

awkward['ɔ:kwəd] *a*

1. неуклюжий, неловкий; нескладный

awkward gait - неуклюжая походка

he is still an awkward skater - он ещё плохо держится на льду

to be awkward in one's speech [in one's movements] - с трудом говорить [двигаться]

to be awkward with one's hands - не знать, куда девать руки

the child is still awkward with a spoon and fork - ребёнок ещё плохо справляется с ложкой и вилкой

2. 1) неудобный

awkward door [handle, step] - неудобная дверь [ручка, ступенька]

the machine is awkward to handle - на этой машине трудно работать

2) неловкий, неудобный; затруднительный

awkward situation - затруднительное или неловкое положение

awkward question - щекотливый вопрос

awkward time - неудобное время

awkward pause - неловкое молчание

to feel awkward with smb. - чувствовать себя неловко с кем-л.

3. *разг.* опасный; трудный (*часто о человеке*)

awkward blow - опасный удар

awkward customer - а) опасный тип; б) опасная тварь (*о собаке и т. п.*)

an awkward corner to turn - опасный поворот

don't be awkward, we have to get this finished by 5 o'clock - не выдумывай /не капризничай/, эту работу мы должны закончить к пяти часам

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awk·ward *BrE* ['ɔ:kwəd] *NAme* ['ɔ:kwɜːd] **adjective**

1. making you feel embarrassed

• There was an awkward silence.

• I felt awkward because they obviously wanted to be alone.

2. difficult to deal with

Syn: ↑difficult

• Don't ask awkward questions.

• You've put me in an awkward position.

• an awkward customer (= a person who is difficult to deal with)

• Please don't be awkward about letting him come.

• It makes things awkward for everyone when you behave like that.

3. not convenient

Syn: ↑inconvenient

• Have I come at an awkward time?

4. difficult or dangerous because of its shape or design

• This box is very awkward for one person to carry.

• This tool will reach into awkward corners, such as under kitchen units.

5. not moving in an easy way; not comfortable

• He tried to dance, but he was too clumsy and awkward.

• I must have slept in an awkward position— I'm aching all over.

Derived Words ↑awkwardly ▪ ↑awkwardness**Word Origin:**late Middle English (in the sense 'the wrong way round, upside down'): from dialect *awk* 'backwards, perverse, clumsy' (from Old Norse *afugr* 'turned the wrong way') + ↑-ward.**Thesaurus:****awkward** *adj.*

1.

• She is awkward with people she doesn't know.

uncomfortable • **embarrassed** • **self-conscious** • **sheepish** •awkward/uncomfortable/embarrassed/self-conscious/sheepish **about sth**an awkward/uncomfortable/embarrassed **silence**a/an embarrassed/self-conscious/sheepish **smile****Awkward, uncomfortable or embarrassed?** **Embarrassed** is used especially to describe how sb feels; **uncomfortable** can describe a situation; **awkward** often describes sb's personality or usual behaviour

2.

• You've put me in an awkward position.

problematic • **delicate** • **sensitive** • *informal* **tricky** •a/an awkward/problematic/delicate/sensitive/tricky **matter/situation**a/an awkward/problematic/delicate/sensitive **relationship**a/an awkward/delicate/sensitive/tricky **question/subject/problem**

3.

• Please don't be awkward about letting him come.

difficult • • perverse • • obstructive • • uncooperative • • unhelpful •
be awkward/difficult **about** sth
an awkward/a difficult **customer**
deliberately awkward/perverse/obstructive

Example Bank:

- He always sounded awkward on the phone.
- He could make things very awkward for me if he wanted to.
- He was embarrassed, which made him awkward.
- I was the most socially awkward person you could imagine.
- She asked some rather awkward questions.
- She is awkward with people she doesn't know.
- They felt awkward about having to leave so soon.
- Don't ask awkward questions.
- He can be an awkward customer.
- He was in an awkward situation and I thought he handled it very well.
- Please don't be awkward about letting him come.
- That's a bit awkward for me— could we make it earlier?
- There was an awkward moment when they asked about his wife.
- You've put me in an awkward position.

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awk **ward** **S3** /'ɔːkwəd\$ 'bɔːkwəd *BrE* " *AmE* " adjective

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: awk 'turned the wrong way' (15-17 centuries) (from Old Norse öfugr) + -ward]

1. making you feel embarrassed so that you are not sure what to do or say **SYN difficult**:

- " I hoped he would stop asking awkward questions.
- " There was an awkward moment when she didn't know whether to shake his hand or kiss his cheek.
- " an awkward silence
- " A laugh can help people over an awkward situation.
- " Philip's remarks put her in an awkward position (=made it difficult for her to know what to do).

2. not relaxed or comfortable:

- " She liked to dance but felt awkward if someone was watching her.
- " Geoff looked uneasy and awkward.
- " Make sure that the baby is not sleeping in an awkward position.

3. difficult to do, use, or deal with:

- " It'll be awkward getting cars in and out.
- " The new financial arrangements were awkward to manage.
- " A good carpenter can make a cupboard to fit the most awkward space.
- " She was afraid he was going to ask an awkward question.

4. not convenient:

- " I'm sorry to call at such an awkward time but I won't keep you a minute.

5. an awkward person is deliberately unhelpful **SYN difficult**

awkward about

- " The staff wanted to go home and they were getting awkward about a meeting starting so late.
- " an awkward customer (=person who is difficult and unhelpful)

—**awkwardly** *adverb*:

- " 'I'm very sorry about your sister,' he said awkwardly.
- " Vera smiled awkwardly.

—**awkwardness** *noun* [uncountable]:

- " He tried to smooth over the awkwardness of the situation.

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