

**judgment****judgment** [judgement judgements] (also **judg-ment** especially in NAmE) BrE

['dʒʌdʒmənt] NAmE ['dʒʌdʒmənt] noun

- uncountable** the ability to make sensible decisions after carefully considering the best thing to do
  - **good/poor/sound judgement**
  - She showed a lack of judgement when she gave Mark the job.
  - It's not something I can give you rules for; you'll have to use your judgement.
  - He achieved his aim **more by luck than judgement**.
  - The accident was caused by an **error of judgement** on the part of the pilot.
- countable, uncountable ~ (of/about/on sth)** an opinion that you form about sth after thinking about it carefully; the act of making this opinion known to others
  - He refused to **make a judgement** about the situation.
  - Who am I to **pass judgement** on her behaviour? (= to criticize it)
  - I'd like to **reserve judgement** until I see the report.
  - It was, **in her judgement**, the wrong thing to do.
  - I did it **against my better judgement** (= although I thought it was perhaps the wrong thing to do).
- (usually **judgment**) **countable, uncountable** the decision of a court or a judge
  - a judgment from the European Court of Justice
  - The judgment will be given tomorrow.
  - The court has yet to **pass judgement** (= say what its decision is) in this case.
- countable, usually singular ~ (on sth)** (formal) something bad that happens to sb that is thought to be a punishment from God  
**see** to sit in judgement (on/over/upon sb) **at** ↑sit

Word Origin:Middle English: from Old French **jugement**, from **juger** 'to judge'.Thesaurus:**judgement** (especially AmE **judgment**) noun C, U

• In her judgement, it was the wrong thing to do.

**opinion** • **assessment** • **evaluation** • **view** • **point of view** • **belief** • **conviction** • |formal **estimation** •sb's judgement/opinion/view/beliefs/conviction **about** sb/sth**in** sb's judgement/opinion/assessment/view/estimationthe judgement/opinion/assessment/view/point of view/belief/conviction **that...**Example Bank:

- Experience helps us to form judgements as to the best course of action in given circumstances.
- He felt he had no right to sit in judgement on someone he had only just met.
- He never allows any prejudices to colour his judgement.
- He trusted his wife's judgement.
- His emotions may have clouded his editorial judgement.
- How much money you should invest is a matter of judgement.
- I don't think he's dishonest, but I question his judgement.
- I hate having to make snap judgements.
- I'm not equipped to pass judgement on such matters.
- It is too soon to reach any definitive judgement.
- It's difficult to form a judgement when you don't have all the facts.
- It's hard to render a judgement on what happened.
- Landing a plane requires fine judgement.
- Our judgements must be based on our knowledge and experience.
- Remember to be tactful when expressing a personal judgement.
- She has a reputation for sound professional judgement.
- She must make her own judgement about when to go.
- The company backed her judgement and implemented all her recommendations.
- The court reserved judgement on the two appeals.
- The inspector's function is not merely to pronounce judgement, but also to suggest improvements.
- The sacked workers won a judgement against the company.
- The speaker showed good judgement in his choice of topic.
- They are trying to get the judgement reversed.
- They obtained a judgement in their favour.
- This latest case confirms my earlier judgement.
- What, in your judgement, would be the best way to deal with the problem?
- Whether or not to prescribe an antibiotic in this case is a judgement call.
- You will need to exercise your own judgement about what clothes to wear.
- He's always very ready to pass judgement on others.
- I gave him the money against my better judgement.

- I'd like to reserve judgement until I see the report.
- In her judgement, it was the wrong thing to do.
- It's not for me to make any judgements about the situation.

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**judgment** **W2 BrE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **AmE** <sup>ˈ</sup> (also **judgement** *British English*) /'dʒʌdʒmənt/ *noun*

**1. OPINION** [uncountable and countable] an opinion that you form, especially after thinking carefully about something:

- It's too soon to make a judgment about what the outcome will be.
- In my judgment, we should accept his offer.

**pass judgment (on something)** (=give your opinion, especially a negative one)

- Our aim is to help him, not to pass judgment on what he has done.
- I'd advise you to reserve judgment (=not decide your opinion before you have all the facts).

**against your better judgment** (=even though you do not think it is a sensible thing to do)

- I lent him the money, against my better judgment.

**2. ABILITY TO DECIDE** [uncountable] the ability to make sensible decisions about what to do and when to do it:

- I've known him for years and I trust his judgment.

**professional/personal etc judgment**

- The minister showed a lack of political judgment.
- a decision based on sound judgment (=good judgment)
- Watch carefully and use your judgment. ⇒ **error of judgment** at ↑error(3)

**3. LAW** [uncountable and countable] an official decision given by a judge or a court of law:

- The company were fined £6 million, following a recent court judgment.

**4. a judgment (on somebody/something)** *formal* something bad that happens to someone and seems like a punishment for the things they have done wrong

**5. judgment call** *American English informal* a decision you have to make yourself because there are no fixed rules in a situation

⇒ ↑last judgment, ↑value judgment, ⇒ **sit in judgment** at ↑sit(10)

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### COLLOCATIONS

#### ■ verbs

- **make a judgment** It's too soon to make a judgment about what the outcome will be.
- **form a judgment** (=make a judgment) I prefer to form my own judgments, rather than relying on other people's opinions.
- **pass judgment (on something)** (=give your opinion, especially a negative one) Our aim is to help him, not to pass judgment on what he has done.
- **reserve judgment** (=not decide your opinion before you have all the facts) Why don't you reserve judgment until you have finished the book?
- **base a judgment on something** (=make a judgment because of something) His judgment was based on bad information.

#### ■ adjectives

- **a moral judgment** (=based on what you think is right) People are always making moral judgments about weight loss.
- **a snap judgment** (=made quickly) In my business, I often have to make snap judgments about people.

#### ■ phrases

- **against your better judgment** (=even though you think your action might be wrong) I lent him the money, against my better judgment.

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