

disturb

[dis'tɜ:b] *v*

1. нарушать ход, движение, равновесие *и т. п.*; выводить из состояния покоя
 the oars disturbed the smooth surface of the lake - вёсла рассекли гладь озера
 to disturb the course of a comet - вызвать возмущение в движении кометы
 to disturb smb.'s rest - нарушить чей-л. покой
 to disturb smb.'s peace of mind - вывести кого-л. из душевного равновесия
 to disturb the balance - нарушить равновесие
 to disturb the train of thought - нарушить ход мыслей
 to disturb the peace - вызвать общественные беспорядки; нарушить общественное спокойствие
2. 1) волновать, тревожить, беспокоить; выводить из душевного равновесия
 he was much disturbed by what he heard - он был очень взволнован /встревожен, обеспокоен/ тем, что услышал
- 2) доставлять хлопоты, причинять беспокойство
 don't disturb father - оставь отца в покое, не мешай отцу
 don't disturb yourself - не беспокойтесь, не стоит беспокойства
 sorry to disturb you - извините за беспокойство
 try to disturb him as little as possible - старайся поменьше его трогать
 he was not to be disturbed - он попросил, чтобы его не беспокоили
3. 1) расстраивать, нарушать; срывать
 to disturb smb.'s plans - расстроить чьи-л. планы
 to disturb smb.'s work - мешать чьей-л. работе
- 2) портить; приводить в беспорядок
 to disturb the apparatus - вывести аппарат /прибор/ из строя
 don't disturb my papers - не трогайте мои бумаги
4. *юр.* мешать беспрепятственному использованию права
5. *радио* создавать помехи
6. *с.-х.* поднимать
 to disturb the area - поднять /распахать/ площадь
7. *физ.* возмущать (*движение*)

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dis·turb [disturb disturbs disturbed disturbing] *BrE* [dɪ'stɜːb] *NAmE*

[dɪ'stɜːb] *verb*

1. ~ **sb/sth** to interrupt sb when they are trying to work, sleep, etc
 - I'm sorry to disturb you, but can I talk to you for a moment?
 - If you get up early, try not to disturb everyone else.
 - **Do not disturb** (= a sign placed on the outside of the door of a hotel room, office, etc.)
 - She awoke early after a disturbed night.
 - Only the cry of seabirds disturbed the silence.
2. ~ **sth** to move sth or change its position
 - Don't disturb the papers on my desk.
3. to make sb worry
 - ~ **sb** The letter shocked and disturbed me.
 - **it disturbs sb to do sth** It disturbed her to realize that she was alone.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	disturb
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ 'stɜːb/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ 'stɜːrɪb/
he / she / it	disturbs
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ 'stɜːbz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ 'stɜːrɪbz/
past simple, past participle	disturbed
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ 'stɜːbd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ 'stɜːrɪbd/
-ing form	disturbing
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ 'stɜːbɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ 'stɜːrɪbɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *destourber*, from Latin *disturbare*, from *dis-* 'utterly' + *turbare* 'disturb' (from *turba* 'tumult').

Thesaurus:

disturb *verb*

1. **T**
 - Don't disturb her when she's working.
 - interrupt** • **barge in** • |especially spoken **bother** • |formal **trouble** • • **intrude** •
 disturb sb/interrupt/bother sb/trouble sb **with** sth
 be **sorry to** disturb sb/interrupt/bother sb/trouble sb/intrude
 - Disturb, interrupt or bother** You can **disturb** or **bother** sb who is trying to do sth by talking to them. You **interrupt** sb who is speaking by speaking yourself. You can also **disturb** sb by making a lot of noise.

2. T

- It disturbed her to realize how much she was missing him.

worry •• trouble •• concern •• unsettle •• bother •

It disturbs/worries/troubles/concerns/bothers **sb that...**

What disturbs/worries/troubles/concerns/bothers me **is that...**

Which word? Bother is the most informal of these words, especially in spoken phrases such as **It doesn't bother me.** and **I'm not bothered.** **Concern** is the most formal and not usually used in the progressive tenses.

Example Bank:

- I'm sorry to disturb you, but could you sign this letter?
- Don't disturb her when she's working.
- If you're up early, try not to disturb the others.
- It disturbed her to realize that she was missing him already.
- Sorry to disturb you, but can I talk to you for a minute?
- There's no point in disturbing him with something so trivial.

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[Word Family: adjective: ↑disturbed ≠ ↑undisturbed, ↑disturbing; verb: ↑disturb; noun: ↑disturbance; adverb: ↑disturbingly]

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1. **INTERRUPT** to interrupt someone so that they cannot continue what they are doing:

- Sorry to disturb you, but I have an urgent message.
- The thieves fled when they were disturbed by a neighbour.
- Do not disturb (=a sign you put on a door so that people will not interrupt you).

2. **WORRY** to make someone feel worried or upset:

- What disturbs you most about this latest development?

3. **MOVE** to move something or change its position:

- If you find a bird's nest, never disturb the eggs.
- I promise not to disturb anything.

4. **CHANGE** to change a normal situation in a way that causes problems:

- My hormone balance is disturbed by my pregnancy.
- New procedures often disturb the comfortable habits of the workforce.

5. **disturb the peace** *law* to behave in a noisy and unpleasant way in public

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COLLOCATIONS

nouns

- **disturb somebody's sleep** Local people said their sleep was being disturbed by the noise from the aircraft.
- **disturb somebody's concentration** I couldn't work with the kids around disturbing my concentration.
- **disturb somebody's thoughts** A gentle knock on the door disturbed his thoughts.

phrases

- **sorry to disturb you** *spoken* (=said to apologize for interrupting what someone is doing) Sorry to disturb you, but could you sign this letter, please?

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THESAURUS

when someone is doing something

- **interrupt** [intransitive and transitive] to stop someone from continuing to do something: Miss Danziger apologised for interrupting their enjoyment of their meal. | My thoughts were interrupted by the sound of the doorbell. | His interview was interrupted by a call from the President.
- **disturb** to interrupt someone when they are trying to work, sleep etc: The sign on the door said 'Do not disturb. Meeting in progress'. | I hope I'm not disturbing you. Do you want me to come back later? | Her sleep was disturbed by a violent hammering on the door.
- **bother** to interrupt someone, especially by asking questions when they are trying to do something else: 'I'm very sorry to bother you,' Jackson said smoothly, 'but I'd like a few minutes of your time.' | You mustn't bother him - he's working on his essay.

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