

**diffident**[ˈdɪfɪd(ə)nt] *a*

- неуверенный в себе, робкий, застенчивый  
diffident tone [smile] - неуверенный тон [-ая улыбка]  
I was diffident about speaking to him - я стеснялся /не решался/ заговорить с ним
- (in, of) *редк.* недоверчивый

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**dif-fi-dent** *BrE* [ˈdɪfɪd(ə)nt] *NAme* [ˈdɪfɪd(ə)nt] *adjective* ~ (about sth)

not having much confidence in yourself; not wanting to talk about yourself

**Syn:** ↑shy

- a **diffident manner /smile**
- He was modest and diffident about his own success.

**Derived Words** ↑diffidence ▪ ↑diffidently**Word Origin:**[**diffidence diffident diffidently**] late Middle English (in the sense 'lacking confidence or trust in someone or something'): from Latin **diffident-** 'failing in trust', from the verb **diffidere**, from **dis-** (expressing reversal) + **fidere** 'to trust'.**Example Bank:**

- She felt diffident about speaking in public.
- Greg was the quiet, diffident type.

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**dif-fi-dent** /ˈdɪfɪdənt, ˈdɪfɪd(ə)nt/ *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** present participle of **diffidere** 'to distrust', from **fidere** 'to trust']

shy and not wanting to make people notice you or talk about you

**diffident manner/smile/voice etc****diffident about**

\* He was diffident about his own success.

**—diffidently** *adverb***—diffidence** *noun* [uncountable]**diffident**

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