

embarrassment

[ɪmˈbærəsmənt] *n*

1. 1) смущение, замешательство, смятение
to my great embarrassment - к своему стыду
- 2) нерешительность, колебание
2. запутанность (в делах, в долгах); обременённость (долгами)
to be in pecuniary embarrassment - запутаться /увязнуть/ в долгах
3. обуза
that nasty child is an embarrassment to his parents - этот ужасный ребёнок родителям житья не даёт
4. затруднение, препятствие, помеха
◇ embarrassment of riches - слишком богатый выбор; ≅ глаза разбегаются [см. тж. embarras de richesse]

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em·bar·rass·ment [embarrassment embarrassments] *BrE* [ɪmˈbærəsmənt] ⁴
NAmE [ɪmˈbærəsmənt] ⁴ **noun**

1. **uncountable** shy, awkward or guilty feelings; a feeling of being embarrassed
 - I nearly died of embarrassment when he said that.
 - I'm glad you offered— it saved me the embarrassment of having to ask.
 - Much **to her embarrassment** she realized that everybody had been listening to her singing.
 2. **countable** ~ (to/for sb) a situation which causes problems for sb
 - Her resignation will be a severe embarrassment to the party.
 3. **countable** ~ (to sb) a person who causes problems for another person or other people and makes them feel embarrassed
 - Poor Lucy! He's such an embarrassment to her.
- Idiom:** ↑embarrassment of riches

Example Bank:

- He suffered great personal embarrassment after failing the tests.
- Helen changed the subject to save me the embarrassment of replying.
- I could finally talk about my problem without embarrassment.
- I could have died of embarrassment when I saw her standing behind me.
- I felt some embarrassment as we shook hands.
- I still squirm with embarrassment at the thought of it.
- Much to his embarrassment, Mike realized that a small crowd was watching him.
- Pender decided to risk embarrassment and seek help.
- She smiled to hide her slight embarrassment.
- The agreement was made in secret to avoid public embarrassment.
- The episode was a huge embarrassment for all concerned.
- The government wishes to avoid further embarrassment over the affair.
- The poor child was considered an embarrassment to his family.
- The president became a national embarrassment.
- The protests were becoming something of an embarrassment to the government
- We all watched in silent embarrassment as Mr Rogers started to cry.
- her embarrassment at being found out
- the government's embarrassment over the affair
- His resignation will be a severe embarrassment to the party.
- I'm glad you offered— it saved me the embarrassment of having to ask.
- Much to her embarrassment she realized that everybody in the room had heard her.

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[Word Family: **adjective:** ↑embarrassed, ↑embarrassing; **verb:** ↑embarrass; **noun:** ↑embarrassment; **adverb:** ↑embarrassingly]

1. [**uncountable**] the feeling you have when you are embarrassed
embarrassment at
 - She suffered extreme embarrassment at not knowing how to read.
 - He could not hide his embarrassment at his children's rudeness.**to sb's embarrassment**
 - To her embarrassment, she couldn't remember his name.
2. [**countable**] an event that causes a government, political organization etc problems, and makes it look bad
embarrassment to/for
 - The allegations have been an acute embarrassment (=serious and severe embarrassment) to the Prime Minister.
 - The scandal was a further source of embarrassment to the government.
3. [**countable**] someone who behaves in a way that makes you feel ashamed, nervous, or uncomfortable
embarrassment to
 - Tim's drinking has made him an embarrassment to the whole family.
4. **financial embarrassment** debts or a lack of money that causes problems for you
5. **an embarrassment of riches** so many good things that it is difficult to decide which one you want

COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ **adjectives**

- **great embarrassment** To my great embarrassment, my dad started dancing.
- **severe/extreme embarrassment** This scandal could cause severe embarrassment to the government.
- **considerable embarrassment** (=quite strong) His behaviour was a source of considerable embarrassment to his family.
- **acute embarrassment** (=very strong and not lasting very long) There was a moment of acute embarrassment when we realized people were watching.
- **further embarrassment** (=extra or additional) His resignation should save the government any further embarrassment.
- **potential embarrassment** (=possible) By dropping out of the competition, he was spared the potential embarrassment of losing.
- **obvious embarrassment** (=clear for other people to see) He shuffled his feet around in obvious embarrassment.

■ verbs

- **cause embarrassment** Some of his jokes caused embarrassment to the older members of the audience.
- **avoid embarrassment** This solution could help both countries avoid embarrassment.
- **hide your embarrassment** She started laughing in an attempt to hide her embarrassment.

■ phrases

- **a source of embarrassment** (=a cause of embarrassment) His views on immigration were a constant source of embarrassment to the party.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ verbs

- **be/become an embarrassment** Your behaviour is becoming an embarrassment to the school.
- **be considered an embarrassment** (=be thought of as embarrassing) He may be popular abroad, but he's considered an embarrassment at home.
- **prove an embarrassment** (=be an embarrassment) The publication of the documents proved a severe embarrassment to the company.

■ adjectives

- **a big/severe embarrassment** This failure was a severe embarrassment to the government.
- **a huge embarrassment** (=very big or severe) If the story is true, it could prove a huge embarrassment to the star.
- **a serious/major embarrassment** (=severe and important) This episode has been a serious embarrassment for the club.
- **an acute embarrassment** (=extremely severe and important) Her memoirs were an acute embarrassment to the president.
- **a considerable embarrassment** (=quite severe) The photograph was a considerable embarrassment to the royal family.

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