

effort[ˈefət] *n*

1. усилие, напряжение

last effort - последнее усилие

he spoke with effort - ему было трудно говорить, он еле-еле говорил

without effort - легко, без напряжения

to make efforts - приложить усилия

efforts will be made to do this - будут приложены все силы, чтобы сделать это

I will make every effort to help you - я приложу все усилия /сделаю всё, что в моих силах/, чтобы помочь вам

to spare no effort - не жалеть сил

it does not need much (of an) effort - для этого не требуется много усилий, это не очень трудно

through the efforts of smb. - чьими-л. стараниями

2. попытка

to make an effort - попытаться, сделать попытку, постараться

it may be worth our effort to investigate the matter - пожалуй, стоит попытаться внимательно изучить этот вопрос

3. усилия; борьба (за *что-л.*)

a peace effort - усилия в борьбе за мир

joint /combined. concerted/ effort - объединённые усилия

co-operative effort - совместные усилия

constant effort to attain one's end - постоянная борьба за достижение цели

4. что-л. достигнутое, созданное; произведение

a literary effort - литературное произведение

the painting is one of his finest efforts - эта картина - одно из лучших его созданий

5. программа работ, объём работ

research effort - программа научно-исследовательских работ

space effort - программа космических исследований

effort

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ef·fort [effort efforts] *BrE* [ˈefət] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [ˈefɜrt] [ⓘ] **noun**1. **uncountable, countable** the physical or mental energy that you need to do sth; sth that takes a lot of energy

- You should **put** more **effort into** your work.
- A lot of effort has gone into making this event a success.
- The company has invested a great deal of time and effort in setting up new training schemes.
- It's a long climb to the top, but well worth the effort.
- Getting up this morning was quite an effort (= it was difficult).
- (BrE) **With (an) effort** (= with difficulty) she managed to stop herself laughing.

2. **countable** an attempt to do sth especially when it is difficult to do

- a **determined /real/special effort**
- to **make an effort**
- I didn't really feel like going out, but I am glad I **made the effort**.
- ~ **(to do sth)** The company has laid off 150 workers **in an effort to** save money.
- The local clubs are **making every effort** to interest more young people.
- We need to make a **concerted effort** to finish on time.
- I spent hours cleaning the house, but there isn't much to show **for all my efforts**.
- With an **effort of will** he resisted the temptation.
- The project was a **joint/group** effort.

3. **countable** (usually after a noun) a particular activity that a group of people organize in order to achieve sth

- the Russian space effort
- the United Nations' peacekeeping effort

4. **countable** the result of an attempt to do sth

- I'm afraid this essay is a poor effort

see bend your mind/efforts to sth **at** ↑**bend** _{v.}Word Origin:late 15th cent.: from French, from Old French *esforcier*, based on Latin *ex-* 'out' + *fortis* 'strong'.Thesaurus:**effort** **noun**1. **U, C**

- The long climb to the top is well worth the effort

hard work • • **struggle** • • **energy/energies** • • **exertion/exertions** • |BrE, formal **endeavour** • |AmE, formal **endeavor** •**(a) great** effort/struggle/exertion/endeavour**need** effort/hard work/your energies/exertion**put** effort/hard work/your energies **into** sth**Effort or exertion?** **Effort** is used about the work people do to achieve sth; **exertion** refers to the energy used to carry out an activity

- A lot of effort has gone into achieving this result.
- She was sweating from the exertion of housework.

2. **C**

• I'll make a special effort to finish on time.
attempt • • **try** • |BrE **go** • |informal **shot** • • **stab** •
 an effort/attempt **to do sth**
 a **first/last/good** effort/attempt/try/go/shot/stab
make a/an effort/attempt/stab

Effort or attempt? **Effort** emphasizes the work that sb puts into doing sth; **attempt** emphasizes the event or action involved in trying to do sth:

• a great/enormous/strenuous effort

✗ a great/enormous/strenuous attempt:

• a coup/suicide attempt

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Example Bank:

- All the team members have put in a great deal of effort.
- Critics said the plan would undermine efforts to address the current crisis.
- Despite our best efforts, we didn't manage to win the game.
- Diplomatic efforts to end the crisis failed.
- Districts have not made a good-faith effort to implement public school choice.
- Governments are pooling their efforts to stem international terrorism.
- He failed in his efforts to give up smoking.
- He spearheaded efforts to raise money for the school.
- Her efforts earned her a Nobel Prize.
- Her efforts were rewarded when she won an Oscar.
- I can see you have made a big effort to clean up.
- I have to make a conscious effort to be polite so early in the morning.
- I make sporadic efforts to sort out my files.
- It takes constant effort to become fluent in a language.
- It took a whole day of hard effort to knock down the wall.
- No effort has been spared to make this hotel a welcoming, comfortable place.
- Second prize was a fair reward for his efforts.
- Senior leaders are investing time and effort in studying the issue.
- She made a feeble effort to smile, then started crying again.
- Students, teachers and families got together in a team effort to decorate the school.
- The Democratic get-out-the-vote effort placed heavy emphasis on the youth vote.
- The UN General Secretary flew in in a last-ditch effort to save the talks.
- The club has changed the rules in an effort to make them fairer.
- The gallery owner applauded the efforts of firefighters to save the exhibits.
- The museum relies on the voluntary efforts of enthusiasts.
- The police channelled their efforts into searching around the river.
- The police have renewed their efforts to find the murderer.
- The police tried to channel their efforts into searching the forest.
- The report outlines the efforts undertaken by the industry.
- The walk is difficult but well worth the effort.
- The wound resisted all my efforts to stop it bleeding.
- They launched an AIDS education effort.
- This can be done quickly and with very little effort.
- Through their efforts, enough money was raised to buy the equipment.
- We all appreciate your efforts.
- We are making every effort to obtain the release of the hostages.
- We tried to ensure that efforts were not duplicated.
- We're targeting our efforts at making our website appealing to younger people.
- a grass-roots effort by workers to transform their country
- an outfit which enables you to look good with minimal effort
- educational efforts targeted at children from ethnic minorities
- pioneering efforts to restructure the industry
- the amount of effort required
- the continuing effort to find the missing girls
- their frantic efforts to put out the fire
- Getting up this morning was quite an effort
- I didn't really feel like going out, but I'm glad I made the effort
- I spent hours cleaning the house but there isn't much to show for all my efforts.
- I'll make a special effort to finish on time this week.
- It's a long climb to the top, but well worth the effort
- They met once more in an attempt/effort to find a solution.
- a great/enormous/strenuous effort

effort

ef **f** **ort** **S1** **W1** /'efət \$ 'efət/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun

[Word Family: noun: ↑effort; adverb: ↑effortlessly; adjective: ↑effortless]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: *esfort*, from *esforcier* 'to force']

1. **PHYSICAL/MENTAL ENERGY** [uncountable] the physical or mental energy that is needed to do something:

- Lou lifted the box easily, without using much effort.
- Frank put a lot of effort into the party.
- Learning to speak another language takes effort.

2. **ATTEMPT** [uncountable and countable] an attempt to do something, especially when this involves a lot of hard work or determination:

- Please make an effort to be polite.

sb's effort(s) to do something

- Tom's efforts to stop smoking haven't been very successful.
- Church leaders are prepared to meet the terrorists in an effort to (=in order to try to) find peace.

effort at

- Further efforts at negotiation have broken down.

through sb's efforts (=because of their efforts)

- The money was raised largely through the efforts of parents.

despite sb's efforts

- Despite all our efforts we lost the game 1-0.

3. **be an effort** to be difficult or painful to do:

- I was so weak that even standing up was an effort.

4. **PARTICULAR SITUATION** [countable] work that people do to achieve something in a particular situation:

- the fundraising effort
- the international relief effort
- Everyone did what they could to support the war effort

5. **good/bad/poor etc effort** something that has been done well, badly etc:

- Not a bad effort for a beginner!

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

■ **verbs**

- **make an effort** (=try) She made an effort to change the subject of the conversation.
- **put effort into (doing) something** (=try hard to do something) Let's try again, only put more effort into it this time.
- **take the effort out of something** (=make it easy) An automatic car takes the effort out of driving.
- **something takes effort** (also **it takes effort to do something**) (=you have to try hard) It takes a sustained effort to quit smoking.
- **something requires/involves effort** *formal* (=it takes effort) Trying to get my mother to change her mind requires considerable effort.

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + effort**

- **successful** Their efforts were successful, and they won the contract.
- **unsuccessful** Efforts to save the hospital from closure have been unsuccessful.
- **futile** (=having no chance of succeeding, and therefore not worth doing) Doctors knew that any effort to save his life would be futile.
- **a big/great effort** The government has made a big effort to tackle the problem of poverty.
- **considerable effort** (=a lot of effort) The police put considerable effort into finding his car.
- **a supreme/tremendous effort** (=a very big effort) It was only with a supreme effort that Roger controlled his temper.
- **a special effort** (=one that you do not normally make) I made a special effort to be nice to the children.
- **a constant effort** (=one that never stops) Walking was a constant effort.
- **a sustained effort** (=one that you continue making for a long time) It will take a sustained effort over the next 5 years to achieve our objectives.
- **a conscious/deliberate effort** (=one that you concentrate on in order to achieve something) He made a conscious effort to become a better person.
- **a determined effort** (=showing a lot of determination) She had made a determined effort to lose weight.
- **a desperate effort** (=one you make when you are in a very bad situation) The fox made a desperate effort to get away.
- **a concerted effort** (=involving a lot of different actions, or a lot of people working together) It will take a concerted effort to change the culture of binge-drinking in the country.
- **a joint/team effort** (=involving a group or team of people) We had many fine individual performances, but the win was a real team effort.
- **a collaborative/cooperative effort** *formal* (=with different people or groups working together) This was a collaborative effort involving the three largest energy companies.
- **physical/mental effort** He struggled back from two sets down to win the match, showing great physical and mental effort.
- **a final/last-ditch effort** (=a last effort, when you want very much to achieve something) Sam took a deep breath and prepared herself for one final effort.

■ **phrases**

- **make the effort** (=do something that requires some effort) I felt too tired to go to a party, but decided to make the effort.
- **make every effort to do something** (=try very hard) I made every effort to see their point of view.
- **make no effort to do something** (=not try at all) They make no effort to speak the local language.
- **be (well) worth the effort** (=used to say that something is worth doing even though it is hard) It's a difficult place to get to, but it's well worth the effort.
- **an effort of will** (=a big effort to do something that you find difficult because of the way you feel) It took a huge effort of will not to cry.
- **with effort** *formal* (=trying very hard) With great effort, he managed to keep quiet.

- **without effort** (=easily, without trying hard) Her horse jumped the fence without any effort.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 4)

■ NOUN + effort

- **a relief effort** The UN is organizing the relief effort to the region affected by the earthquake.
- **a fund-raising effort** The party is planning a huge fund-raising effort later this year.
- **the war effort** Taxes were raised to support the war effort.

effort

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