outspoken

1. [avt'spəvkən] a

1) искренний, прямой (о человеке)

to be outspoken in one's remarks - честно и откровенно высказывать своё мнение

he is an outspoken man - он прямой человек 2) откровенный, чистосердечный (о высказывании)

outspoken criticism - честная критика

outspoken comments - откровенные замечания

2. [avt'spavkan] p. p. om outspeak

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out-spoken [outspoken outspokenly outspokenness] BrE [aut'spaukan]

NAmE [aut'spouken] adjective

saying exactly what you think, even if this shocks or offends people Syn: ¹blunt

- an outspoken opponent of the leader
- outspoken comments
- $\cdot \thicksim$ in sth She was outspoken in her criticism of the plan.

Derived Words [†]outspokenly [•] [†]outspokenness

Synonyms:

honest

frank • direct • open • outspoken • straight • blunt

These words all describe people saying exactly what they mean without trying to hide feelings, opinions or facts. **honest** • not hiding the truth about sth: • Thank you for being so honest with me.

frank • honest in what you say, sometimes in a way that other people might not like: = To be frank with you, I think your son has little chance of passing the exam.

direct • saying exactly what you mean in a way that nobody can pretend not to understand: • You'll have to get used to his direct manner.

Being direct is sometimes considered positive but sometimes it is used as a 'polite' way of saying that sb is rude.

open • (approving) (of a person) not keeping thoughts and feelings hidden: = He was quite open about his reasons for leaving. outspoken • saying exactly what you think, even if this shocks or offends people: = She was outspoken in her criticism of the plan. straight • honest and direct: = I don't think you're being straight with me.

blunt • saying exactly what you think without trying to be polite: • She has a reputation for blunt speaking. which word?

Honest and **frank** refer to what you say as much as how you say it: = a(n) honest/frank admission of guilt . They are generally positive words, although it is possible to be too frank in a way that other people might not like. **Direct**, **outspoken** and **blunt** all describe sb's manner of saying what they think. **Outspoken** suggests that you are willing to shock people by saying what you believe to be right. **Blunt** and **direct** often suggest that you think honesty is more important than being polite. **Open** is positive and describes sb's character: = I'm a very open person.

honest/frank/direct/open/outspoken/straight about sth

honest/frank/direct/open/straight/blunt with sb

a(n) honest/direct/straight/blunt answer

a frank/direct/blunt manner

Example Bank:

- She has always been outspoken on educational issues.
- outspoken in their opposition to hunting
- · He was known as an outspoken opponent of the leadership.

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out spoken /aut'spaukan \$ -'spou-/ BrE AmE adjective

[Word Family: adjective: †unspeakable, †speechless, †outspoken, †spoken ≠ †unspoken; noun: †speaker, †speech; verb †speak; adverb †unspeakably]

expressing your opinions honestly and directly, even when doing this might annoy some people OPP reticent:

an outspoken critic of the education reforms

-outspokenly adverb

-outspokenness noun [uncountable]

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not hiding the truth or the facts

• honest saying what you really think and not hiding the truth or the facts: I'm going to ask you something, and I want you to be honest with me. | an honest answer | To be honest, I didn't think his speech was very good.

• straight informal honest and saying what you really think: I can't help you if you're not straight with me. | I need a straight answer.

• open willing to talk about what you think, feel etc in an honest way, rather than trying to hide it: People have become more open about their feelings. | She's very easy to talk to because she's so open.

• frank speaking honestly and directly about something, especially something that people find difficult to discuss: In his book, he's brutally frank about his experience with his illness. | a frank discussion about sex

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• direct saying exactly what you think in an honest clear way, even when this might annoy or upset people: Not everyone liked his direct manner. | She can be very direct.

• blunt speaking in a completely honest way, even if it upsets people, when it would be better to be more careful or polite: Sorry if I was a bit blunt with you. | His hard tone and blunt words were hurtful. | She didn't reply and I knew I had been too blunt.

• upfront [not before noun] *informal* talking and behaving in an honest way, even when it is difficult to do this, in a way that people respect: It's best to be upfront about your financial problems. | You have to be upfront with kids.

• outspoken expressing your opinions publicly in a very direct way, which may offend or annoy some people: an outspoken critic of the government | He was known for his outspoken views on various controversies.

• forthright formal saying exactly what what you think, without being afraid of what other people will think: The opposition have not come up with a clear forthright statement of their policies. | At times, Helena was a little too forthright.

• candid *formal* honest about the facts, or about your opinions and feelings, even if other people disapprove of them: He'd always been completely candid about his past. | It was an unusually candid admission for a politician.

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