

**experience****1. [ɪk'spɪ(ə)rɪəns] n****1. (жизненный) опыт**

to know by /from/ experience - знать по опыту

to learn by experience - узнать по (горькому) опыту, убедиться на опыте

to speak from experience - говорить на основании личного опыта

it has been my experience that ... - я имел возможность убедиться (на опыте), что ...

this has not been my experience - я этого не встречал, со мной этого не случилось, у меня было не так; я мог убедиться в обратном

**2. 1) опытность**

a man of experience - опытный человек; квалифицированный работник

**2) опыт работы; стаж**

five-year experience - пятилетний стаж

experience in teaching - опыт преподавания, педагогический стаж

battle experience - боевой опыт

the ship's first combat experience - первый бой корабля

no experience necessary - для приёма на работу стажа не требуется

**3. 1) случай, приключение**

alarming experiences - опасные приключения

strange [interesting, unpleasant] experience - странный [интересный, неприятный] случай

I'll never forget my experience with bandits - я никогда не забуду, как на меня напали бандиты

**2) впечатление, переживание**

childhood experiences - впечатления детства

tell us about your experiences in Africa - расскажите нам о том, как вы были в Африке

**2. [ɪk'spɪ(ə)rɪəns] v****1. испытать, узнать по опыту**

it has to be experienced to be understood - чтобы это понять, надо самому это испытать

**2. испытывать, переживать**

to experience pain - чувствовать боль

to experience joy - испытывать радость

to experience grief - переживать горе

◇ to experience religion - *амер.* обратиться в (какую-л.) веру, стать новообращённым

**experience**

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**ex·peri·ence** [experience experiences experienced experiencing] **noun, verb***BrE* [ɪk'spɪəriəns] *NAmE* [ɪk'spɪriəns]**noun****1. uncountable** the knowledge and skill that you have gained through doing sth for a period of time; the process of gaining this

- to have over ten years' teaching experience
- Do you have any **previous experience** of this type of work?
- a doctor with **experience in** dealing with patients suffering from stress
- My lack of **practical experience** was a disadvantage.
- She didn't get paid much but it was all **good experience**.
- He gained valuable experience whilst working on the project.
- We all **learn by experience**.

**see also** ↑work experience**2. uncountable** the things that have happened to you that influence the way you think and behave

- Experience has taught me that life can be very unfair.
- It is important to try and **learn from experience**.
- **In my experience**, very few people really understand the problem.
- She knew **from past experience** that Ann would not give up easily.
- The book is based on **personal experience**.
- **direct/first-hand experience** of poverty

**3. countable** an event or activity that affects you in some way

- an enjoyable/exciting/unusual/unforgettable, etc. experience
- ~ **(of sth)** It was her first experience of living alone.
- Living in Africa was very different from home and **quite an experience** (= unusual for us).
- I had a bad experience with fireworks once.
- He seems to have had some sort of religious experience.

**4. the... experience** **singular** events or knowledge shared by all the members of a particular group in society, that influences the way they think and behave

- musical forms like jazz that emerged out of the Black American experience

Word Origin:

late Middle English: via Old French from Latin *experientia*, from *experiri* 'try'. Compare with ↑experiment and ↑expert.

Thesaurus:**experience** **noun****1. U**

• I have over 10 years' teaching experience.  
**knowledge • • understanding • • learning • • wisdom •**

**Opp:** inexperience

**practical** experience/knowledge/understanding/wisdom

**acquire** experience/knowledge/understanding/learning/wisdom

**gain** experience/knowledge/understanding/wisdom

2. C

• I had a bad experience with fireworks once.

**event • • incident • • affair • • episode •** | especially spoken **business •**

**a terrible** experience/event/incident/affair/business

**an enjoyable** experience/event/affair

**a/an** experience/event/incident/episode **occurs/takes place**

### Example Bank:

- Choose illustrative examples from the children's everyday experience.
- Does anyone have any experiences— good or bad— that they would like to share with the group?
- Early experiences shape the way we deal with crises in later life.
- Early experiences shape the way we face up to and deal with crises in later life.
- Experience is subjective and very hard to measure.
- Experience shows that this strategy does not always work.
- He found the whole experience traumatic.
- He has direct experience of poverty.
- I love reading: I have an insatiable appetite for vicarious experience.
- I think you will enjoy the experience of taking part in the show.
- In her book, she draws on her first-hand experience of mental illness.
- In my experience, very few people really understand the problem.
- It could take him years to get over this experience.
- It is a common experience to feel that an author writes well, without being able to say why.
- It is a matter of common experience that disorder will increase if things are left to themselves.
- It was quite an experience being involved in making a television programme.
- Reliving past experiences can release powerful feelings that have been pent up too long.
- Rolls Royce's unrivalled experience in high technology manufacturing
- She didn't get paid much but it was all good experience.
- She has been through a very traumatic experience.
- She has brought personal experience to bear on her analyses of business history.
- She has considerable professional experience of translation.
- She wanted to broaden her experience in international affairs.
- Students require field experience rather than just observation
- The book is based on personal experience.
- The goal is to enhance the user experience on computing devices.
- The new player will bring a wealth of experience to the team.
- The novel is based on his experiences in the war.
- The returning soldiers bring valuable experience to the Army.
- The sound system greatly enhances the experience of the movie.
- The use of drama can motivate students by allowing them to share a common experience.
- There are few areas of human experience that have not been written about.
- These views reflect my own personal experience.
- We aim to create an experience the consumer will remember.
- We all learn by experience.
- We know from experience that hot objects are painful to touch.
- We're in for a difficult couple of weeks, if past experience is anything to go by.
- a hair-raising experience of white-water rafting
- companies with limited experience in the field
- his peers, with whom he shares the common experience of being black in a white society
- the importance of hands-on experience as well as academic training
- Although it was brief, it was a highly enjoyable experience.
- He has had direct/first-hand experience of poverty.
- I have over ten years' teaching experience.
- It is important to try and learn from experience.
- Living in Africa was very different from home and quite an experience.
- Musical forms such as jazz emerged out of the Black American experience.
- The opportunities available will depend on your previous work experience and qualifications.

Idiom: ↑ **put something down to experience**

verb

1. ~ **sth** to have a particular situation affect you or happen to you

- The country experienced a foreign currency shortage for several months.
- Everyone experiences these problems at some time in their lives.

2. ~ **sth** to have and be aware of a particular emotion or physical feeling

- to experience pain/pleasure/unhappiness
- I experienced a moment of panic as I boarded the plane.

Verb forms:

| verb forms                   |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| present simple               |                        |
| I / you / we / they          | experience             |
|                              | BrE /ɪk 'spɪəriəns/    |
|                              | NAmE /ɪk 'spɪəriəns/   |
| he / she / it                | experiences            |
|                              | BrE /ɪk 'spɪəriənsɪz/  |
|                              | NAmE /ɪk 'spɪəriənsɪz/ |
| past simple, past participle | experienced            |
|                              | BrE /ɪk 'spɪəriənst/   |
|                              | NAmE /ɪk 'spɪəriənst/  |
| -ing form                    | experiencing           |
|                              | BrE /ɪk 'spɪəriənsɪŋ/  |
|                              | NAmE /ɪk 'spɪəriənsɪŋ/ |

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Thesaurus:

**experience** verb

1. T (especially written)

- The country experienced a severe food shortage.

**have • • meet • • feel • • take • • go through sth • • run into sth • | especially written encounter • • suffer • • receive • • undergo •**

experience/have/meet/run into/encounter **problems**

experience/have/deal/suffer/receive a/the **shock**

experience/go through/suffer/undergo an **ordeal**

2. T

- I had never experienced such pain before.

**feel • • know • | especially written taste • • sense •**

experience/feel/know/taste **joy**

experience/feel/know **pain/satisfaction/shame**

experience/feel/sense a **need**

experience/feel a/an **sense/emotion/urge/stab**

Example Bank:

- He hadn't directly experienced the fighting in the city.
- people who have actually experienced these problems first-hand
- I have never experienced such pain before.

See also: **↑chalk something up to experience**

**experience**

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

1. **ex** **pe** **ri** **ence** <sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /ɪk'spɪəriəns \$ -'spɪr- / **BrE** <sup>m</sup> **AmE** <sup>m</sup> **noun**

[**Word Family:** verb: **↑experience**; noun: **↑experience** ≠ **↑inexperience**; adjective: **↑experienced** ≠ **↑inexperienced**]

[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** French; **Origin:** Latin *experientia* 'act of trying', from *experiri* 'to try out']

1. **KNOWLEDGE/SKILL** [**uncountable**] knowledge or skill that you gain from doing a job or activity, or the process of doing this

**experience of/in/with**

- " You've got a lot of experience of lecturing.
- " my experience in many areas of the music business
- " He had no previous experience of managing a farm.
- " The advice in the booklet reflects the practical experience we have gained (=experience gained by actually doing something, rather than knowledge from books etc).
- " I had some experience in fashion design.
- " She was turned down on the grounds of lack of experience.
- " I have first-hand experience (=experience gained by doing something myself) of running a school.

**gain/get experience**

- " The programme enables pupils to gain some experience of the world of work.

2. **KNOWLEDGE OF LIFE** [**uncountable**] knowledge that you gain about life and the world by being in different situations and meeting different people, or the process of gaining this

**in sb's experience**

- " In his experience, women did not like getting their feet wet and muddy.

**know/learn/speak from experience**

- " Being a parent isn't easy, as I know from experience.
- " All animals appear to have some capacity to learn from experience.
- " I speak from bitter experience (=having learnt something because something unpleasant happened).

**personal/previous/past experience**

- " From personal experience, she knew and understood the problems of alcohol addiction.

**experience shows/suggests that**

Beth's experience suggests that people don't really change deep down.

**3. SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS** [countable] something that happens to you or something you do, especially when this has an effect on what you feel or think:

" childhood experiences

experience of/with

" This was my first experience of living with other people.

experience for

" Failing an exam was a new experience for me.

" I had a similar experience last year.

" The two children in this story have been through a lot of bad experiences.

" Parachuting is quite an experience.

memorable/unforgettable experience

" This romantic evening cruise is a memorable experience.

religious experience (=a situation in which you feel, hear, or see something that affects you strongly and makes you believe in God)

" This kind of religious experience was a sign of God's special favour.

**4. the black/female /Russian etc experience** events or knowledge shared by the members of a particular society or group of people:

" No writer expresses the black experience with such passion as Toni Morrison.

**5. work experience** *British English* a system in which a student can work for a company in order to learn about a job, or the period during which a student does this:

" Ella is about to do work experience with a clothing manufacturer.

on work experience

" students on work experience

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## COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

### ■ verbs

- **have experience** Applicants must have experience of working with children.
- **get/gain experience** He suggested that I should gain some experience in a related industry like travel.
- **lack experience** (=not have enough experience) Some students lack experience writing essays.
- **broaden/widen your experience** (=increase the amount of different experience you have) After six years with the bank, he went to work in New York to broaden his experience.

### ■ adjectives

- **considerable experience** (=a lot of experience) Margaret has considerable experience of hospital work.
- **long experience** (=experience gained over a long period of time) New prison officers are partnered by officers with long experience of dealing with violent prisoners.
- **useful/valuable experience** (=useful experience) That summer he got some valuable experience working in a tax office.
- **invaluable experience** (=extremely useful experience) Playing in the under-21 squad gives these young players invaluable experience.
- **relevant experience** (=experience that directly relates to a job, subject, or problem) Applicants need a degree and two years of relevant experience.
- **past/previous experience** His only previous experience of broadcasting consisted of a job hosting a local radio station.
- **practical experience** (=experience gained from doing something, not from books or study) The classes provide students with some practical experience of computers.
- **first-hand experience** (=experience gained by doing something yourself) She has no first-hand experience of running a school.

### ■ phrases

- **a wealth of experience** (=a lot of useful experience) Between them, the management team have a wealth of experience.
- **lack of experience** My colleagues kept making comments about about my lack of experience.

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## COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

### ■ adjectives

- **personal experience** He spoke from personal experience about the harmful effects of taking drugs.
- **life experience** (=experience that comes from life) As an older parent, your life experience is one of your greatest assets.
- **first-hand experience** (=experience gained from doing something yourself) As a journalist living in Iraq, he had first-hand experience of coping with terror on his doorstep.
- **bitter experience** (=experience that makes you feel disappointed or upset) I knew from bitter experience how unreliable she could be.
- **everyday experience** (=experience of normal life) Hunger is part of everyday experience for these children.

### ■ verbs

- **know/learn from experience** Janet knew from experience that love doesn't always last.
- **speak from experience** The miners spoke from experience about the dangers of their work.
- **lack experience** Many men in their twenties lack experience and social skills.
- **experience suggests/shows something** Experience suggests that children who commit crimes will continue to offend as adults.

### ■ phrases

- **lack of experience** He was embarrassed about his lack of experience with women.

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## COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

## ADJECTIVES/NOUN + experience

- **a good/bad experience** On the whole, going to boarding school was a good experience for him. | I've had some bad experiences when I've been travelling on my own.
- **positive/negative** The entire experience has been very positive. | Many people reported having negative experiences when dealing with their local council.
- **enjoyable /pleasant** We want to make the experience as enjoyable as possible. | She recalled pleasant experiences from her past.
- **memorable /unforgettable** (=a good experience that you will remember for a long time) Meeting the queen was a memorable experience.
- **painful** (=one that is very upsetting) Her family supported her through the painful experience.
- **traumatic/harrowing** (=one that is shocking and upsetting, and affects you for a long time) Having an operation can be a traumatic experience for a child.
- **new** The club scene was a whole new experience for me.
- **a formative experience** (=one that has an important influence on the way someone develops) The trip was probably the most formative experience of my life.
- **childhood experiences** Our childhood experiences make us what we are as adults.
- **a religious experience** (=one that makes someone believe strongly in God) As a young man he had a profound religious experience.
- **an everyday /commonplace experience** (=one that is typical of normal life) The sound of gunfire is an everyday experience in the city.

## II. experience <sup>2</sup> S2 W2 BrE <sup>m</sup> AmE <sup>m</sup> verb [transitive]

[Word Family: verb: ↑experience; noun: ↑experience ≠ ↑inexperience; adjective: ↑experienced ≠ ↑inexperienced]

1. if you experience a problem, event, or situation, it happens to you or affects you

experience problems/difficulties

- <sup>m</sup> Many old people will experience problems as the result of retirement.
- <sup>m</sup> Children need to experience things for themselves in order to learn from them.

2. to feel a particular emotion, pain etc:

- <sup>m</sup> Many women experience feelings of nausea during pregnancy.

## experience

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