

certainty

[ˈsɜːntɪ] *n*

1. несомненный факт
certainty of death - неизбежность смерти
scientific certainty - научная достоверность; убеждение, основанное на научных данных
to know for a certainty - знать наверняка
2. уверенность
with certainty - с уверенностью
I can't say with certainty - не могу определённо сказать
3. *разг.* верный шанс, верняк
that horse is an absolute certainty - эта лошадь - абсолютный верняк
4. *мат.* достоверность (*стопроцентная вероятность*)

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cer-tainty [certainty certainties] *BrE* [ˈsɜːntɪ] *NAme* [ˈsɜːrtnɪ] **noun** (pl.

cer-tainties)

1. **countable** a thing that is certain
 - political/moral certainties
 - Her return to the team now seems a certainty.
2. **uncountable** the state of being certain
 - There is no certainty that the president's removal would end the civil war.
 - I can't say **with** any **certainty** where I'll be next week.

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *certainete*, from *certain*, based on Latin *certus* 'settled, sure'.

Thesaurus:

certainty **noun**

• The only certainty is change.

inevitability • • **a foregone conclusion** • • **necessity** • |especially *AmE*, informal **a sure thing** •

Opp: **uncertainty**

a certainty/an inevitability **about** sth

an **absolute** certainty/necessity

the **one/only** certainty/necessity

Example Bank:

- It's a virtual certainty that essential foodstuffs will go up in price.
- It's difficult to predict with any degree of certainty how much it will cost.
- The one certainty left in a changing world is death.
- There seems to be a lack of certainty over what we should do.
- As we start the new millennium the only certainty is change, and lots of it.
- I can't say with any certainty where I'll be next week.
- The end of the Cold War marked the collapse of many old political certainties.
- There is no certainty that the president's removal would end the civil war.

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cer-tain-ty /ˈsɜːntɪ/\$ˈsɜːrtn- *BrE* *AmE* **noun** (plural **certainties**)

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑certainty ≠ ↑uncertainty; **adverb:** ↑certainly ≠ ↑uncertainly; **adjective:** ↑certain ≠ ↑uncertain]

1. [**uncountable**] the state of being completely certain
with certainty
 - She knew with absolute certainty that he'd say no.
 - The result is impossible to predict with any degree of certainty.
2. [**uncountable**] the fact that something is certain to happen
certainty of (doing) something
 - the certainty of being caught**certainty that**
 - There's no certainty that he'll remember.
3. [**countable**] something that is definitely true or that will definitely happen:
 - He usually does quite well, but it's not a certainty.
 - The only certainty is that there will need to be major changes.

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