frank

I
1. [fræŋk] *n*
   1. франкированное письмо
   2. право отправлять франкированные письма
2. [fræŋk] *v*
   1. 1) франкировать (*письмо*)
   2) отправлять франкированным письмом
   2. 1) проводить бесплатно (*в театр, на концерт т. п.*)
   2) открыть доступ, двери
   3. освобождать (*кого-л.*) от уплаты *и т. п.*

II
[fræŋk] *a*
   1. откровенный, искренний, открытый
   a frank look in the eyes - открытый взгляд
   a frank avowal of guilt - чистосердечное /искреннее/ признание вины
   to be frank - говоря откровенно
   frank manner - открытая манера держаться
   2. очевидный, явный (*о симптомах и т. п.*)
   3. *арх.* щедрый

II
[fræŋk] *n* (*сокр. от frankfurter*) *амер. разг.*
   сосиска

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frank [frank franks franked franking franker frankest] adjective, verb *BrE* [fræŋk]
   NAmE [fræŋk]
adjective (**frank·er**, **frank·est more frank** is also common)
 honest and direct in what you say, sometimes in a way that other people might not like
   • a full and frank discussion
   • a frank admission of guilt
   • He was very frank about his relationship with the actress.
   • **To be frank with you**, I think your son has little chance of passing the exam.

   Word Origin:
   adj. Middle English 'free' Old French franc medieval Latin francus **'free'** Francus ↑French Middle English 'generous'
   v. early 18th cent. ↑frank 'free of obligation'

   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:
   • Macmillan was quite frank about his concerns.
   • She surveyed Sophie from top to toe in a disarmingly frank way.
   • She was brutally frank in her assessment of our chances.
   • To be frank with you, I don't really think you have a chance.
   • To be frank, I don't care who wins.

- a full and frank exchange of views
- To be frank with you, I think your son has little chance of passing the exam.

Derived Word ↑frankness

verb often passive ~ sth

to stamp a mark on an envelope, etc. to show that the cost of posting it has been paid or does not need to be paid

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	frank
	BrE /fræŋk/
	NAmE /fræŋk/
he / she /it	franks
	BrE /fræŋks/
	NAmE /fræŋks/
past simple, past participle	franked
	BrE /fræŋkt/
	NAmE /fræŋkt/
-ing form	franking
	BrE /fræŋkɪŋ/
	NAmE /fræŋkɪŋ/

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I. frank[1] /fræŋk/ *BrE* ⬚ *AmE* ⬚ *adjective*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: *'free, generous'*, from Late Latin Francus *'Frank'* (because the Franks, an ancient German people, were given political freedom in France)]

1. honest and truthful

be frank with somebody
⬚ He was completely frank with her about what happened.

be frank about something
⬚ She was quite frank about the whole thing.

frank discussion/interview/exchange of views etc

2. **to be frank** *spoken* used when you are going to say something that is true, but which other people may not like:
⬚ To be perfectly frank, I think it's a bad idea.

—frankness *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

▪ **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.

II. frank[2] *BrE* ⬚ *AmE* ⬚ *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1700-1800; Origin: ⇨ ↑frank[1]]

to print a sign on an envelope showing that the cost of sending it has been paid ⇨ **franking machine**

III. frank[3] *BrE* ⬚ *AmE* ⬚ *noun* [countable] *American English*

[Date: 1900-2000; Origin: frankfurter]

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