

**expression**[ɪk'spreʃ(ə)n] *n*

## 1. выражение (чего-л.)

beyond /past/ expression - невыразимо

to give expression - выражать

to seek expression - стремиться найти выход (о чувстве)

to find expression - найти выражение, выразиться (в чём-л.); вылиться, излиться

to offer an expression of regret - принести сожаления

his talent found expression in the plastic art - его талант нашёл своё выражение в скульптуре

his anger found expression in a string of oaths - он излил свой гнев в потоке брани

kindly accept this expression of my cordial thanks - пожалуйста, примите это как выражение моей сердечной благодарности

## 2. выражение (лица, глаз и т. п.)

there was a quizzical expression on his face - его лицо стало лукавым, на его лице отразилось лукавство

## 3. выражение, оборот речи; фраза

colloquial [literary] expression - разговорный [литературный] оборот

modern [trite, archaic, racy] expressions - современные [избитые, устарелые, колоритные] выражения

## 4. выразительность, экспрессия

to read with expression - читать выразительно

## 5. спец. изображение

cartographical expression - картографическое изображение, изображение на карте

## 6. мат. выражение

algebraic expression - алгебраическое выражение

## 7. спец. выжимание, выдавливание

expression of oil - выжимание масла

## 8. биол. экспрессия, проявление активности гена

**expression**

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**ex·pres·sion** [expression expressions] *BrE* [ɪk'spreʃn] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [ɪk'spreʃn] <sup>m</sup>

noun

**SHOWING FEELINGS/IDEAS**1. **uncountable, countable** things that people say, write or do in order to show their feelings, opinions and ideas

- an expression of support
- Expressions of sympathy flooded in from all over the country.
- **Freedom of expression** (= freedom to say what you think) is a basic human right.
- (formal) The poet's anger **finds expression in** (= is shown in) the last verse of the poem.
- The riots are the most serious expression of anti-government feeling yet.
- Only in his dreams does he **give expression to** his fears.
- Their frustration needs some form of expression.

**ON FACE**2. **countable** a look on a person's face that shows their thoughts or feelings**Syn:** ↑look

- There was a worried expression on her face.
- an **expression of amazement /disbelief/horror**
- His expression changed from surprise to one of amusement.
- The expression in her eyes told me something was wrong.
- facial expressions

**WORDS**3. **countable** a word or phrase

- an old-fashioned expression
- (informal) He's a pain in the butt, **if you'll pardon the expression**.
- Her writing is full of colourful expressions.

**IN MUSIC/ACTING**4. **uncountable** a strong show of feeling when you are playing music, speaking, acting, etc

- Try to put a little more expression into it!
- She plays the violin with great expression.

**MATHEMATICS**5. **countable** a group of signs that represent an idea or a quantityWord Origin:late Middle English: from Latin *expressio(n-)*, from *exprimere* 'press out, express'. Compare with ↑express (verb).Thesaurus:**expression** noun

### 1. C, U

- These riots are an expression of anti-government feeling.

**display** • • **show** • • **demonstration** • |especially BrE, formal **exhibition** •

a/an expression/display/show/demonstration of **support/affection**

a/an expression/display/show of **concern/emotion**

a **public** expression/displays/show/demonstration of sth

### 2. C

- There was a worried expression on her face.

**look** • • **face** •

an expression/a look **of** amazement/disbelief/horror, etc.

an expression/a look **on** sb's face

an expression/a look **in** sb's eyes

a/an **happy/sad/worried/angry/stern/serious** expression/look/face

**Expression or look?** Your **expression** is usually a reflection of what you happen to be thinking or feeling at any particular moment; a **look** is either the expression that happens to be in your eyes, or it can be a way of deliberately communicating a thought or feeling to a particular person: you can **give** or **throw** sb a look or **exchange looks** with sb

- She threw him a dirty look.

### 3. C

- The novel is full of slang expressions.

**word** • • **phrase** • • **idiom** • • **term** •

a/an **new/ambiguous/technical/colloquial** expression/word/phrase/term

**use** a/an expression/word/phrase/idiom/term

**coin** a/an expression/word/phrase/term

### Example Bank:

- A constitution is the written expression of the people's will.
- A surprised expression appeared on her face.
- Catching a fleeting expression on Lucy's face, she persisted with her question.
- Freedom of expression is a basic human right.
- Freedom of expression= freedom to say what you think is a basic human right.
- Harvest festival was the occasion for the collective expression of a community's religious values.
- He cracks jokes with a deadpan expression on his face.
- He hung around with this pathetic hangdog expression on his face.
- He looked at her with a very strange expression in his eyes.
- He tends to use strange expressions like 'It's enough to make a cat laugh'.
- He wanted to write a verse drama in which the verse would seem a natural expression of modern life.
- He wore an expression of anxiety on his face.
- Her expression betrayed nothing of her thoughts.
- Her expression hardened into one of strong dislike.
- Her expression suddenly turned serious.
- Her statement was a clear expression of her views on this subject.
- His expression changed to embarrassment.
- His expression grew thoughtful.
- His expression softened when he saw her.
- His face never changed expression.
- His face showed no expression.
- His grim expression told her it would be useless.
- His highest expression of praise was 'Not bad!'
- I looked at her, trying to read the expression on her face.
- I've not heard that expression before.
- Just because there is no direct expression of prejudice, that does not mean the prejudice does not exist.
- Modernism was the characteristic expression of the experience of modernity.
- Only in his dreams does he give expression to his fears.
- Rose's face took on the fierce expression of a schoolgirl talking about her most hated teacher.
- She carefully put on her most innocent expression.
- She had a very bewildered expression on her face.
- She had been watching the expression that crossed his face.
- She suddenly felt happy beyond expression.
- Suddenly her deeper feelings demanded expression.
- The actors's gestures and facial expressions are perfect.
- The children's faces all wore the same rapt expression.
- The method is to listen to the music and allow expression to whatever comes to you.
- The new concept of form reached its fullest expression in the work of Picasso.
- The report gave concrete expression to the fears of many immigrants.
- They all just looked at me with blank expressions.
- Until the mid-nineteenth century, 'Italy' was just a geographical expression.
- Words, as a means of expression, can be limiting.
- an anger and frustration that finds expression in violence
- an anger and frustration that finds expression in= is shown in violence
- the highest expression of human creativity

- the open expression of emotion
- the outward expression of inner emotional feelings
- the right of free expression
- the verbal expression of one's feelings
- to allow scope for individual expression
- He tends to use a lot of slang expressions that I've never heard before.
- He's a pain in the butt, if you'll pardon the expression.
- The poet's anger finds expression in the last verse of the poem.
- The riots are the most serious expression of anti-government feeling yet.

## expression

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ex **pres** **ision** **S2** **W2** /ɪk'spreʃən/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun*

[**Word Family**: **adverb** ↑expressively, ↑expressionlessly, ↑inexpressibly; **adjective**: ↑expressive ≠ ↑inexpressive, ↑expressionless, ↑inexpressible; **noun**: ↑expression, ↑expressiveness; **verb**: ↑express]

**1. STRONG FEELINGS/THOUGHTS** [**uncountable and countable**] something you say, write, or do that shows what you think or feel  
**expression of**

▪ I decided to go to the meeting as an expression of support.

**expression of sympathy/thanks/regret etc**

▪ The letter was a genuine expression of sympathy.

▪ Student leaders are demanding greater **freedom of expression** (=the right to say what you think without being punished).

**give (political/religious/artistic) expression to something**

▪ The Socialist Party was founded to give political expression to the working classes.

▪ Another writer who seeks to give expression to popular oral culture is José María Arguedas.

**2. ON SB'S FACE** [**uncountable and countable**] a look on someone's face that shows what they are thinking or feeling

**expression of**

▪ an expression of surprise

▪ There was a **blank expression on her face** (=no expression on her face).

▪ In the photograph he seemed **devoid of facial expression** (=having no expression on his face).

▪ A **pained** (=worried) **expression** crossed her face.

**3. WORD/PHRASE** [**countable**] a word or group of words with a particular meaning:

▪ The old-fashioned expression 'in the family way' means 'pregnant'.

**pardon/forgive/excuse the expression** (=used when you think you may offend someone by using particular words)

▪ After the climb we were absolutely knackered, if you'll pardon the expression.

**4. MUSIC/ACTING** [**uncountable**] when you put feeling or emotion into the music that you are making or into your acting

**5. MATHEMATICS** [**countable**] **technical** a sign or group of signs that represent a mathematical idea or quantity

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

#### ■ phrases

▪ **freedom of expression** (=the right to say what you think without being punished) Student protestors who demanded greater freedom of expression were rounded up by police.

▪ **an expression of regret** The military has not offered any expression of regret over the civilian loss of life.

▪ **an expression of sympathy** There was no apology, no expression of sympathy for what Anna had suffered.

▪ **an expression of concern** His release from prison provoked expressions of concern from members of the public.

▪ **an expression of anger** She tried to protect the children from his expressions of anger.

▪ **sb's powers of expression** **formal** (=the ability to say or write what you feel) I tried to put my feelings down on paper, but my powers of expression failed me.

#### ■ verbs

▪ **give expression to something** **formal** (=express something) In the book, he gives expression to his political ideals.

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

#### ■ adjectives

▪ **sb's facial expression** Victor's facial expression never changed.

▪ **a blank/vacant expression** (=one that shows no emotion, understanding, or interest) The blank expression on Bobbie's face gave way to anger.

▪ **an anxious/troubled/worried expression** She stood looking at me with an anxious expression.

▪ **a pained expression** (=one that shows you are in pain or feeling upset) A pained expression crossed Rory's face when he saw them together.

▪ **a surprised/shocked expression** He didn't need to speak – his shocked expression said it all.

▪ **a puzzled/baffled/bewildered expression** (=one that shows you are confused or cannot understand something) I can still recall Dan's baffled expression when I asked him for an answer.

▪ **a grim/stern expression** (=one that shows you are very strict or angry) Aunty Kitty looked at us with a stern expression and ordered us indoors.

▪ **an angry/furious expression** Her angry expression turned to one of utter despair.

▪ **a serious expression** (=one that shows you are not joking) I saw the serious expression on his little face and tried not to laugh.

▪ **a thoughtful expression** (=one that shows you are thinking about something) She listened to him with a thoughtful expression on her face.

▪ **an innocent expression** 'It was so late,' she continued with an innocent expression, 'I had to stay the night.'

▪ **a dazed expression** (=one that shows you are unable to think clearly, especially because of a shock or accident) His

clothes were torn and there was a dazed expression on his face.

- **a glazed expression** (=one that shows you are not concentrating on the things around you) From her glazed expression, he knew she had been taking drugs.
- **a smug expression** (=one that shows too much satisfaction with your own cleverness or success) Peter was wearing an unbearably smug expression and waving the tickets in front of me.
- **a bland expression** (=one that does not show any emotion) She searched his face for answers, but his bland expression gave nothing away.

#### ■ verbs

- **have an expression** His face had a puzzled expression.
- **wear an expression** Their pilot wore an expression of extreme relief.
- **change your expression** The child did not once cry or change her expression.
- **watch sb's expression** 'Does it really matter?' Elizabeth asked, watching his expression closely.
- **see sb's expression** I would have liked to see his expression when she told him.
- **read sb's expression** (=understand how someone is feeling by looking at their expression) In the half light, Ellen could not read his expression.

#### ■ phrases

- **have an expression on your face** He had a very serious expression on his face.
- **the expression on sb's face** I could tell by the expression on her face that she was angry.
- **a lack of expression** I was surprised at the lack of expression on his face.
- **be devoid of expression** *formal* (=have no expression on your face) His face was totally devoid of expression, but I could sense his anger.
- **an expression of surprise** (=one showing that you are surprised) He looked at me with an expression of surprise.

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### THESAURUS (for Meaning 2)

- **expression** a look on someone's face that shows what they are thinking or feeling: His expression became more serious as he listened to her story. | She had a contented expression. | He has a very different expression in the next picture.
- **look** an expression – used especially with adjectives that describe the expression. **Look** sounds less formal than **expression**: She had a sad look on her face. | With a look of relief, he handed her the baby. | What's that look for? | She gave me a dirty look (=a look that showed she was angry).
- **face** used when talking about someone's expression, especially in the following phrases: You should have seen his face! | Look at my face. Am I bothered? | The boys were making faces (=making strange, silly, or rude expressions which show that you dislike someone) through the window.

#### ■ different types of expression

- **frown** the expression on your face when you move your eyebrows together because you are angry, unhappy, or confused: With a frown, she asked, 'So what's wrong with that?'
- **smile** an expression in which your mouth curves upwards, when you are being friendly or are happy or amused: She gave him a quick smile.
- **scowl** an angry or disapproving expression: There was a scowl of irritation on his face.
- **glare** a long angry look: He gave her a furious glare, but said nothing.
- **grimace** an expression you make by twisting your face because you do not like something or because you are feeling pain: His face twisted into a grimace of anguish.
- **sneer** an expression that shows you have no respect for something or someone: 'That's what you said last time,' she said with a sneer.
- **smirk** an expression in which you smile in an unpleasant way that shows you are pleased by someone else's bad luck or that you think you are better than other people: He had a self-satisfied smirk on his face.
- **pout** an expression in which you push out your lower lip because you are unhappy that you did not get what you want: 'You're going away?' she said with a pout.

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

#### ■ adjectives

- **a common expression** 'Pig out' is a common expression meaning 'to eat a lot'.
- **an old-fashioned/outdated expression** The old-fashioned expression 'in the family way' means to be pregnant.
- **an idiomatic expression** (=an idiom) Try to avoid using idiomatic expressions in an essay.
- **a figurative expression** (=one in which words are not used with their literal meaning) Many figurative expressions equate anger with heat.
- **a coarse/vulgar expression** (=one that is rude) He came out with some vulgar expressions that I couldn't possibly repeat.
- **an American/English etc expression** She remembered the American expression her mother had always used: 'Life's a breeze!'

#### ■ phrases

- **pardon/forgive the expression** (=used when you have said a word or phrase that might offend someone) After the climb, we were absolutely knackered, if you'll pardon the expression.

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 4)

#### ■ phrases

- **a means of expression** Art is not just a means of expression, it is also a means of communication.
- **a form of expression** Music and painting are two completely different forms of expression.

#### ■ adjectives

- **poetic/literary expression** (=expressing something as poetry or in literature) The subject does not easily lend itself to poetic expression.
- **musical expression** (=expressing something through music) Charlie Parker took jazz to a new level of musical expression.

▪ **artistic expression** (=expressing something through art) He firmly believes there are not enough outlets for artistic expression in our society.

▪ **creative expression** (=expressing something in a creative way, for example in music or art) They work with the children to encourage creative expression.

## expression

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