

**responsibility**[rɪˌspɒnsəˈbɪləti] *n*

## 1. ответственность

criminal responsibility - уголовная ответственность

a post /a position/ of responsibility - ответственный пост

on one's own responsibility - а) на свою ответственность; б) по собственной инициативе

to assume /to accept, to take/ a responsibility - взять на себя ответственность

to decline all responsibility for smth. - снять с себя всякую ответственность за что-л.

the responsibility rests with the author - ответственность лежит на авторе; ответственность несёт автор

## 2. обязанность, обязательство

heavy responsibilities - тяжёлые обязанности; большая ответственность

to be relieved of a responsibility - быть освобождённым от обязательства

## 3. подопечный

## 4. 1) надёжность

2) *амер.* платёжеспособность**responsibility**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**re·spon·si·bil·ity** [responsibility responsibilities] *BrE* [rɪˌspɒnsəˈbɪləti] *NAme*[rɪˌspɑːnsəˈbɪləti] *noun* (pl. **re·spon·si·bil·ities**)1. **uncountable, countable** a duty to deal with or take care of sb/sth, so that you may be blamed if sth goes wrong• ~ **(for sth)** We are recruiting a sales manager with responsibility for the European market.• ~ **(for doing sth)** They have responsibility for ensuring that the rules are enforced.

• The responsibility for doing this rests with the department managers.

• ~ **(to do sth)** It is their responsibility to ensure that the rules are enforced.

• parental rights and responsibilities

• to **take/assume** overall **responsibility** for personnel• I don't feel ready **to take on** new **responsibilities**.• to be in a **position of responsibility**• I did it **on my own responsibility** (= without being told to and being willing to take the blame if it had gone wrong).2. **uncountable** ~ **(for sth)** blame for sth bad that has happened• The bank refuses to **accept responsibility** for the mistake.• Nobody has **claimed responsibility** for the bombing.

• We must all bear some responsibility for what happened.

**see also** ↑diminished responsibility3. **uncountable, countable** a duty to help or take care of sb because of your job, position, etc• ~ **(to/towards sb)** She feels a strong **sense of responsibility** towards her employees.• ~ **(to do sth)** I think we have a **moral responsibility** to help these countries.Thesaurus:**responsibility** *noun*

## 1. U, C

• It is their responsibility to see that the rules are enforced.

**duty** • • **charge** • • **burden** • • **obligation** • • **commitment** • |informal **job** • |formal **accountability** • |especially **business law liability** •a responsibility/duty **towards** sbresponsibility/accountability/liability **for** sth**have** a responsibility/a duty/charge/an obligation/a commitment/the job/liability**accept** responsibility/a duty/the burden/an obligation/liability

## 2. U

• The bank refuses to accept responsibility for the error.

**fault** • • **blame** • • **guilt** •the responsibility/blame/guilt **for** sth**bear/accept/share/absolve sb from/shift** the responsibility/blame/guiltthe responsibility/blame/fault **lies/rests with** sb**Responsibility or fault?** People typically **accept/share/admit/claim/deny responsibility for sth**: ✗ **The bank refuses to accept fault for the error.** **Fault** is usually used in the phrases **my/your/his/her/our/their/sb's (own) fault** or **sb is at fault**:

• It was her fault that we were late.

✗ **It was her responsibility that we were late.**Example Bank:

- Full responsibility for the fiasco lies with the PR department.
- Governors carry a special burden of responsibility.
- He attributed responsibility for the killing to the secret service.
- He feels a responsibility to his community.
- He feels a strong sense of responsibility towards his parents.
- He seems unwilling to face up to his responsibilities as a father.
- He was found not guilty of murder on the grounds of diminished responsibility.
- I don't feel ready to take on new responsibilities.
- It is a great responsibility caring for other people's children.

- No organization has yet claimed responsibility for the bomb attack.
- Responsibility is devolved down to the people who are affected.
- She has responsibility for public spending.
- She juggled the competing responsibilities of family and work.
- The assistants were handling their responsibilities in the only way they could.
- The club has a responsibility to its members.
- The government of the time placed responsibility for the poor on the Church.
- The heads of school departments have particular responsibilities for the curriculum.
- The sergeant assumed his command responsibilities.
- They wanted to shift responsibility for the failure onto their employees.
- Ultimate responsibility rests with the president.
- We retain all responsibility for any shortcomings.
- What are the main responsibilities in your job?
- Will you take responsibility for arranging the food?
- With great power comes great responsibility.
- an obligation to meet family responsibilities
- devolving responsibility downwards so decisions are taken nearer to the people they will affect
- people on the verge of assuming adult responsibilities
- to shift legal responsibility for the correct labelling of goods onto the shopkeeper
- I'm not ready to be in a position of responsibility.

## responsibility

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**responsibility** **S2 W1** /rɪˌspɒnsəˈbɪləti, rɪˌspɒnsɪˈbɪləti \$ rɪˌspɑːn-BrE<sup>Ⓜ</sup> AmE<sup>Ⓜ</sup> noun

(plural **responsibilities**)

[Word Family: noun: ↑responsibility ≠ ↑irresponsibility; adverb: ↑responsibly ≠ ↑irresponsibly; adjective: ↑responsible ≠ ↑irresponsible]

1. [uncountable] a duty to be in charge of someone or something, so that you make decisions and can be blamed if something bad happens:

" Kelly's promotion means more money and more responsibility.

+for

" The Minister has responsibility for the National Health Service.

with responsibility for something

" a manager with responsibility for over 100 staff

it is sb's responsibility to do something

" It's your responsibility to inform us of any changes.

2. [uncountable] blame for something bad that has happened:

" The firm is denying all responsibility.

responsibility for

" No one wants to take responsibility for the problem.

" The surgeon accepted full responsibility for the error that led to her death..

" So far no one has claimed responsibility (=said that they are responsible) for the bombings.

3. [countable] something that you must do as part of your job or duty:

" My responsibilities include answering the phone and dealing with customer enquiries.

family/professional/parental etc responsibilities

" a single parent struggling to balance work and family responsibilities

4. [countable] something that you ought to do because it is morally or socially right **SYN duty**

a responsibility to do something

" We all have a responsibility to protect the environment.

" Parents need to encourage a sense of responsibility in their children (=the ability to behave sensibly in a way that will not harm themselves or other people).

moral/social/legal etc responsibility

" The company saw it as part of its social responsibility to provide education for its workers.

5. **responsibility to somebody** a duty to help someone because of your work or position in society:

" A doctor's first responsibility is to her patients.

6. **do something on your own responsibility formal** to do something without being told to do it or officially allowed to do it

⇒ ↑diminished responsibility

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## COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

### ■ verbs

- **have responsibility for (doing) something** The Council has responsibility for maintaining the streetlights.
- **take responsibility for (doing) something** Who do you trust to take responsibility for our country's defence?
- **take on responsibility** (also **assume responsibility formal**) (=start to have responsibility for something) These days men tend to take on more responsibility at home. | The government must assume greater responsibility for the care of the elderly.
- **shoulder responsibility** (=agree to start having a difficult or unpleasant duty) The city, she said, would shoulder responsibility for caring for the children.
- **shirk responsibility** (=not accept a duty you should accept) He doesn't shirk responsibility.
- **exercise responsibility formal** (=take action because you have responsibility for something) The citizens of ancient Athens met here to exercise their responsibility to govern themselves.
- **abdicate responsibility formal** (=refuse to have responsibility for something you used to have responsibility for) The state

should not allow parents to abdicate responsibility for their children.

▪ **the responsibility lies with somebody** (=they are responsible for it) Ultimate responsibility for admissions lies with the Course Co-ordinator.

### ■ adjectives

- **personal responsibility** So far, no one had taken personal responsibility for the project.
- **overall responsibility** The Department of Education has overall responsibility for schools and universities.
- **direct responsibility** (=when no other person is involved) He has direct responsibility for all the programmes on Radio 1.
- **sole responsibility** (=not shared with others) The financial director has sole responsibility for financial matters.
- **collective responsibility** (=shared equally by a group of people) Head teachers should encourage a sense of collective responsibility among teachers.
- **primary responsibility** (=most important responsibility) I have primary responsibility for the children.
- **ultimate responsibility** (=responsibility for making a final decision) The National Assembly will have ultimate responsibility for ensuring that health targets are met.

### ■ phrases

- **a burden of responsibility** (=a lot of responsibility, that worries you) Being the only wage earner put a great burden of responsibility on my father.
- **a position of responsibility** (=a job in which people depend on you to tell them what they should do) Before the age of 21 he had attained a position of responsibility in the factory.

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## COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

### ■ verbs

- **accept/take responsibility for something** To his credit, he took responsibility for his actions.
- **claim responsibility (for something)** (=say that you are responsible for something bad) No group has yet claimed responsibility for the bombings.
- **deny responsibility for something** The company denied responsibility for the oil spillage.
- **bear responsibility for something** (=be responsible for something bad) Developed countries must bear much of the responsibility for environmental problems.

### ■ adjectives

- **full responsibility** The airline accepted full responsibility for the crash.
- **personal responsibility** I take personal responsibility for what went wrong.

## responsibility

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irresponsible 2288

responsibility 30333

responsibilities 8309

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