

shame1. [ʃeɪm] *n*

1. стыд

false shame - ложный стыд

a sense of shame - чувство /ощущение/ стыда

to one's [to smb.'s] shame - к своему [к чьему-л.] стыду

to feel shame at smth. - стыдиться чего-л.

he felt shame at having told a lie - ему было стыдно, что он солгал

to burn [to tingle, to blush /to flush/] with shame - сгорать [гореть, краснеть] от стыда

to have no shame, to be without shame - не испытывать стыда, быть бесстыдным

to be past /dead to, lost to/ shame - потерять (всякий) стыд

to bring /to put/ to shame - пристыдить, посрамить

her performance brings to shame even a professional singer - её исполнение может посрамить даже профессиональную певицу

lie could not refuse for very shame - он не мог отказаться из чувства неловкости /стыда/

he hung his head in shame - он сконфуженно опустил голову

2. позор

to be a shame to one's parents - быть позором для своих родителей

to bring shame on /to, upon/ one's family [on /to, upon/ one's name] - опозорить свою семью [своё имя]

to bring shame on /to, upon/ oneself - опозориться

to bring to shame - (о)позорить, (о)бесчестить

shame!, shame on you!, for shame! - **разг.** стыдно!, как вам не стыдно!, стыд и срам!

why, shame upon you, man! - послушайте, как вам не стыдно?

howling shame - позор, стыд и срам

a child of shame - незаконнорождённый ребёнок

a shame and a disgrace to civilization - стыд и позор для цивилизации

3. (a shame) **разг.** обида, жалость, досада

what a shame! - обидно!, жаль!; какое безобразие!

what a shame that ... - как обидно /досадно/, что ...

what a shame to deceive you in that way - какое безобразие вас так обманывать

it is a shame to laugh at him - нехорошо над ним смеяться

2. [ʃeɪm] *v*

1. 1) стыдить; пристыдить

to shame smb. (in front of /before/ smb.) - стыдить кого-л. (в чьём-л. присутствии)

his kindness shamed me - я был пристыжён его добротой

2) посрамить

he shamed me by knowing more about ... - он посрамил меня более обширными знаниями по ...

3) (into, out of) пристыдить и заставить сделать что-л.; сконфузить и заставить отказаться от чего-л.

to shame smb. into smth. /into doing smth./ - пристыдить кого-л. и заставить сделать что-л.

he shamed me into apologizing - он пристыдил меня, и я извинился

to shame smb. out of smth. /out of doing smth./ - пристыдить кого-л. и заставить отказаться от чего-л. /не делать чего-л./

he was shamed out of his prejudice - его пристыдили, и он отказался от своего предубеждения

2. позорить, срамить

to shame one's family [one's name] - опозорить свою семью [своё имя]

to shame oneself - опозориться, осрамиться

shame

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shame [shame shames shamed shaming] **noun, verb, exclamation** BrE [ʃeɪm]" **NAmE** [ʃeɪm] "**noun**

1. uncountable the feelings of sadness, embarrassment and **↑guilt** that you have when you know that sth you have done is wrong or stupid

- His face burned with shame.
- She hung her head in shame.
- He could not live with the shame of other people knowing the truth.
- I would die of shame if she ever found out.
- **To my shame** (= I feel shame that) I refused to listen to her side of the story.

2. uncountable (formal) (only used in questions and negative sentences) the ability to feel **shame** at sth you have done

- Have you no shame?
- That child is completely without shame!

3. a shame singular used to say that sth is a cause for feeling sad or disappointed

Syn: **↑pity**

- **What a shame** they couldn't come.
- **It's a shame about** Tim, isn't it?
- **It's a shame that** she wasn't here to see it.
- It would be **a crying shame** (= a great shame) not to take them up on the offer.
- It seems such a shame to throw perfectly good food away.
- It's a shame (that) you didn't say something sooner.

4. uncountable the loss of respect that is caused when you do sth wrong or stupid

- There is **no shame in** wanting to be successful.

- (formal) She felt that her failure would **bring shame on** her family.

more at name and shame **at** ↑name v.

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

shame noun

1. U

- She hung her head in shame

guilt • **regret** • |especially written **remorse** • |formal, especially religion **repentance** •

shame/guilt/regret/remorse **at** sth

do sth **without** shame/guilt/regret/remorse/repentance

feel (no) shame/guilt/regret/remorse

have no shame/regret/remorse

Shame or guilt? You feel **guilt** when you have done sth you believe to be wrong; you feel **shame** when other people know that you have done sth wrong or stupid

- He could not bear the guilt of knowing it was his fault.
- He could not bear the shame of his family knowing what he had done.

2. a shame sing. (especially spoken)

- What a shame he couldn't come.

unfortunate • |especially spoken a **pity** • **too bad** • |formal **regrettable** •

It's a shame/a pity/too bad **about** sb/sth.

a shame/a pity/unfortunate/too bad/regrettable **that...**

a **great/real/terrible** shame/pity

What a shame/pity.

3. U

- His greed brought shame on the party.

disgrace • |formal **discredit** • **disrepute** • |BrE, formal **dishonour** • |AmE, formal **dishonor** •

Opp: honour

bring shame/disgrace/discredit/dishonour **on** sb/sth

There is no shame/disgrace/dishonour **in** sth.

Which word? All these words are used to talk about a public loss of respect. **Disgrace** is also used to talk about the loss of respect of people you are close to.

Example Bank:

- Do you feel no shame for what you've done?
- He had cried noisily and without shame at the news of Esther's death.
- He risked public shame and possible imprisonment.
- He was being held by two security guards, his head bowed in shame.
- Her pregnancy was no cause for shame.
- His arrest for stealing brought shame on his family.
- I nearly died of shame!
- It is a national shame that our prisons serve as mental institutions.
- It's a terrible shame about Steve losing his job.
- It's a terrible shame about Stuart losing his job, isn't it?
- Shame on you for doubting me!
- She blushed with shame.
- She felt a flush of shame at what she'd done.
- She shut her eyes in shame.
- She wept from the shame of having let everyone down.
- There's no shame in making an honest living.
- This is the secret shame I have carried around for decades.
- To my shame, I didn't tell Robert about the party.
- What a shame you can't come!
- It would be a crying shame to let all that talent go to waste.
- It's a shame about Tim, isn't it?
- It's such a shame that she wasn't here to see it.
- Shame they couldn't make it.
- She felt that her failure would bring shame on her family
- To my shame I refused to listen to her side of the story.

Idioms: ↑**put somebody to shame** ▪ shame on you/him

Derived ↑shame somebody into doing something

verb

1. ~ sb to make sb feel ashamed

- His generosity shamed them all.

2. ~ sb (formal) to make sb feel that they have lost honour or respect

- You have shamed your family.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	shame
	BrE /feɪm/
	NAme /feɪm/
he / she / it	shames
	BrE /feɪmz/
	NAme /feɪmz/
past simple, past participle	shamed
	BrE /feɪmd/
	NAme /feɪmd/
-ing form	shaming
	BrE /feɪmɪŋ/
	NAme /feɪmɪŋ/

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- An outcry from customers has shamed the company into lowering its prices.
- The people who did this all deserve to be publicly shamed.
- She shamed her father into promising to help.
- The companies that pollute our rivers should be named and shamed.

exclamation (SAfrE)

used to express sympathy, or to show that you like sb/sth

- Shame, she's so cute!

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I. shame¹ **S2** /feɪm/ **BrE** ² **AmE** ³ **noun**

[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑shame, ↑shamefulness, ↑shamelessness; **adjective**: ↑ashamed ≠ ↑unashamed, ↑shameful, ↑shameless; **verb**: ↑shame; **adverb**: ↑shamefully ≠ ↑shamelessly]

[**Language**: Old English; **Origin**: scamu]

1. it's a shame/what a shame etc spoken used when you wish a situation was different, and you feel sad or disappointed:

- "She's failed her test again. 'What a shame!'"
- "It's a shame that you have to leave so soon."
- "What a shame we missed the wedding."
- "It's a shame about the weather."

it is a shame to do something

- "It's a shame to cover this beautiful table with a tablecloth."
- "I can't imagine why they canceled your show, Tracy. That's such a shame."

a crying/great/terrible shame

- "It was a crying shame that they lost the game."

REGISTER

In written English, people usually say something is **unfortunate** rather than **a shame**:

- "It's unfortunate that these warnings were not taken seriously."

2. [uncountable] the feeling you have when you feel guilty and embarrassed because you, or someone who is close to you, have done something wrong:

- "He felt a deep sense of shame."
- "Maria blushed with shame."
- "To her shame (=it made her feel ashamed), she gained back all the weight she'd lost."
- "He's brought shame on the whole family."

hang/bow your head in shame (=look down, or feel like you should look down, because you feel so ashamed)

- "I bow my head in shame when I think of how I treated her."
- "There's no shame in (=it should not make you feel ashamed) saying 'I don't know.'"

3. [uncountable] the ability to feel shame:

- "How could you do such a thing? Have you no shame?"

4. shame on you/him/them etc spoken used to say that someone should feel guilty or embarrassed because of something they have done:

- "Shame on you, Fred. I thought you were my friend!"

5. put somebody/something to shame to be so much better than someone or something else that it makes the other thing seem very bad or ordinary:

- "His cooking puts mine to shame."

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THESAURUS

- **shame** the feeling you have when you feel guilty and embarrassed because you, or someone who is close to you, have done something wrong: She never overcame the shame of having abandoned her children. | He remembered his angry words with a deep sense of shame. | Following the scandal, Garrison resigned in shame.
- **humiliation** a feeling of shame and embarrassment because you have been made to look weak or stupid in front of other people: What really upset me was the humiliation of having to ask her for money. | He suffered the humiliation of defeat in the first round of the competition.
- **dishonour** *British English*, **dishonor** *American English formal* the loss of other people's respect because you have done something bad, or you have been unsuccessful: His comments have brought shame and dishonour on him and his profession. | There is no dishonour in failure when you have done everything you possibly can to succeed.
- **stigma** the feeling that other people in society disapprove of you because of something that has happened to you, or because you feel different from most other people in some way – used especially when this seems unfair and unreasonable: Even when someone has been found innocent of a crime, the stigma often remains. | At first I found the stigma of being unemployed very difficult to cope with. | In many countries there is still a strong social stigma attached to homosexuality.

■ great shame

- **disgrace** a complete loss of people's respect because you have done something very bad and shocking: His actions brought disgrace on the family. | The players were sent home in disgrace after admitting taking drugs. | Garton killed himself because he could not bear the disgrace of being charged with corruption.
- **ignominy** *formal* a feeling of great shame and embarrassment because you have been made to look weak or stupid – a very formal use: The team suffered the ignominy of losing five games in a row. | She hoped to avoid the ignominy of having to appear in court.

II. shame² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ verb [transitive]

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1. to make someone feel ashamed:

- It shames me to say it, but I lied.
- He felt shamed and humiliated by the treatment he had received.

2. shame somebody into doing something to force someone to do something by making them feel ashamed:

- His wife shamed him into handing the money back.

3. to be so much better than someone else that you make them seem bad or feel embarrassed:

- Their training record shamed other companies.

4. to make someone feel they have lost all honour and respect:

- She had shamed her family name (=done something that made her family lose honour).

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Frequency Pack

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15000 **2527**^{COCA}

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shaming 198

shames 124

shameful 1169

shamefully 139

shamed 478

shameless 646

shamelessly 411

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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