

**unable**[ʌnˈeɪb(ə)] *a*

## 1. неспособный

unable to pay - неплатёжеспособный (о должнике)

we are unable to help you - мы не в состоянии помочь вам

I am sorry to be unable to come - к сожалению, я не имею возможности приехать

people unable to read or write - люди, не умеющие читать и писать; неграмотные

2. *поэт.* слабый, бессильный, немощный**unable**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**un·able** [unable] *BrE* [ʌnˈeɪbəl] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [ʌnˈeɪbəl] <sup>e</sup> **adjective not before noun** ~**to do sth** (rather formal)

not having the skill, strength, time, knowledge, etc. to do sth

- He lay there, unable to move.
- I tried to contact him but was unable to.
- She was unable to hide her excitement.
- Let us know if you're unable to come.
- They have been unable or unwilling to resolve the conflict.

**Opp:** ↑ableExample Bank:

- He remained silent, unwilling or unable to say what was in his mind.
- He seemed constitutionally unable not to give his opinion on anything and everything.
- He seemed constitutionally unable to keep quiet.
- He was considered unable to cope with the pressure of the job.
- He went on, apparently unable to stop.
- She found herself unable to meet his gaze.
- The accident left him unable to walk.
- The road was deemed unable to cope with increased traffic.
- The staff were simply unable to cope.
- They are somehow unable to make the choices necessary.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**un·a·ble** **W2** /ʌnˈeɪbəl/ *BrE* <sup>e</sup> *AmE* <sup>e</sup> **adjective** [not before noun]

[Word Family: noun: ↑ability ≠ ↑inability, ↑disability; adjective: ↑able ≠ ↑unable, ↑disabled; verb: ↑enable ≠ ↑disable; adverb: ↑ably]

not able to do something ⇒ **inability****unable to do something**

- Lucy was unable to find out what had happened.
- Unable to sleep, I got up and made myself a drink.

**REGISTER**In everyday English, people usually say that they **can't/couldn't do something** rather than **are/were unable to do something**:

- She couldn't find out what had happened.

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