simplicity

[sɪmˈplɪsɪtɪ] *n*

1. простота, нетрудность, несложность

   the simplicity of a problem [of an argument] - простота задачи [аргументации]

   it is simplicity itself - проще простого; легче не придумаешь

2. простота структуры; неразложимость

3. скромность, незатейливость, непритязательность

   the simplicity of dresses - простота /непритязательность/ одежды

   austere [noble] simplicity - строгая [благородная] простота

   soldierly simplicity - солдатская непритязательность

   simplicity of habits - скромные привычки

4. простодушие, бесхитростность, наивность; искренность

   the simplicity of a child - простодушие /бесхитростность/ ребёнка

   simplicity of character - прямодушие; простодушие

   simplicities of cottage life - тихие радости деревенской жизни

5. простоватость, недалёкость; тупость

6. *редк.* простак, «святая простота»

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sim·pli·city [**simplicity simplicities**] *BrE* [sɪmˈplɪsəti]   *NAmE* [sɪmˈplɪsəti]

noun (pl. **sim·pli·cities**)

1. uncountable the quality of being easy to understand or use

 • the relative simplicity of the new PC

 • **For the sake of simplicity** , let's divide the discussion into two parts.

2. uncountable (approving) the quality of being natural and plain

 • the simplicity of the architecture

 • the simplicity of country living

3. countable, usually plural an aspect of sth that is easy, natural or plain

 • the simplicities of our old way of life

   I diom ↑simplicity itself

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French simplicite or Latin simplicitas , from simplex single, variant of simplus **'simple'** .

Example Bank:

 • For simplicity , I shall continue to use the accepted term.

 • For the sake of simplicity , we will focus on the two most common cases.

 • Her views of the world have a childlike simplicity .

 • His solution to the problem was simplicity itself.

 • I find elegance in the simplicity of approach.

 • The stage design is striking in its stark simplicity .

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sim·pli·ci·ty /sɪmˈplɪsəti, sɪmˈplɪsɪti/ *BrE*   *AmE*   noun [uncountable]

 [Word Family: noun: ↑simplicity , ↑simplification, ↑simpleton; adverb: ↑simply , ↑simplistically ; adjective: ↑simple, ↑simplistic ; verb: ↑simplify]

 [Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: simplicité , from Latin, from simplex *'single, simple'*, from sim- (⇒ ↑simple) + -plex *'multiplied by'*]

the quality of being simple and not complicated, especially when this is attractive or useful:

   Mona wrote with a beautiful simplicity of style.

   For the sake of simplicity, the tax form is divided into three sections.

   James' solution to this problem was simplicity itself *(=very simple)*.

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