

innocence

[ˈɪnəs(ə)ns] *n*

1. невинность, чистота, целомудрие, девственность
2. невиновность
to maintain one's innocence - доказывать свою невиновность
to prove one's innocence of a crime - доказать свою непричастность к преступлению
3. 1) простодушие, наивность
to smile in innocence - простодушно улыбаться
- 2) глупость
4. безвредность
innocence of treatment - безвредность лечения
5. незнание
6. *амер. разг.* василёк

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in·no·cence *BrE* [ˈɪnəsns] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˈɪnəsns] ^ˈ **noun uncountable**

1. the fact of not being guilty of a crime, etc
 - She **protested her innocence** (= said repeatedly that she was innocent) .
 - This new evidence will prove their innocence.
 - I asked if she was married **in all innocence** (= without knowing it was likely to offend or upset her) .

Opp: ↑guilt

2. lack of knowledge and experience of the world, especially of evil or unpleasant things
 - Children lose their innocence as they grow older.
 - In her innocence, she agreed to go back with him to his house.

Word Origin:

[**innocence**] Middle English: from Old French, from Latin *innocentia*, from *innocent-* 'not harming' (based on *nocere* 'injure').

Example Bank:

- Hayes has protested his innocence throughout the case.
- He grinned with apparent innocence.
- He had lost the innocence of childhood.
- He has maintained his innocence throughout the trial.
- I asked her the question in all innocence. I didn't know it was going to upset her.
- In her innocence, she had allowed the man into her house.
- In his innocence he had allowed the salesman in to discuss vacuum cleaners.
- She claimed total innocence of all charges.
- She had taken advantage of his innocence.
- She replied to her father's accusations in tones of injured innocence.
- She was convinced of her son's innocence.
- The prisoners passionately proclaimed their innocence in front of the jury.
- The solicitors were convinced of his innocence and urged him to appeal the conviction.
- There is an innocence about the story.
- There was a touching air of innocence about the boy.
- I asked if she was married in all innocence.
- I felt I had returned to a state of almost child-like innocence.
- In her innocence, she had stopped to help a girl who seemed to be injured.
- She protested her innocence.
- The story is about a child's loss of innocence.
- There was a touching innocence about the child's request.
- There were claims that the whole nation had somehow lost its innocence.

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[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑innocence, ↑innocent; **adverb:** ↑innocently; **adjective:** ↑innocent]

1. the fact of being not guilty of a crime **OPP** **guilt:**
 - Can you prove your innocence?
 - **protest/maintain your innocence** (=say repeatedly that you are not guilty)
The prisoners continued to protest their innocence.
2. lack of experience of life or of knowledge of the bad things in the world:
 - In our innocence, we believed everything we were told.
 - the innocence of childhood
3. **in all innocence** if you do or say something in all innocence, you have no intention of doing harm or of offending anyone

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