

earnest

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1. [ˈz:ni:st] *n*
 серьёзность, нешуточность
 in earnest, in good /dead/ earnest - всерьёз, очень серьёзно
 I am perfectly in earnest - я говорю совершенно серьёзно, я не шучу
 if you work in earnest, you will succeed - если вы будете серьёзно /упорно, по-настоящему/ работать вы добьётесь успеха
2. [ˈz:ni:st] *n*
 1. серьёзный, важный, нешуточный
 to pay earnest heed - обратить (самое) серьёзное внимание
 children earnest at their play - дети, увлечённые игрой
 an earnest request for help - настоятельная просьба о помощи
 he's so earnest about it - он так серьёзно к этому относится
 2. убеждённый, искренний
 earnest desire - искреннее стремление
 earnest conviction - глубокое убеждение
 3. горячий, ревностный
 earnest worker - усердный /старательный работник человек, упорно работающий (над чем-л.)
 earnest pupil - прилежный ученик
 an earnest student of philosophy - человек, углублённо изучающий философию
 he is earnest for success - он ревностно добивается успеха

II

- [ˈz:ni:st] *n*
1. 1) задаток
 take this as an earnest - примите это как задаток
 - 2) залог; предвкушение; предвестник
 earnest of fresh achievements - залог новых достижений
 the sun was rising over the peak giving an earnest of a hot day - над вершиной вставало солнце, предвещая жаркий день
 2. = earnest money

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earn·est *BrE* [ˈzɜːnəst] *NAmE* [ˈzɜːrnəst] **adjective**

very serious and sincere

- an earnest young man
- Despite her earnest efforts, she could not find a job.
- When I looked over, he was in earnest conversation with his father.

Idiom: ↑in earnest

Derived Words ↑earnestly ▪ ↑earnestness

Word Origin:

[**earnest earnestly earnestness**] Old English eornoste (adjective), eornost (noun), of Germanic origin; related to German **Ernst** (noun).

Example Bank:

- You may laugh but I assure you I'm in deadly earnest.
- a very earnest young man
- Despite the earnest efforts of all concerned, the project failed to find a backer.
- I could tell that she spoke in earnest.
- She was nice enough, but perhaps a little too earnest.
- The earnest young doctor answered all our questions.
- When I looked over, he was in earnest conversation with an elderly gentleman.
- You may laugh but I'm in deadly earnest.

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I. **ear·nest**¹ /ˈzɜːnəst, ˈzɜːrnəst/ *BrE* *AmE* **adjective**

[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** eornost]

very serious and sincere:

- a rather earnest young man
- Matthews was in earnest conversation with a young girl.
- an earnest desire to offer something useful to society

earnest expression/look/voice etc

earnest attempt/effort etc

—**earnestly** *adverb*:

- earnestly discussing politics

—**earnestness** *noun* [uncountable]

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■ **not joking**

- **serious** not joking or laughing, or not pretending: His voice sounded serious. | They seem to be serious about their relationship.

- **solemn** very serious because of an important or sad occasion or ceremony: My father looked solemn, the way grown-ups look at funerals. | The judge read the verdict in a solemn voice.
- **grave** *written* quiet and very serious – used especially about the way people look when something important or worrying happens: She consulted Doctor Staples and returned looking grave. | He listened with a grave expression on his face.
- **sombre** *British English* (also **somber** *American English*) /'sʌmbə \$ 'sɑːmbər *written* sad, quiet, or serious because something unpleasant or worrying has happened or is going to happen: They sat in sombre silence. | The meeting began in a sombre mood.
- **earnest** very serious and sincere – often used about someone who is young and not very experienced: He was a rather earnest-looking young man. | 'That's wrong,' she said, her voice sounding very earnest.

II. **earnest**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *noun*

1. **in earnest** if something starts happening in earnest, it begins properly – used when it was happening in a small or informal way before:

▪ On Monday your training begins in earnest!

2. **be in earnest** to really mean what you are saying, especially when expressing an intention or wish:

▪ She wasn't sure whether he was in earnest or not.

be in dead/deadly/complete earnest

▪ Although he smiled, Ashley knew he was in deadly earnest.

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