

[ˈɒptɪmɪz(ə)m] *n*

ОПТИМИЗМ

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optimism**op-ti-mism** *BrE* [ˈɒptɪmɪzəm] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˈɑːptɪmɪzəm] ^ˈ **noun uncountable** ~**(about/for sth)**

a feeling that good things will happen and that sth will be successful; the tendency to have this feeling

- optimism about/for the future
- We may now look forward **with optimism** .
- a mood of **cautious optimism**
- There are very real grounds for optimism.
- Both sides have expressed optimism about the chances of an early agreement.

Opp: ↑pessimismWord Origin:[**optimism**] mid 18th cent.: from French **optimisme**, from Latin **optimum** 'best thing', neuter (used as a noun) of **optimus** 'best'.Example Bank:

- Despite the crisis a cautious optimism prevailed
- Her optimism turned out to be misplaced.
- I find it hard to share his optimism.
- The 1970s began still full of optimism.
- The government expressed optimism about the success of the negotiations.
- The news caused a wave of optimism.
- There are now very real grounds for optimism.
- There was a note of optimism in his voice.
- We can look to the future with considerable optimism.
- When the 1970s began, we were still full of optimism.
- great optimism for the future
- renewed optimism among mortgage lenders
- He returned with renewed optimism about the future.
- Some people talked of a mood of cautious optimism.

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op-ti-mis-m /ˈɒptɪmɪzəm, 'ɒptɪmɪzəm \$ 'ɑːp- *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun [uncountable]**[**Date:** 1700-1800; **Language:** French; **Origin:** optimisme, from Latin optimum; ⇨ ↑optimum]a tendency to believe that good things will always happen **OPP pessimism****grounds/cause/reason for optimism**

- ˈ Recent results must give some cause for optimism.
- ˈ There are grounds for cautious optimism.

mood/sense of optimism

- ˈ a new sense of optimism in the country

optimism (that)

- ˈ There was optimism that an agreement could be reached.

optimism about

- ˈ I don't share his optimism about our chances of success.
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COLLOCATIONS**■ adverbs**

- **great optimism** The team was in a mood of great optimism.
- **considerable optimism** These figures indicate that we can go into next year with considerable optimism.
- **cautious/guarded optimism** (=the belief that a future situation will be good or better than before, although you cannot be not sure) The U.N. sees cause for cautious optimism in what has been achieved so far. | He expressed guarded optimism about the company's future.
- **false optimism** (=optimism based on wrong ideas or information) In his speech he warned against false optimism about the immediate future.
- **initial/early optimism** (=optimism that you feel at the start of a process, especially when it does not continue) There was initial optimism about a breakthrough in relations between the two countries.
- **new/renewed optimism** (=optimism that you start to feel again, after you stopped feeling it) The new leadership has brought renewed optimism.

■ verbs

- **express optimism** Diplomats expressed optimism about the progress of the talks.
- **share somebody's optimism** (=feel the optimism that someone else feels) After so many problems, I found it hard to share his optimism.
- **optimism grows** His optimism grew as the time came nearer for his release.
- **optimism prevails/reigns** (=optimism is the strongest feeling) Despite the crisis, optimism prevailed.

■ phrases

- **be grounds/cause/reason for optimism** The lower crime figures are certainly grounds for optimism.

- **a mood/sense of optimism** A mood of optimism prevails in the White House.
- **a wave/surge of optimism** (=a sudden strong feeling of optimism) The team are riding a wave of optimism after their recent victory.
- **be (little/no) room for optimism** (=have a possibility that things might get better) There is little room for optimism in the current financial situation.
- **be full of optimism** (=be feeling that good things will happen) The 1970s began full of optimism and confidence about world development.

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