

countenance

1. ['kavntɪnəns] *n*

1. выражение лица, лицо

an expressive countenance - выразительное лицо

to change one's countenance - измениться в лице

to keep one's countenance - не показывать вида; **особ.** сохранять серьезный вид, удерживаться от смеха *или* улыбки

his countenance fell - у него вытянулось лицо

2. самообладание, спокойствие

to lose countenance - потерять самообладание

to put smb. out of countenance - смутить кого-л., привести кого-л. в замешательство

to stare smb. out of countenance - смутить кого-л. пристальным взглядом

to be in countenance - владеть собой

3. моральная поддержка, поощрение, одобрение

to give /to lend/ countenance to smb. - оказать кому-л. моральную поддержку

to give /to lend/ countenance to a plan [to a scheme] - поддерживать план [проект]

2. ['kavntɪnəns] *v*

1. поощрять, морально поддерживать

the peoples of the world will never countenance a war of aggression - народы мира никогда не поддержат агрессивную войну

2. разрешать *или* допускать (*что-л.*); мириться (*с чем-л.*)

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count·en·ance [countenance countenances countenanced countenancing]

noun, verb *BrE* ['kaʊntənəns] ^u *NAme* ['kaʊntənəns] ^u

noun (formal or literary)

a person's face or their expression

- her calmly smiling countenance

- a young man of handsome countenance

Word Origin:

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verb ~ sth | ~ (sb) doing sth (formal)

to support sth or agree to sth happening

Syn: consent to

- The committee refused to countenance his proposals.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	countenance
	<i>BrE</i> / 'kaʊntənəns/
	<i>NAme</i> / 'kaʊntənəns/
he / she / it	countenances
	<i>BrE</i> / 'kaʊntənənsɪz/
	<i>NAme</i> / 'kaʊntənənsɪz/
past simple, past participle	countenanced
	<i>BrE</i> / 'kaʊntənənst/
	<i>NAme</i> / 'kaʊntənənst/
-ing form	countenancing
	<i>BrE</i> / 'kaʊntənənsɪŋ/
	<i>NAme</i> / 'kaʊntənənsɪŋ/

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I. **count·en·ance** ¹ /'kaʊntənəns, 'kaʊntɪnəns/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u **noun**

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: contenance 'behavior', from Latin **continentia** 'holding back from doing what you want, continence', from **continere**; ⇨ ↑contain]

[countable] **literary** your face or your expression:

All colour drained from her countenance.

II. **countenance** ² *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u **verb** [transitive]

formal to accept, support, or approve of something

countenance (somebody) doing something

I will not countenance you being rude to Dr Baxter.

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