

disadvantage1. [ˌdɪsədˈvɑːntɪdʒ] *n*

1. 1) невыгодное, неблагоприятное положение

to be at a disadvantage - быть в невыгодном положении

to feel at a disadvantage - понимать /ощущать / невыгоды своего положения; чувствовать себя неуютно

to take smb. at a disadvantage - заставить кого-л. врасплох

to show oneself at a disadvantage /to disadvantage/ - показать себя в невыгодном свете /с невыгодной стороны/

to study under disadvantages - заниматься в неблагоприятных условиях

to be oppressed /crushed/ by one's disadvantages - согнуться под тяжестью неудач

disadvantages in pay to workers in consumer industries compared to those in heavy industry - преимущества в оплате труда, которые имеют рабочие, занятые в тяжёлой промышленности, по сравнению с рабочими, занятыми в лёгкой промышленности

2) недостаток

the machine has two serious disadvantages - в этой машине два больших дефекта

2. вред, ущерб; убыток

to sell to /at a/ disadvantage - продать с убытком, быть в накладе

to spread reports to the disadvantage of smb. - представлять, кого-л. в невыгодном свете

it worked to the disadvantage of the family business - это наносило ущерб семейному бизнесу

3. *шахм.* потеря2. [ˌdɪsədˈvɑːntɪdʒ] *v*

1. ставить в невыгодное положение

2. причинять вред, ущерб

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▪ **dis-ad-van-tage** [disadvantage disadvantages disadvantageddisadvantaging] *BrE* [ˌdɪsədˈvɑːntɪdʒ] *NAmE* [ˌdɪsədˈvæntɪdʒ] **noun countable, uncountable**

something that causes problems and tends to stop sb/sth from succeeding or making progress

• a **serious/severe/considerable disadvantage**• ~ **(of sth)** One **major disadvantage** of the area is the lack of public transport.• ~ **(to sth)** There are disadvantages to the plan.• What's the **main disadvantage** ?• I was **at a disadvantage** compared to the younger members of the team.• The fact that he didn't speak a foreign language **put him at a distinct disadvantage** .• I hope my lack of experience won't **be to my disadvantage** .• The advantages of the scheme far **outweighed the disadvantages** .

• Many children in the class suffered severe social and economic disadvantage.

Opp: ↑ **advantage**Word Origin:late Middle English: from Old French **desavantage**, from **des-** (expressing reversal) + **avantage** 'advantage' .Thesaurus:**disadvantage** **noun** C, U

• There are disadvantages to the plan.

drawback • • **downside** • • **pitfall** • |informal **snag** • • **catch** •**Opp:** **advantage**a/the disadvantage/drawback/downside/snag/catch **to sth**The disadvantage/drawback/downside/snag/catch **is that...****overcome** a disadvantage/drawback/pitfall/snagExample Bank:

• Competition has its disadvantages.

• Despite these disadvantages, many older people maintain an active social life.

• Each plan has its own advantages and disadvantages.

• Lack of qualifications is an obvious disadvantage.

• Some students were at an unfair disadvantage.

• The fact that he didn't speak a foreign language put him at a disadvantage.

• The fog was giving them a tactical disadvantage.

• The plan's advantages outweigh the disadvantages.

• The present system has the disadvantage that nobody really understands how it works.

• There are disadvantages in using this treatment.

• There are disadvantages to all those approaches.

• There was no reason for her to feel at a disadvantage.

• These requirements will have to be standardized if some banks are not to suffer a competitive disadvantage.

• This change in the law will be to the disadvantage of small companies.

• This put them at a crippling cost disadvantage.

• We were at a distinct disadvantage compared with children from richer families.

• another disadvantage for the night-worker

• the disadvantage experienced by older people in the workplace

• the inherent disadvantage that low-income communities face

- the problems of racial disadvantage and poverty
- I hope my lack of experience won't be to my disadvantage
- I was at a disadvantage compared with the younger members of the team.

II. **dis·ad·van·tage** verb

- ~ **sb/sth** Some pension plans may disadvantage women.

Main entry: ↑**disadvantage**_{derived}

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I. **dis·ad·van·tage** ¹ /,dɪsəd'vɑːntɪdʒ- 'væn/ *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ noun [uncountable and countable]

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something that causes problems, or that makes someone or something less likely to be successful or effective **OPP advantage**
disadvantage of

" The disadvantage of the material is that it fades in strong sunlight.

disadvantage to

" There are some big disadvantages to marriage – you do lose a lot of your freedom.

" Criminal behaviour can be linked to economic disadvantage.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **adjectives**

- **the main disadvantage** The main disadvantage of iron as a material is its weight.
- **a big/great/major disadvantage** This method has one major disadvantage: its cost.
- **a serious/severe disadvantage** Public transport is very bad here, which is a serious disadvantage.
- **a slight/minor disadvantage** Children who are young in their school year sometimes have a slight disadvantage.
- **a further/additional/added disadvantage** It's a very small garden and it has the further disadvantage of facing north.
- **social/economic/educational disadvantage** Unemployment often leads to social disadvantage.

■ **verbs**

- **have a disadvantage** Cheap air travel has considerable environmental disadvantages.
- **suffer (from) a disadvantage** *formal* Working-class boys suffer disadvantages in the educational system.
- **overcome a disadvantage** (=succeed in spite of a disadvantage) She was able to overcome the disadvantages of race and poverty.

■ **phrases**

- **somebody is at a disadvantage** (=someone has a disadvantage) The company was at a disadvantage compared with its competitors.
- **put/place somebody at a disadvantage** (=make someone less likely to be successful than others) Not speaking English might put you at a disadvantage.
- **be/work to the disadvantage of somebody** (=make someone unlikely to be successful) This system works to the disadvantage of women.
- **advantages and disadvantages** (=the good and bad features of something) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of working from home.
- **the advantages outweigh the disadvantages** (=there are more advantages than disadvantages) The advantages of building the new road would outweigh the disadvantages.

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THESAURUS

- **disadvantage** noun [countable] a bad feature that something has, which makes it less good or less useful than other things: What do you think are the disadvantages of nuclear energy? | This car uses a lot of fuel, which is a major disadvantage.
- **drawback** noun [countable] a bad feature that something has, although it has advantages that are usually more important: One of the main drawbacks is the price.
- **bad point** noun [countable] *especially spoken* a bad feature that something has: All of these designs have both their good points and bad points.
- **the downside** noun [singular] the disadvantage of a situation that in most other ways seems good or enjoyable: It's a great job. The only downside is that I don't get much free time.

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to make someone less likely to be successful or to put them in a worse situation than others

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