncountable, countable (informal)** the **↑excrement** (= solid waste matter) of an animal, usually a dog or cat

A LOT

6. **singular a ~ of sth (NAmE, informal)** a lot of sth
- There's a mess of fish down there, so get your lines in the water.

ARMED FORCES

7. **countable (also 'mess hall especially in NAmE)** a building or room in which members of the armed forces have their meals
- the officers' mess

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

mess noun

1. C, usually sing.

- The room was in a mess.

muddle • • jumble • • clutter • |formal disorder •

a mess/muddle/jumble/clutter **of** sth

in (a) mess/muddle/jumble/disorder

be a mess/muddle/jumble

2. C, usually sing.

- The economy is in a mess.

chaos • • confusion • • straits • • predicament • • plight • |informal shambles •

in (a) mess/chaos/confusion/...straits/predicament/plight/shambles

(a) **financial** mess/straits/predicament/plight

(a) **complete/total** mess/chaos/confusion/shambles

cause/create (a) mess/chaos/confusion

Example Bank:

- He's been an emotional mess since his girlfriend left him.
- Her hair was a tangled mess.
- I felt a mess.
- I got myself into a complete mess.
- I have to try to fix the mess you caused.
- I'm in a huge mess. I don't know what to do.
- I've really made a mess of things!
- Must you always leave such a mess?
- My life's becoming a big mess.
- She felt she was making a terrible mess of her life.
- She searched through the mess of papers on her desk.
- Soon both fighters were a bloody mess of flying punches.
- That was what caused this whole mess in the first place.
- The kitchen's in an awful mess.
- The plot is an incoherent mess.
- The whole situation is a giant mess.

- There was a soggy mess of porridge on the table.
- We found ourselves in a real mess.
- Who got us into this mess in the first place?
- Why don't you clean up this disgusting mess?
- You started this entire mess!
- 'What a mess!' she said, surveying the scene after the party.
- A new managing director has been appointed to clear up the financial mess.
- How do we get out of this mess?
- I spent hours clearing up the mess.
- Let's try to sort out the mess.
- My hair's a real mess!
- Sorry, this place is a bit of a mess.
- The economy is in a mess.
- The room was in a mess.
- There is still a way out of this economic mess.
- There was a tangled mess of wires under her desk.
- They've left the most terrible mess in their bedrooms.

Idioms: ↑no messing ▪ ↑not mess around

Derived ↑mess around ▪ ↑mess around with somebody ▪ ↑mess around with something ▪ ↑mess somebody about ▪ ↑mess somebody up ▪ ↑mess something up ▪ ↑mess up ▪ ↑mess with somebody

verb

MAKE UNTIDY

1. **transitive** ~ **sth** (informal, especially NAmE) to make sth dirty or untidy
 - Careful— you're messing my hair.

OF AN ANIMAL

2. **intransitive** to empty its ↑bowels somewhere that it should not

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	mess
	BrE /mes/
	NAmE /mes/
he / she / it	messes
	BrE /mesɪz/
	NAmE /mesɪz/
past simple, past participle	messed
	BrE /mest/
	NAmE /mest/
-ing form	messing
	BrE /mesɪŋ/
	NAmE /mesɪŋ/

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See also: ↑mess about ▪ ↑mess about with somebody ▪ ↑mess about with something ▪ ↑not mess about

mess

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I. **mess**¹ **S2** /mes/ BrE¹ AmE¹ **noun**

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: mes 'food', from Late Latin missus 'course at a meal', from Latin mittere 'to send']

1. **DIRTY/UNTIDY** [singular, uncountable] if there is a mess somewhere or a place is a mess, things there are dirty or not neatly arranged:

- What a mess!
- Sorry – the place is a bit of a mess.
- When I got home, the house was a complete mess.

in a mess *British English:*

- The burglars left the house in an awful mess.
- You can make cookies if you promise not to make a mess in the kitchen.

clear/clean up the mess

- Whoever is responsible for this mess can clear it up immediately!
- She hates mess.

2. **PROBLEMS/DIFFICULTIES** [singular, uncountable] a situation in which there are a lot of problems and difficulties, especially as a result of mistakes or carelessness:

- My life's such a mess.

in a mess

The economy is in a terrible mess.

You got us into this mess, Terry. You can get us out of it.

All she could do was pray that, somehow, she might be able to sort out the mess she had got herself into.

3. **make a mess of (doing) something** to do something badly:

I feel I've made a real mess of my marriage.

Many people make a mess of handling money.

4. **PERSON be a mess** *informal* if someone is a mess, they look dirty and untidy, or are in a bad emotional state

5. **a mess of something** *American English informal* a lot of something:

a mess of fresh fish

6. **ARMY/NAVY [countable]** a room in which members of the army, navy etc eat and drink together:

We had lunch in the officers' mess.

7. **WASTE SUBSTANCE [uncountable and countable]** *British English informal* solid waste from an animal:

The dog's made a mess on the carpet.

II. **mess**² *S2 BrE* *AmE* *verb*

1. **[transitive]** to make something look untidy or dirty:

He scratched his head and messed his hair even more.

2. **[intransitive and transitive]** *British English* if an animal or person messes something, they use the wrong place as a toilet:

He was so drunk that he messed the bed.

3. **no messing** *spoken informal* used to say that something was done very easily:

Williams won very comfortably, no messing.

4. **[intransitive]** to have meals in a room where members of the army, navy etc eat together

mess around (also **mess about** *British English*) *phrasal verb informal*

1. to spend time lazily, doing things slowly and in a way that is not planned:

He spent his vacation messing around on the farm.

2. to behave in a silly way when you should be paying attention or doing something sensible **SYN fool around**:

Stop messing around and get ready for school.

3. **mess somebody around** to cause a lot of problems for someone, especially by changing your mind often and not being completely honest:

Don't mess me around – I want the money you promised me.

mess around with somebody/something (also **mess about with somebody/something** *British English*) *phrasal verb informal*

1. to have a sexual relationship with someone that you should not have a sexual relationship with:

She'd been messing around with another man.

2. to spend time playing with something, repairing it etc:

Dave likes messing around with old cars.

3. to use something and make annoying changes to it:

Who's been messing around with my camera?

mess up *phrasal verb informal*

1. **mess something ↔ up** to spoil or ruin something, especially something important or something that has been carefully planned:

It took me ages to get this right – I don't want some idiot to mess it up.

She felt she'd messed up her whole life.

2. **mess something ↔ up** to make something dirty or untidy:

Who messed up the kitchen?

3. to make a mistake and do something badly:

I think I messed up on the last question.

mess something ↔ up

It doesn't matter if you mess it up, you can always try again.

4. **mess somebody ↔ up** to make someone have emotional or mental problems:

I messed up my kids.

5. **mess somebody ↔ up** *American English informal* to hurt someone especially by hitting them

mess with somebody/something *phrasal verb informal*

1. to get involved with someone or something that may cause problems or be dangerous:

Don't mess with drugs.

2. to deceive someone or cause trouble for them:

You mess with me, and I'll rip your head off.

3. to try changing something, especially in a way that damages or spoils it

mess

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messes 443

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