

difficulty[ˈdɪfɪk(ə)lti] *n*

1. 1) трудность

without difficulty - без труда

to find difficulty in understanding - с трудом понимать, затрудняться в понимании

he had a difficulty in breathing - он с трудом дышал, ему не хватало воздуха

I realize the difficulty of answering this question - я понимаю, как трудно ответить на этот вопрос

2) препятствие, помеха; затруднение

to be in a difficulty - быть в затруднении, не знать, как поступить

to face /to meet with/ difficulties - встретить препятствия, натолкнуться на трудности

to overcome /to get over/ every difficulty - преодолеть все трудности /препятствия/

to remove a difficulty - устранить препятствие /помеху/

to get round /to evade/ a difficulty - обойти трудность /затруднение/

to make /to raise/ difficulties - чинить препятствия, создавать трудности

to make no difficulty /difficulties/ - не чинить препятствий, не возражать

to look for difficulties where there are none - придумывать несуществующие препятствия /затруднения/

to add to smb.'s difficulties - осложнить чьё-л. и без того тяжёлое положение

there will be no difficulty about it - это будет совершенно несложно, здесь не возникнет никаких осложнений

I see no difficulty about it - (я) не вижу в этом ничего трудного /сложного/

2. *pl* материальные затруднения

financial difficulties - финансовые затруднения

income tax difficulties - неприятности связанные с выплатой подоходного налога

to be in difficulties - находиться в стеснённых обстоятельствах

to lead smb. into difficulties - создать материальные трудности для кого-л.

to get /to involve oneself/ into difficulties - оказаться в стеснённых обстоятельствах, начать испытывать материальные затруднения

to get out of one's difficulties - разрешить свои материальные проблемы

3. *обыкн. pl амер.* разногласия, споры**difficulty**

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diff·i·culty [difficulty difficulties] *BrE* [ˈdɪfɪkəlti] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [ˈdɪfɪkəlti] [ⓘ] noun (pl.

diff·i·culties)

1. **countable, usually plural, uncountable** a problem; a thing or situation that causes problems

- the difficulties of English syntax
- children with severe learning difficulties
- We've **run into difficulties/difficulty** with the new project.
- He **got into difficulties** while swimming and had to be rescued.
- The bank is **in difficulty/difficulties**.
- It was a time fraught with difficulties and frustration.

2. **uncountable** the state or quality of being hard to do or to understand; the effort that sth involves

- I had considerable difficulty (in) persuading her to leave.
- I had no difficulty (in) making myself understood.
- The changes were made with surprisingly little difficulty.
- He spoke slowly and with great difficulty.
- We found the house **without difficulty**.
- They discussed the difficulty of studying abroad. You cannot say 'have difficulty to do sth': I had difficulty to persuade her to leave.

3. **uncountable** how hard sth is

- varying levels of difficulty
- questions of increasing difficulty

Word Origin:late Middle English (in the senses 'requiring effort or skill' and 'something difficult'): from Latin *difficultas*, from *dis-* (expressing reversal) + *facultas* 'ability, opportunity'.Thesaurus:**difficulty** noun1. *C, usually pl., U*

- We soon ran into difficulties with the project.

problem • • **trouble** • • **complication** • • **issue** • |usually approving **challenge** • |especially spoken **the matter** •(a/an/the) difficulty/problem/trouble/complication/issue/matter **with** sth**have** difficulties/problems/trouble/issues**cause/avoid** difficulties/problems/trouble/complications**Difficulty or problem?** To talk about one thing that is difficult to deal with use **problem**; to talk about more than one thing use either word

- The problem first arose in 2008.
- The project has been fraught with difficulties/problems from the start.

2. *U*

- I had difficulty making myself heard.

trouble • |*BrE* **bother** • • **job** • |informal **hassle** •

Opp: ease

difficulty/trouble/bother/hassle **with** sth

have difficulty/trouble/a job

cause (sb) difficulty/trouble/bother/hassle

Example Bank:

- Anyone experiencing difficulty with radio reception should call us on the new helpline.
- Despite all the difficulties, he still remains optimistic.
- Difficulties arise when people fail to consult their colleagues.
- English spelling presents special difficulties for foreign learners.
- I had little difficulty in persuading the others to come.
- I think we've managed to overcome most of the practical difficulties.
- I'm having difficulty with the engine.
- Let me know if you have any difficulties.
- Life in the city was not without its difficulties.
- Please report any difficulties to the help desk.
- She had difficulty in starting her car.
- She is always making difficulties for herself.
- Some companies are already in difficulty.
- Some companies are getting into difficulty.
- The difficulty lies in identifying the precise nature of the problem.
- The games have various different levels of difficulty.
- The plan has run into serious difficulties.
- The situation was fraught with difficulty.
- This increases the difficulty of the shot.
- We could see that the swimmer was in difficulties.
- We crossed the border without any difficulty.
- We had enormous difficulty in getting hold of the right equipment.
- Will it cause any difficulties if I go early?
- children with learning difficulties
- how to avoid technical difficulties
- the difficulties inherent in treating overdose patients
- the difficulty of finding affordable accommodation
- I had considerable difficulty in persuading her to leave.
- I had no difficulty making myself understood.
- The bank is in difficulty at the moment.
- The project has been fraught with problems/difficulties from the start.
- We found the house without difficulty.
- We've run into difficulties with the new project.
- What should you do if you see someone in difficulties/difficulty in the water?

difficulty

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difficulty **S2 W1** /'dɪfɪkəlti/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* (plural **difficulties**)

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: difficultas, from difficilis 'difficult', from facilis 'easy']

1. **[uncountable]** if you have difficulty doing something, it is difficult for you to do

have/experience difficulty (in) doing something

• They had great difficulty in finding a replacement.

with/without difficulty

• He got to his feet with difficulty.

▶ Do not say that someone 'has difficulty to do something'. Say that someone **has difficulty doing something** or **has difficulty in doing something**.

2. **[countable usually plural]** a problem or something that causes trouble

difficulty with

• There are several difficulties with this theory.

• If you have any difficulties, give me a call.

• The project soon ran into difficulties.

• Difficulties can arise when there is more than one defendant.

3. **[uncountable]** if you are in difficulty, you are in a situation in which you have problems

in difficulty

• The business is in financial difficulty.

get/run into difficulty (=get into a difficult situation)

• She soon got into difficulty with debt.

4. **[uncountable]** the quality of being difficult to do

the difficulty of (doing) something

• the difficulty of solving such problems

5. **[uncountable]** how difficult something is:

• The tests vary in difficulty.

⇒ ↑learning difficulties

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ verbs

- **have difficulties** By the age of eight, Robbie was having difficulties at school.
- **run into/get into difficulties** (=find yourself in a difficult situation) Three people were rescued from a boat that had got into difficulties.
- **experience /encounter difficulties** *formal* (=have difficulties) Graduates often experience considerable difficulties in getting their first job.
- **face difficulties** The hotel's owners were facing financial difficulties.
- **overcome/resolve difficulties** (=deal with them successfully) We are confident that we can overcome these difficulties.
- **present/pose difficulties** *formal* (=be something that is difficult to deal with) English spelling may present some difficulties for learners.
- **be fraught with difficulties** (=involve a lot of them) The whole plan was fraught with difficulties.
- **cause/lead to difficulties** Stress and worry both cause sleep difficulties.
- **give rise to difficulties** *formal* (=cause them) The stormy weather gave rise to difficulties for many of the competitors in the yacht race.
- **difficulties arise** (=happen) It's best to discuss any difficulties that arise rather than trying to deal with them alone.

■ adjectives

- **major/serious/severe difficulties** By then, we were having serious financial difficulties.
- **considerable difficulties** (=a lot of problems) They had considerable difficulties in getting funding for their research.
- **technical difficulties** The flight was delayed due to technical difficulties.
- **practical difficulties** (=problems with doing something) It's a great idea, but there will be a number of practical difficulties.
- **financial /economic difficulties** The company is facing serious financial difficulties.
- **breathing difficulties** She was taken to hospital with breathing difficulties.
- **marital difficulties** (=in a marriage) You may need help in dealing with your marital difficulties.

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