

1. [tə'buː, tæ'buː-] n

1. табу
2. запрещение, запрет
under a taboo - запрещённый, находящийся под запретом
to enforce a taboo - наложить табу, табуировать
to violate the taboo - нарушить табу

2. [tə'buː, tæ'buː-] a

1. священный
2. запретный, запрещённый
taboo custom - запрещённый обряд
to declare smb., smth. taboo - запретить упоминание кого-л., чего-л., табуировать кого-л., что-л.
the mention of her name is taboo - её имя под запретом, её имя запрещено упоминать
these topics are taboo - на эти темы наложено табу, на эти темы нельзя писать
3. непечатный, непристойный (о слове)

3. [tə'buː, tæ'buː-] v

1. накладывать табу (на что-л.); табуировать, подвергать табу (что-л.)
2. накладывать запрет, запрещать
their names are tabooed - их имена запрещено упоминать
3. подвергать остракизму, бойкотировать

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▪ **I. taboo** [taboo taboos tabooed tabooing] BrE [tə'buː] [ⓘ] NAmE [tə'buː] [ⓘ]

noun (pl. **ta-boos**)~ (against/on sth)

1. a cultural or religious custom that does not allow people to do, use or talk about a particular thing as people find it offensive or embarrassing
 - an incest taboo
 - a taboo on working on a Sunday
 - to **break/violate a taboo**
 - Death is one of the great taboos in our culture.
2. a general agreement not to do sth or talk about sth
 - The subject is still a taboo in our family.

Word Origin:

late 18th cent.: from Tongan **tabu** 'set apart, forbidden'; introduced into English by Captain Cook.

Example Bank:

- Such work was taboo to women.
- The subject of death was strictly taboo in their society.
- Any talk of divorce is strictly taboo.
- For them death is not a taboo subject.
- The guide includes a list of swear words and taboo words.
- The subject is still taboo in many families.

Example Bank:

- The play violates several taboos on sexuality.
- his failure to observe the tribe's rigid taboos
- reinforcing their taboos on sexuality
- taboos about divorce in society
- taboos surrounding menstruation
- the problem of breaking down deep-seated cultural taboos
- the taboo about religion in British society
- the taboo against marrying a foreigner
- There is still a taboo on the subject in our family.
- They broke cultural taboos against women attending such meetings.

▪ **II. taboo** adjective

- in the days when sex was a **taboo subject**
- Any talk of the divorce is strictly taboo.

Main entry: ↑**taboo** ^{derived}

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I. taboo ¹ /tə'buː, tæ-/ BrE [ⓘ] AmE [ⓘ] adjective

[Date: 1700-1800; Language: Tongan; Origin: tabu]

1. a taboo subject, word, activity etc is one that people avoid because it is extremely offensive or embarrassing:
Rape is a **taboo subject**.
2. not accepted as socially correct:
It's **taboo** to date a man a lot younger than you.
3. too holy or evil to be touched or used

ii. **taboo**² BrE ¹ AmE ¹ noun (plural **taboos**) [countable]

a custom that says you must avoid a particular activity or subject, either because it is considered offensive or because your religion does not allow it

taboo about/on/against

" There are taboos against appearing naked in public places.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **adjectives**

- **a social taboo** There is a social taboo against expressing negative views of other races.
- **a sexual taboo** The old sexual taboos had disappeared.

■ **verbs**

- **break/violate a taboo** He is willing to break the taboo about discussing the effects of large-scale immigration.
- **observe a taboo** (=not do something that is considered offensive or unacceptable) The Kalenjin people of Kenya still observe a taboo against eating fish.

■ **phrases**

- **the taboo surrounding something** (=relating to something) John's work did much to remove the taboo surrounding the disease.

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