

obsession[əb'seɪʃ(ə)n] *n*

1. навязчивая идея; неотступная мысль

it became an obsession with him - это стало у него навязчивой идеей

2. одержимость; наваждение

he's got an obsession with sport, sport is an obsession with him - он одержим спортом

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ob·ses·sion [obsession obsessions] *BrE* [əb'seɪʃn] ^ˈ *NAmE* [əb'seɪʃn] ^ˈ **noun**1. **uncountable** the state in which a person's mind is completely filled with thoughts of one particular thing or person in a way that is not normal

- Her fear of flying is bordering on obsession.
- ~ **with sb/sth** The media's obsession with the young prince continues.

2. **countable** ~ (with **sb**) a person or thing that sb thinks about too much

- Fitness has become an obsession with him.

Word Origin:early 16th cent. (in the sense 'siege'): from Latin **obsessio(n-)**, from the verb **obsidere**, from **ob-** 'opposite' + **sedere** 'sit'.Thesaurus:**obsession** **noun** **U, C** (usually disapproving)

- She has an unhealthy obsession with her diet.

preoccupation • • **mania** • • **fixation** • • **complex** • |informal **hang-up** • |medical **neurosis** •a/an obsession/preoccupation/fixation/complex/hang-up/neurosis **about** sb/stha/an obsession/preoccupation/mania/fixation **for** sb/stha/an obsession/preoccupation/fixation **with** sb/sth**develop** a/an obsession/complex/neurosisExample Bank:

- He thinks all women have an obsession with shoes.
- He was in the grip of an obsession and would not listen to reason.
- I don't understand television's current obsession with cookery programmes.
- Her devotion to him bordered on obsession.
- She has an unhealthy obsession with her diet.
- The campaign has questioned the food industry's obsession for pristine packaging.
- The idea grew in his mind until it became something of an obsession.
- The media's obsession with the young prince continues.

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ob·ses·sion /əb'seɪʃən/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun** [uncountable and countable]

an extreme unhealthy interest in something or worry about something, which stops you from thinking about anything else:

" Gambling became an obsession, and he eventually lost everything.**obsession with**" an unhealthy obsession with being thin

" The current obsession with exam results is actually harming children's education.

" The game pachinko became a national obsession." He has an enthusiasm for art, to the point of obsession in my opinion." She looked after him with a devotion bordering on obsession.—**obsessional** **adjective**

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COLLOCATIONS■ **verbs**▪ **become an obsession** For Rosie, losing weight had become an obsession.▪ **have an obsession** The poet seems to have an obsession with death.▪ **border on/upon obsession** (=be almost as extreme as an obsession) Sometimes his tidiness bordered on obsession.■ **adjectives**▪ **a national obsession** (=an obsession that the whole country has) In Britain, the weather is a national obsession.▪ **an unhealthy obsession** (=an obsession that is not normal) Our society seems to have an unhealthy obsession with staying young.▪ **a dangerous obsession** Mark had a dangerous obsession with fast cars.▪ **a sexual obsession** Sexual obsessions can take many forms.▪ **the modern obsession with something** the modern obsession with celebrities' lives■ **phrases**▪ **be something of an obsession** (=be almost as strong as an obsession) The case became something of an obsession with him.▪ **to the point of obsession** (=used to say that something has stopped being a normal interest and become an extreme one) She was protective of her children, to the point of obsession.▪ **be in the grip of an obsession** (=have extreme feelings of interest in something or someone) At 15 I met Heather and instantly fell into the grip of an obsession.

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