

discretion

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[dis'kreʃ(ə)n] *n*

1. осторожность, осмотрительность; рассудительность; благоразумие
 age of discretion, years of discretion - а) возраст, с которого человек несёт ответственность за свои поступки (в *Великобритании* - 14 лет); б) зрелый возраст
 to show discretion - обнаруживать /проявлять/ осмотрительность
 to act with discretion - действовать осторожно /осмотрительно/
 he is the soul of discretion - он воплощённое благоразумие, он сама осмотрительность
2. 1) свобода действий; право свободно решать, выбирать; полномочия
 large discretion - широкие полномочия
 at (smb.'s) discretion, at the discretion of smb. - на чьё-л. усмотрение
 to have full discretion to act - иметь полномочия действовать по собственному усмотрению
 to surrender at discretion - сдаться на милость победителя
 use your own discretion, I leave it to your discretion - поступайте, как считаете нужным
 it is within my discretion to go or not - мне решать, идти или нет
- 2) *юр.* дискреционное право
 ◇ discretion is the better part of valour - ≅ без осторожности нет и доблести (*часто как шутливое оправдание трусости*)

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[dis'kreʃ(ə)n] *n*

- 1) прерывистость
- 2) разобщение, разделение

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

dis·cre·tion *AW BrE* [dɪ'skreʃn] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [dɪ'skreʃn] [ⓘ] **noun uncountable**

1. the freedom or power to decide what should be done in a particular situation
 • I'll leave it up to you to **use your discretion** .
 • How much to tell terminally ill patients is **left to the discretion of** the doctor.
2. care in what you say or do, in order to keep sth secret or to avoid causing embarrassment to or difficulty for sb; the quality of being
 ↑ **discreet**
 • This is confidential, but I know that I can rely on your discretion.
 • Jane is **the soul of discretion** (= you can trust her) .
 • Use the utmost discretion when you talk to her.

compare ↑ **indiscretion**

Idioms: ↑ **at somebody's discretion** ▪ ↑ **discretion is the better part of valour**

Word Origin:

[**discretion**] Middle English (in the sense ' **to show good judgement** '); via Old French from Latin **discretio(n-)** 'separation' (in late Latin '**discernment**'), from **discernere**, from **dis-** 'apart' + **cernere** 'to separate' .

Example Bank:

- 'Do you want me to do the job myself or hire a photographer?' 'I'll leave it to your discretion.'
- Judges should be given more discretion over sentencing.
- She has considerable discretion as to how the money is spent.
- The courts exercise discretion in the area of minor traffic violations.
- The president used his executive discretion to pardon the two men.
- The school governors have absolute discretion over which pupils they admit.
- They give themselves complete discretion as to what information they will hand out.
- They would like local authorities to be given greater discretion as to how the money is spent.
- This case calls for the utmost discretion.
- We have discretion about how much to charge.
- to act with discretion
- to conduct enquiries with discretion.
- Jane is the soul of discretion.

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dis·cre·tion *AC* /dɪ'skreʃən/ *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] **noun [uncountable]**

1. the ability and right to decide exactly what should be done in a particular situation
 at **sb's discretion** (=according to someone's decision)
[ⓘ] The awards are made at the discretion of the committee.
[ⓘ] Promotions are **left to the discretion** of the supervisor.
discretion over/as to
[ⓘ] People want to have more discretion over their working hours.
use/exercise your discretion
[ⓘ] The judge exercised his discretion rightly to admit the evidence.
discretion to do something
[ⓘ] The committee has the absolute discretion to refuse applications.
2. the ability to deal with situations in a way that does not offend, upset, or embarrass people or tell any of their secrets ⇒
indiscretion:

British newspapers no longer feel they must treat the royal family with discretion.

3. **discretion is the better part of valour** used to say that it is better to be careful than to take unnecessary risks

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■ carefulness

- **care** if you do something with care, you are careful to avoid damage, mistakes etc: She put the needle in with great care. | Everyone should take care in the sun.
- **caution** care to avoid danger or risks, or care about trusting information that might not be true: Her evidence should be treated with caution. | There was a certain lack of caution among investors.
- **prudence** a sensible and careful attitude that makes you avoid unnecessary risks - a rather formal use: Banks should show more prudence in lending money.
- **vigilance** careful attention to what is happening, so that you will notice any danger or illegal activity: Governments from across the world have called for greater vigilance against Internet-based crime. | There is a need for constant vigilance to protect vulnerable people.
- **regard for something** careful attention and consideration shown to something, to avoid danger or risks - used especially when someone fails to do this: The court heard that the company had shown no regard for the safety of its employees. | These men are cold-blooded killers and have little regard for human life.
- **tact** care not to say anything that might offend or upset someone: He handled the matter with a great deal of tact.
- **discretion** care to deal with situations in a way that does not embarrass, upset or offend people, especially by not telling any of their secrets: Any confidential information was treated with discretion.

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