

weakness[ˈwiːknɪs] *n*1. 1) **слабость, ослабление, ослабленность; хилость, хрупкость**weakness of memory - *мед.* ослабление/слабости/ памяти

the weakness of old age - старческая немощь

weakness of brain-power - придурковатость, недалёкость

weakness of mind - *мед.* слабоумие2) **недостаточность**

the weakness of a lock - ненадёжный замок

the weakness of smb.'s classical knowledge - слабое знание классиков, пробелы в классическом образовании

weakness in scholarship - недостаточный кругозор, слабая эрудиция

3) **нерешительность, вялость, безволие**

weakness in resistance - слабое/нерешительное/ сопротивление

4) **неубедительность; необоснованность**

the weakness of an argument - неубедительность довода, шаткость аргументации

2. **слабое, уязвимое место; слабость, недостаток**

his chief weakness is a fondness for the bottle - главная его слабость - алкоголь

3. (for) **склонность; пристрастие (к чему-л.)**

to have a weakness for smb. - питать слабость к кому-л.

candy is a weakness of mine - конфеты - моя слабость

4. *бирж.* **понижение (цен, курсов); бездеятельное настроение (рынка)**5. *тех.* **непрочность; низкая прочность****weakness**

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weak·ness [**weakness weaknesses**] *BrE* [ˈwiːknəʃ] *NAme* [ˈwiːknɛʃ] **noun**1. **uncountable** lack of strength, power or determination

• The sudden weakness in her legs made her stumble.

• the weakness of the dollar against the pound

• He thought that crying was a **sign of weakness** .**Opp:** ↑strength2. **countable** a weak point in a system, sb's character, etc• It's important to know your own **strengths and weaknesses** .

• Can you spot the weakness in her argument?

Opp: ↑strength3. **countable, usually singular** ~ **(for sth/sb)** difficulty in resisting sth/sb that you like very much

• He has a weakness for chocolate.

Example Bank:

- He saw compromise as a sign of weakness.
- He worries a lot about his weight, but can't overcome his weakness for fatty foods.
- I have a real weakness for chocolate.
- In a moment of weakness I let him drive my car.
- Make companies aware of potential weaknesses so they know what steps to take.
- Service conditions soon revealed the inherent weaknesses in the vehicle's design.
- She didn't seem to have any obvious weaknesses.
- The appraisal system seeks to assess employees' strengths and weaknesses.
- The criminals exploit apparent weaknesses in the system .
- The greatest weakness of the plan lies in its lack of government support.
- The management had to address specific weaknesses in training.
- The team doesn't have any glaring weaknesses.
- They know their strengths and weaknesses.
- a fatal weakness in his theory
- a position of relative weakness
- business leaders who refuse to admit their weaknesses
- humanity's moral weakness and capacity for evil
- the primary methodological weakness of this study
- the underlying weakness of the coalition's position
- Can you spot the weakness in that argument?
- Certain structural weaknesses have to be overcome before the economy can recover.
- He regarded asking for help as a sign of weakness.
- She admits that her love of luxury is one of her greatest weaknesses.
- The fundamental weakness of the organization is its lack of effective communication.
- There are a number of weaknesses in this approach.
- Try to consider the relative strengths and weaknesses of your work.
- We all have our weaknesses.
- We are all subject to some form of human weakness.
- You need to be aware of your own strengths and weaknesses.
- Young recruits were urged to overcome their own innate weaknesses.

weakness**weak** ˈniːs **W3** /'wiːknəs, 'wiːknɪs *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑weaking, ↑weakness; **verb**: ↑weaken; **adverb**: ↑weakly; **adjective**: ↑weak]**1. FAULT** [countable] a fault in someone's character or in a system, organization, design etc:

" The legislation has a fundamental weakness.

" The plan has strengths and weaknesses.**2. LACK OF POWER** [uncountable] lack of strength, power, or influence**weakness in**

" weakness in the economy

weakness of

" the growing weakness of local government

3. BODY [uncountable] the state of being physically weak:

" muscular weakness

weakness in

" weakness in the right arm

4. CHARACTER [uncountable] lack of determination shown in someone's behaviour:

" He couldn't explain his weakness in giving in to her demands.

" I dared not cry or show any sign of weakness.**weakness of**

" his weakness of character

5. MONEY [uncountable] the condition of not being worth a lot of money**weakness of**

" the weakness of the pound against the dollar

6. a weakness for something if you have a weakness for something, you like it very much even though it may not be good for you:" I have a real weakness for fashionable clothes.

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THESAURUS**■ something wrong**

- **fault** a problem in a machine, system, design etc that causes damage or makes it not work properly: The fire was caused by an electrical fault. | a fault in the engine
- **defect** a fault in something such as a product or machine, resulting from the way it was made or designed: Cars are tested for defects before they leave the factory.
- **weakness** a part of a plan, system, or argument that is not as good as the other parts, and makes it likely to fail: What are the strengths and weaknesses of each method?
- **flaw** a fault in a plan, system, argument etc, especially one that makes it useless or not effective: Your argument has a fundamental flaw. | There was one major flaw in his suggestion – we didn't have enough money.
- **bug** a fault in a computer program: A bug in the system was quickly fixed.
- **glitch** a small fault in the way something works, that can usually be easily corrected: I noticed a small glitch when installing the software.
- **mistake** something that is wrong in someone's spelling, grammar, calculations etc: The article was full of spelling mistakes.
- **there's something wrong with something** used when saying that there is a problem in a machine, car etc, but you do not know what it is: There's something wrong with the computer – it won't close down.

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