

pressure['preʃə] *n*

1. давление, надавливание; сжатие
it needs a bit more pressure - надо нажать /надавить/ посильнее
I felt the slight pressure of his hand on my arm - я почувствовал, как он слегка сжал мне руку
2. 1) давление, воздействие; нажим
population pressure - давление избытка населения; экономическое перенаселение; демографическое давление
pressure of business /work/ - загруженность работой
pressures of modern life - напряжение /нагрузки/ современной жизни
to put pressure upon smb., to bring pressure to bear upon smb. - оказывать давление /нажим/ на кого-л.
under the pressure of world public opinion - под давлением мирового общественного мнения
he did it under pressure - он сделал это под давлением /по принуждению/
- 2) чрезмерная эксплуатация *или* использование (*природных ресурсов*)
3. затруднительные обстоятельства трудное положение
financial pressure - финансовые затруднения
pressure for money - нехватка денежных средств
4. гнёт
pressure of poverty - гнёт нищеты
pressure of taxation - налоговый пресс
5. неотложность безотлагательность
6. 1) *спец.* давление; сжатие
dynamic pressure - *физ.* динамическое давление
blood pressure - *мед.* кровяное давление
pressure vessel - сосуд *или* резервуар высокого давления
pressure head - *гидр.* а) гидростатический напор; б) приёмник давления
pressure casting - *метал.* литьё под давлением
pressure hose - *тех.* напорный рукав
pressure lubrication - *тех.* смазка под давлением (*от насоса*)
pressure stroke - *тех.* ход давления /сжатия/
pressure turbine - реактивная турбина
the tyre pressures are low - давление в шинах низкое
- 2) *метеор.* атмосферное давление (*мж.* atmospheric pressure)
pressure sense - *физиол.* чувство давления
pressure gradient - *физ.* перепад давления
pressure contours - изобары на синоптической карте
pressure drag - *ав.* сопротивление давления
7. *тех.* прессование, вдавливание
8. *редк. эл.* напряжение
9. 1) *редк.* печатание
- 2) отпечаток
◇ opposite pressure - *спорт.* распор
to work at high pressure - работать быстро /энергично, изо всех сил, напряжённо/
to work at low pressure - работать вяло /с прохладцей/

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pres·sure [pressure pressures pressured pressuring] **noun, verb** BrE ['preʃə(r)]
 " NAmE ['preʃər]"

noun**WHEN STH PRESSES**

1. **uncountable** the force or weight with which sth presses against sth else
 - The nurse applied pressure to his arm to stop the bleeding.
 - The barriers gave way under the pressure of the crowd.

OF GAS/LIQUID

2. **uncountable, countable** the force produced by a particular amount of gas or liquid in a confined space or container; the amount of this
 - **air/water pressure**
 - Check the **tyre pressure** (= the amount of air in a tyre) regularly.
 - a pressure gauge (= an instrument used for measuring the pressure of a liquid or a gas)**see also** ↑blood pressure

OF ATMOSPHERE

3. **uncountable** the force of the atmosphere on the earth's surface
 - A band of **high/low pressure** is moving across the country.**see also** ↑atmospheric

PERSUASION/FORCE

4. **uncountable** the act of trying to persuade or to force sb to do sth

- ~ (for sth) The pressure for change continued to mount.
- ~ (on sb) (to do sth) There is a great deal of pressure on young people to conform.
- The government eventually bowed to **popular pressure** (= they agreed to do what people were trying to get them to do) .
- Teenagers may find it difficult to resist **peer pressure** .

STRESS

5. uncountable (also **pressures plural**) difficulties and feelings of anxiety that are caused by the need to achieve or to behave in a particular way

- She was unable to attend because of the pressure of work.
- You need to be able to handle pressure in this job.
- How can anyone enjoy the pressures of city life?

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French, from Latin **pressura**, from **press-** 'pressed', from the verb **premere**.

Thesaurus:

pressure noun

1. U, C

- The nurse applied gentle pressure to his arm to stop the bleeding.

strain • **stress** • **weight** • **load** •

under the pressure/strain/stress/weight/load

high/low pressure/stress

put pressure/strain/stress/weight on sth

Pressure, strain or stress? **Pressure** can be **heavy**, **firm**, **gentle** or **light**. Both **strain** and **stress** usually suggest that there is too much pressure.

2. U

- My parents never put any pressure on me to work in the family business.

force • **formal coercion** • **compulsion** •

pressure/compulsion **on** sb

under pressure/coercion/compulsion

pressure/compulsion **to do sth**

3. U, pl.

- How can anyone enjoy the pressures of city life?

stress • **strain** • **demands** • **tension** • **informal, especially journalism heat** •

be **under** pressure/stress/strain

pressure/stress/demands/heat **on** sb

cope with the pressure/stress/strain/demands/tension

Pressure or stress? It is common to say that sb **is suffering from stress**, **pressure** may be the thing that causes **stress**

Synonyms:

pressure

stress • **tension** • **strain**

These are all words for the feelings of anxiety caused by the problems in sb's life.

pressure • difficulties and feelings of anxiety that are caused by the need to achieve sth or to behave in a particular way: ▫ She was unable to attend because of the pressures of work.

stress • pressure or anxiety caused by the problems in sb's life: ▫ stress-related illnesses

pressure or stress?

It is common to say that sb **is suffering from stress**, while **pressure** may be the thing that causes **stress**

tension • a feeling of anxiety and stress that makes it impossible to relax: ▫ nervous tension

strain • pressure on sb/sth because they have too much to do or manage; the problems, worry or anxiety that this produces: ▫ I found it a strain looking after four children.

to be **under** pressure/stress/strain

considerable pressure/stress/tension/strain

to **cause** stress/tension/strain

to **cope with** the pressure/stress/tension/strain

to **relieve /release** the pressure/stress/tension/strain

to be **suffering from** stress/tension

Example Bank:

- He's felt under pressure since his wife had the operation.
- His own desires conflict with external pressures to conform.
- Hospital staff are coming under pressure to work longer hours.
- It's an ideal place in which to relax and escape the pressures of modern life.
- Large companies were criticized for using pressure tactics against small suppliers.
- Management is under pressure to set an example on pay restraint.
- My parents never put any pressure on me to get a job.
- Pressure sensors in the seats tell the system which ones aren't occupied.
- Reducing the swelling will relieve the pressure on her spine.
- Retailers face added pressure to have the products available by Christmas.
- She started smoking because of peer pressure.

- The cruise was a welcome relief from the pressure of work.
- The economic pressures on small businesses are intense.
- The editor bowed to pressure from his staff, and the article was suppressed.
- The government bowed to popular pressure and repealed the law.
- There is a constant drive to exploit workers and intensify the pressure of work.
- There is intense pressure on her to resign.
- There's a lot of pressure on the soldiers preparing for battle.
- They are looking for ways to ease the pressure of their stress-filled, competitive existence.
- This concession would not have happened but for the pressure that was brought to bear on the authorities.
- This has heightened pressure for economic sanctions against the regime.
- This puts upward pressure on prices.
- When more people move into an area, that creates pressures.
- an instrument for measuring blood pressure
- pressure for change in the country's economy
- pressure from religious groups
- pressure on foreign diplomats
- the use of the Internet to put international pressure on authoritarian regimes
- A deal was made under intense political pressure.
- Check the tyre pressure regularly.
- Her family put great pressure on her not to marry him.
- Manufacturers are under pressure to put profit ahead of safety.
- My parents never put any pressure on me to work in the family business.
- She suffers from high blood pressure.
- Teenagers may find it difficult to resist peer pressure.
- The President is coming under pressure to call a referendum
- The door swung open beneath the gentle pressure of Jill's hand.
- The government eventually bowed to popular pressure.
- a pressure gauge
- air/water pressure

Idioms: ↑put pressure on somebody ▪ ↑under pressure

verb often passive (especially NAmE) (BrE also **pres-sur-ize**) ~ **sb (into sth/into doing sth)** | ~ **sb to do sth**
to persuade sb to do sth, especially by making them feel that they have to or should do it

- Don't let yourself be pressured into making a hasty decision.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	pressure
	BrE / 'preʃə(r)/
	NAmE / 'preʃər/
he / she / it	pressures
	BrE / 'preʃəz/
	NAmE / 'preʃəz/
past simple, past participle	pressured
	BrE / 'preʃəd/
	NAmE / 'preʃəd/
-ing form	pressuring
	BrE / 'preʃərɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'preʃərɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Don't let yourself be pressured into making a hasty decision.
- He pressured her to take on more wealthy clients.
- His father pressured him to accept a job in the bank.
- No one has the right to pressure you. You can always say no.
- They're beginning a postcard campaign to pressure the Department of the Environment

See also: ↑pressurize

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1. **pres¹sure** **S1 W1** /'preʃə \$ -ər/ BrE ¹ AmE ¹ *noun*

[**Word Family:** adjective: ↑pressed, ↑pressing, ↑pressurized, ↑pressured; verb: ↑press, ↑pressure, ↑pressurize; noun: ↑press, ↑pressure, ↑pressing]

[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** pressura, from premere; ⇒ ↑press²]

1. PERSUADE [uncountable] an attempt to persuade someone by using influence, arguments, or threats:

- They are putting pressure on people to vote yes.

be/come under pressure to do something

- The minister was under pressure to resign.

be/come under pressure from somebody (to do something)

- " I was under pressure from my parents to become a teacher.
- " The Labour government came under pressure from the trade unions.

pressure for

- " Pressure for change has become urgent.

pressure on

- " the pressure on all of us to keep slim
- " He exerts pressure on his kids to get them to do as he wants.
- " You must never give in to pressure.

2. **ANXIETY/OVERWORK** [uncountable and countable] a way of working or living that causes you a lot of anxiety, especially because you feel you have too many things to do

pressure of

- " I feel I'm not able to cope well with the pressures of life.

pressure on

- " The pressure on doctors is increasing steadily.

under pressure

- " I'm under constant pressure at work.
- " The pressures of work can make you ill.
- " a high pressure job
- " athletes who show grace under pressure (=who behave well when they are anxious)

3. **CAUSING CHANGE** [uncountable and countable] events or conditions that cause changes and affect the way a situation develops, especially in ↑economics or politics:

- " inflationary pressures
- " Analysts expect the pound to come under pressure.

relieve/reduce pressure (on somebody/something)

- " Slowing the arms race relieved pressure on the Soviet economic system.
- " The 1990s brought increased economic pressure to bear on all business activities.

4. **WEIGHT** [uncountable] the force or weight that is being put on to something

pressure of

- " The pressure of the water turns the wheel.
- " the pressure of his hand on my arm

5. **GAS/LIQUID** [uncountable and countable] the force produced by the quantity of gas or liquid in a place or container:

- " The gas containers burst at high pressure.

6. **WEATHER** [uncountable and countable] a condition of the air in the Earth's ↑atmosphere, which affects the weather

high/low pressure

- " A ridge of high pressure is building up strongly over the Atlantic.

⇒ ↑peer pressure

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **put pressure on somebody** We've decided to set up a campaign to put pressure on the Government.
- **exert pressure on somebody** *formal* (=put pressure on them) They exerted pressure on their colleagues to vote for the change.
- **bring pressure to bear on somebody** (=put pressure on them) These groups have brought pressure to bear on the government.
- **put somebody under pressure** (=put a lot of pressure on them) They were put under pressure to sign confessions.
- **be under pressure** Apple growers are under pressure from the public to use fewer chemicals.
- **come under pressure** The new Prime Minister has already come under pressure from the opposition to call an election.
- **bow to pressure** (also **give in to pressure**) (=do what people want you to do) He eventually gave in to pressure and resigned.
- **respond to pressure** (=do something as a result of pressure) The government responded to this pressure and modified the Bill.

■ adjectives

- **strong/intense pressure** There was strong pressure for a statement from the President.
- **considerable pressure** Shopkeepers are under considerable pressure to work on Sundays.
- **increasing/mounting pressure** There was increasing pressure on the Chancellor to cut petrol tax.
- **public/popular pressure** (=pressure from the public) He faces mounting public pressure to resign.
- **political pressure** We did not make this recommendation because of political pressure.
- **diplomatic pressure** (=pressure from other countries' governments) The announcement of a ceasefire came after intense diplomatic pressure from the US.

II. **pressure**² BrE " AmE " verb [transitive]

[Word Family: adjective: ↑pressed, ↑pressing, ↑pressurized, ↑pressured; verb: ↑press, ↑pressure, ↑pressurize; noun: ↑press, ↑pressure, ↑pressing]

especially American English to try to make someone do something by making them feel it is their duty to do it **SYN** **pressurize**
British English

pressure somebody into doing something

- " You want to enjoy food, not to be pressured into eating the right things.

pressure somebody to do something

- " Don't feel we are pressuring you to give what you can't afford.

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THESAURUS

- **force** to make someone do something they do not want to do. Used when people or situations make you do something: They were beaten and forced to confess to crimes they had not committed. | The drought forced millions of farmers to sell their cattle.
- **make** to force someone to do something by using pressure, threats, or violence. **Make somebody do something** is more common than **force somebody to do something** in everyday English: Her parents disapproved of Alex and they made her stop seeing him. | Two men with guns made the staff hand over the money.
- **pressure** (also **pressurize** *British English*) to try to force someone to do something by making them feel that they should do it: Some employers pressure their staff into working very long hours. | She felt they were trying to pressurize her into getting married.
- **blackmail** to force someone to give you money or do what you want by threatening to tell embarrassing secrets about them: She tried to blackmail him with photographs of them together at the hotel.
- **compel** [usually passive] *formal* to force someone to do something using official power or authority. Also used when someone has to do something because of their situation: The town was surrounded and compelled to surrender. | I felt compelled to offer them some kind of explanation. | You are compelled by law to carry an ID card.
- **coerce** /kəʊ'ɜːs/ \$ 'kouɜːrɪs *formal* to force someone to do something by threatening them: Local people were coerced into joining the rebel army.
- **be obliged to do something** *formal* if someone is obliged to do something, they must do it because it is the law or the rule, or because of the situation they are in: You are not obliged to say anything which may harm your defence in court. | They were obliged to sell the land.

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