

**demean**

I

[di'mi:n] *v refl*

вести себя

to demean oneself well [ill] - хорошо [плохо] вести себя

to demean oneself like a gentleman - вести себя как подобает джентльмену

II

[di'mi:n] *v refl*

унижаться, ронять своё достоинство

he demeaned himself by taking the bribe - он опозорил себя взяткой

proud men demeaned themselves and their families to accept official charity - гордые люди унижались сами и унижали свои семьи, чтобы получить официальноевспомоществование

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**de-mean** [demean demeans demeaned demeaning] *BrE* [di'mi:n] *AmE*

[di'mi:n] *verb*

1. ~ **yourself** to do sth that makes people have less respect for you

• I wouldn't demean myself by asking for charity.

2. ~ **sb/sth** to make people have less respect for sb/sth

**Syn:** ↑degrade

• Such images demean women.

• Behaviourlike this demeans politics.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	demean
	BrE /di'mi:n/
	NAme /di'mi:n/
he / she /it	demeans
	BrE /di'mi:nz/
	NAme /di'mi:nz/
past simple, past participle demeaned	
	BrE /di'mi:nd/
	NAme /di'mi:nd/
-ing form demeaning	
	BrE /di'mi:nɪŋ/
	NAme /di'mi:nɪŋ/

Word Origin:

early 17th cent.: from ↑de- 'away, down' + the adjective ↑mean, on the pattern of debase.

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**de-mean** /di'mi:n] *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: de- + ⇒ ↑mean<sup>2</sup>]

to do something that makes people lose respect for someone or something ⇒ **degrade** :

• language that demeans women

**demean yourself (by doing something)**

• I wouldn't demean myself by begging him for a job.

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