

**gravity**['grævɪtɪ] *n*1. **серьёзность, важность**

the gravity of the political situation - серьёзность политической обстановки

the gravity of the occasion - важность события

the gravity of his offence cannot be disregarded - нельзя не учитывать серьёзности его проступка

2. **тяжесть, опасность (болезни, положения и т. п.)**

gravity of a wound - серьёзность ранения

3. 1) **серьёзность (вида и т. п.); торжественность**

the gravity of smb.'s appearance - серьёзное выражение лица

he could hardly keep his gravity - ему с трудом удалось сохранить серьёзность

he lost his gravity - он утратил свою серьёзность; его лицо прояснилось

this upset his gravity - он не мог удержаться от улыбки

2) **степенность, уравновешенность**

the gravity of his behaviour inspired confidence - его уравновешенность вселяла /внушала/ доверие

4. **физ. тяжесть; сила тяжести; тяготение**

low gravity - небольшая сила тяжести

force of gravity - сила тяжести

gravity acceleration - ускорение силы тяжести

gravity wave - гравитационная волна

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**grav·ity** [gravity gravities] *BrE* ['grævətɪ] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* ['grævətɪ] <sup>ⓘ</sup> **noun uncountable**1. (abbr. **g**) the force that attracts objects in space towards each other, and that on the earth pulls them towards the centre of the planet, so that things fall to the ground when they are dropped

• Newton's law of gravity

**see also** ↑centre of gravity

## 2. (formal) extreme importance and a cause for worry

**Syn:** ↑seriousness

• I don't think you realise the gravity of the situation.

• Punishment varies according to the gravity of the offence.

## 3. (formal) serious behaviour, speech or appearance

• They were asked to behave with the gravity that was appropriate in a court of law.

**see also** ↑grave<sup>1</sup> *adj.*Word Origin:late 15th cent. (in sense 2): from Old French, or from Latin **gravitas** 'weight, seriousness', from **gravis** 'heavy'. Sense 1 dates from the 17th cent.Example Bank:

- Criminal law does not treat traffic offences with the gravity they deserve.
- Europe's economic centre of gravity shifted northwards.
- Gravity bends light like a lens.
- Gravity pulls objects together.
- I don't think you realize the extreme gravity of the situation.
- The building leans so much that it seems to defy gravity.
- The threat is not being treated with the gravity it deserves.
- The water flows from the tank by gravity to the houses below.
- The world's economic centre/center of gravity is shifting east.
- a low centre/center of gravity
- the weak gravity on the moon

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the force of gravity2. **formal** the extreme and worrying seriousness of a situation**gravity of**

• I could not hide from her the gravity of the situation.

• The penalties should be proportionate to the gravity of the offence.

## 3. an extremely serious way of behaving or speaking:

• The Consul spoke slowly and with great gravity.

⇨ ↑centre of gravity

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