

**morale**[məˈrɑ:l] *n*1. моральное состояние, боевой дух (*войск*)

excellent [high, low, flagging] morale (of the troops) - отличный [высокий, низкий, неустойчивый] моральный /боевой/ дух (войск)  
 to affect the morale - воздействовать /влиять/ на моральное состояние  
 to bolster (up) /to raise, to boost/ the morale - укреплять моральное состояние  
 to undermine /to shatter, to destroy/ the morale - подрывать моральный дух, вносить разложение, деморализовать  
 loss of morale - деморализация

2. *редк.* = moral | 2**morale**

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**mor-ale** [morale morales] *BrE* [məˈrɑ:ɹɑ] *NAme* [məˈræl] *noun uncountable*

the amount of confidence and enthusiasm, etc. that a person or a group has at a particular time

- to **boost/raise/improve morale**
- Morale amongst the players is very high at the moment.
- Staff are suffering from low morale.
- Another win would be good for the team's morale.

Word Origin:mid 18th cent.: from French **moral**. The spelling was changed to preserve the final stress in pronunciation.Example Bank:

- Morale among nurses is at rock bottom.
- Morale is very high in the school.
- The army has a major morale problem.
- The bonus helped maintain morale among the staff.
- These unfortunate incidents sapped both our morale and our resources.
- measures designed to boost the morale of the police
- The team is suffering from low morale.

**morale**

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**mo|rale** /məˈrɑ:ɹɑ/\$ məˈræl/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [uncountable][Date: 1700-1800; Language: French; Origin: moral, from Latin moralis; ⇨ ↑moral<sup>1</sup>]

the level of confidence and positive feelings that people have, especially people who work together, who belong to the same team etc:

" A win is always good for morale.

**low/high morale**

- " low staff morale
- " The failed coup caused a loss of morale within the army.

**boost/raise/improve/build morale**

- " There is a need to raise morale in the teaching profession.
- " the Prince's **morale-boosting** (=intended to raise morale) mission to the war-torn country

**maintain/keep up/restore morale**

- " The media feels pressure to keep the morale of the country up in war time.

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**COLLOCATIONS**■ **verbs**

- **raise/improve morale** The special meetings were intended to raise morale.
- **boost/bolster morale** (=improve morale) The wins have boosted team morale.
- **keep up/maintain morale** (=keep morale high) It was becoming difficult to keep up the morale of the troops.
- **affect morale** (=have an effect on morale, usually to make it worse) The uncertainty has badly affected morale.
- **lower/damage morale** We need to avoid damaging people's morale.
- **sap morale** (=to gradually lower morale) Knowing it was all pointless sapped my morale.
- **destroy morale** The possibility of big job cuts was destroying morale.
- **restore morale** (=make people confident and positive again) The new manager realized that his first job would be to restore morale.
- **be good/bad for morale** Well-deserved praise is always good for morale.

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + morale**

- **high/good** Morale among the staff was high.
- **low/poor** The pay levels have resulted in low morale within the company.
- **shaky** (=morale that could easily become low) The team's morale is shaky after their series of losses.
- **sagging morale** (=when people are getting less confident and positive) He did his best to boost the sagging morale of the civil service.
- **staff/team morale** Positive feedback is good for staff morale.

■ **morale + NOUN**

- **a morale booster/boost** (=something that improves morale) A letter from home was always a morale booster.
- **morale problems** (=when the morale of a group is low) A lack of information can cause morale problems.

■ **phrases**

- **a lack/loss of morale** Rising sickness levels among your employees may show a loss of morale.

## THESAURUS

- **confidence** the feeling that you have the ability to do things well, and to not make mistakes or be nervous in new situations: You need patience and confidence to be a good teacher. | **have the confidence to do something**: 'We have the confidence to beat Brazil,' said Sampson. | After the accident it took a long time before she had the confidence to get back in a car again. | **full of confidence** (=very confident): I went into the test full of confidence, but it was more difficult than I had imagined.
- **self-confidence** a strong belief that you can do things well and that other people will like you, which means you behave confidently in most situations: He's new in the job but he has plenty of self-confidence. | Studies show that girls tend to lose some of their self-confidence in their teenage years. | Students who get some kind of work experience develop greater self-confidence and better communication skills.
- **morale** the level of confidence, satisfaction, and hope that people feel, especially a group of people who work together: **low/high morale**: Morale among the soldiers has been low. | **keep up morale** (=keep it at a high level): They sang songs to keep up their morale until the rescuers arrived.
- **assurance/self-assurance** a feeling of calm confidence in your own abilities, especially because you have a lot of experience: She envied the older woman's assurance. | Danby spoke to the committee with the self-assurance of an expert.
- **self-esteem** the feeling that you are someone who deserves to be liked and respected: Getting a job did a lot for her self-esteem. | Sports should build a child's self-esteem, not damage it.

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