

obstacle['ɒbstəkl̩] *n*

1) препятствие, помеха; преграда

to be an obstacle to smth. - быть преградой /помехой/ чему-л.

to throw /to put/ obstacles in smb.'s way - чинить препятствия кому-л.

to remove obstacles - уничтожать препятствия

to overcome /to surmount/ obstacles - преодолевать препятствия

this is no obstacle - это не является помехой

2) *спорт.* препятствиеartificial obstacle - искусственное препятствие (*конный спорт*)closed obstacle - закрытое препятствие (*конный спорт*)straight obstacle - крутое препятствие (*конный спорт*)**obstacle**

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obs·tacle [obstacle obstacles] *BrE* ['ɒbstəkl̩] ¹¹ *NAmE* ['ɑːbstəkl̩] ¹¹ **noun**

1. ~ (to sth/to doing sth) a situation, an event, etc. that makes it difficult for you to do or achieve sth

Syn: ↑hindrance

• A lack of qualifications can be a major obstacle to finding a job.

• So far, we have managed to overcome all the obstacles that have been placed in our path.

• The MP claims that there is now no obstacle to him standing at the next general election.

2. an object that is in your way and that makes it difficult for you to move forward

• The area was full of streams and bogs and other natural obstacles.

3. (in ↑showjumping) a fence, etc. for a horse to jump over

Word Origin:Middle English: via Old French from Latin *obstaculum*, from *obstare* 'impede', from *ob-* 'against' + *stare* 'stand'.Thesaurus:**obstacle** **noun** C

• We overcame all obstacles put in our path.

barrier • • **hurdle** • • **handicap** • • **hindrance** • |**formal impediment** • |**especially journalism stumbling block** • |**AmE, especially journalism roadblock** •a/an obstacle/barrier/handicap/hindrance/impediment/stumbling block **to** sb/stha **major** obstacle/barrier/hurdle/handicap/hindrance/impediment/stumbling block/roadblock**remove** a/an obstacle/barrier/impediment/stumbling block/roadblock**overcome** a/an obstacle/barrier/hurdle/handicap**Obstacle or barrier?** A **barrier** makes sth impossible to do or achieve; an **obstacle** makes sth difficult but not impossible.Example Bank:

• Lack of childcare provision can be a major obstacle for women wishing to work.

• Lack of money has proved an almost insurmountable obstacle.

• The attitude of the unions is a serious obstacle.

• The huge distances involved have proved an obstacle to communication between villages.

• The release of prisoners remains an obstacle in the path of a peace agreement.

• the joy of overcoming seemingly impossible obstacles

• He managed with difficulty to negotiate the obstacles strewn across the floor.

• So far, we have managed to overcome all the obstacles placed in our path.

• This huge open ditch forms the biggest obstacle on the course.

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obs·tacle /'ɒbstəkl̩ \$ 'ɑːb- *BrE* ¹¹ *AmE* ¹¹ **noun** [countable][**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** Latin *obstaculum*, from *obstare* 'to stand in the way, stand in front of']

1. something that makes it difficult to achieve something

obstacle to

• Fear of change is an obstacle to progress.

• The tax puts obstacles in the way of companies trying to develop trade overseas.• Women still have to overcome many obstacles to gain equality.• We want to remove all obstacles to travel between the two countries.• the single biggest obstacle to a Conservative victory in the next election• There are formidable obstacles on the road to peace.

2. an object which blocks your way, so that you MUST try to go around it

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COLLOCATIONS■ **verbs**• **be an obstacle** This issue is a major obstacle to a successful peace treaty.• **prove an obstacle** (=be an obstacle) The weather proved an obstacle, with nonstop rains flooding the field.• **present/pose an obstacle** (=cause an obstacle to exist) Serious differences continue to present obstacles to an agreement. | Our reliance on fossil fuels poses an obstacle to achieving these targets.• **overcome an obstacle** (also **surmount an obstacle formal**) (=find a solution to an obstacle) We need to help young people

overcome the obstacles that poverty puts in their way.

- **remove an obstacle** Opening the border removed all obstacles to trade and travel between the two countries.
- **face an obstacle** (=have to deal with an obstacle) The investigation has faced numerous obstacles.
- **encounter an obstacle** (=find that there is an obstacle) People should not encounter obstacles because of their age, sex, race, or religion.
- **put/place obstacles in the way** (=try to stop someone from doing something easily) Her father put several obstacles in the way of their marriage.

■ adjectives

- **a major/serious obstacle** Debt is a major obstacle to economic growth. | There are serious obstacles to obtaining sufficient funding.
- **a real obstacle** (=a serious one) The lack of oil and gas resources in Northeast Asia is a real obstacle to the region's economic development.
- **the main/biggest/greatest etc obstacle** The biggest obstacle to women's equality was social expectations of male and female roles.
- **an insuperable/insurmountable obstacle** (=one that it is impossible to find a solution to) The problem does not present an insurmountable obstacle. | There are no insuperable obstacles to the purchase of the company.
- **a formidable obstacle** (=one that makes it very difficult to achieve something) There are formidable obstacles to legal reform.
- **a legal/political/technical etc obstacle** Despite technical obstacles, scientists at NASA are considering the project.

■ phrases

- **an obstacle in the way/path** There were still a number of obstacles in the way of an agreement.

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