

circumstance

1. ['sɜ:kəmstæns, 'sɜ:kəmstəns] *n*

1) *pl* обстоятельство условия, положение дел

- in /under/ the circumstances - при данных обстоятельствах в этих условиях; в таком случае
- under /in/ no circumstances - ни при каких обстоятельствах/условиях/; ни в коем случае; никогда
- circumstances alter cases - всё зависит от обстоятельств что хорошо в одном случае, то плохо в другом
- the circumstances of the preceding hours - происшествия нескольких последних часов
- certain curious circumstances in his history - некоторые любопытные события в его жизни
- he was the victim of circumstances - он пал /стал/ жертвой обстоятельств

2) случай; факт, обстоятельство условие

- lucky circumstance - счастливый случай
- unforeseen circumstance - непредвиденное обстоятельство
- weather is a circumstance to be taken into consideration - погода - это фактор который следует учесть
- the circumstance that ... - тот факт, что ...

2. *pl* материальное или финансовое положение; состояние

- easy /comfortable/ circumstances - достаток, зажиточность, обеспеченность; безбедное существование
- reduced /straitened/ circumstances - стеснённое материальное положение

3. 1) подробность, частность, деталь

- to omit no essential circumstance - не упустить ничего существенного

2) обстоятельность масса подробностей

- the story was told with great circumstance - рассказ отличался большой обстоятельностью/был очень подробным/

4. *mk. sing* обстановка, среда; жизнь

- creature of circumstance - продукт среды (о человеке)
- the blows of circumstance - удары судьбы
- in the clutch of circumstance - у жизни в лапах; в тисках обстоятельств
- all are sons of circumstance (*Byron*) - все мы дети судьбы

5. *mk. sing* пышность, торжественность; церемония

- to receive with circumstance - принять с почётом
- pride, pomp and circumstance of glorious war (*Shakespeare*) - и пламя битв, и торжество побед
- ◇ mere /remote/ circumstance - *амер.* а) пустое место, ноль (о человеке); б) куда не годная вещь
- not a circumstance to - *амер.* ничто по сравнению с, не идёт ни в какое сравнение с
- to be in circumstances - *эфф.* быть в положении

2. ['sɜ:kəmstæns, 'sɜ:kəmstəns] *v преим. pass книжн.*

ставить в определённые условия

- they are much better circumstanced than we are - их положение лучше, чем наше, они живут лучше, чем мы
- as they are circumstanced - в их положении

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['sɜ:kəmstæns] *BrE* ['sɜ:kəmstænʃ] *NAmE* ['sɜ:rkəmstænʃ] *noun*

1. **countable, usually plural** the conditions and facts that are connected with and affect a situation, an event or an action

- The company reserves the right to cancel this agreement in certain circumstances.
- changing social and political circumstances
- I know I can trust her in any circumstance.
- Police said there were no **suspicious circumstances** surrounding the boy's death.
- The ship sank in mysterious circumstances.
- She never discovered the true circumstances of her birth.

2. **circumstances plural** the conditions of a person's life, especially the money they have

- Grants are awarded according to your **financial circumstances**.
- **family/domestic/personal circumstances**

3. **uncountable (formal)** situations and events that affect and influence your life and that are not in your control

- a **victim of circumstance** (= a person who has suffered because of a situation that they cannot control)
- He had to leave the country through **force of circumstance** (= events made it necessary).
- We were simply thrown together by circumstance on the long journey.

more at pomp and circumstance **at** ↑pomp, reduced circumstances **at** ↑reduce

Idioms: ↑in no circumstances ▪ ↑in the circumstances

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *circonstance* or Latin *circumstantia*, from *circumstare* 'encircle, encompass', from *circum* 'around' + *stare* 'stand'.

Thesaurus:

circumstance *noun C, usually pl.*

- She did the job very well in the circumstances.

conditions • **situation** • **position** • **the case** • **state of affairs** • |informal, especially spoken things •

in the/a circumstances/particular situation/position/state of affairs

the **general/current/present/real** circumstances/conditions/situation/position/state of affairs

sb's **economic/financial/social** circumstances/conditions/situation/position

describe/explain the circumstances/situation/position/state of affairs/things

Circumstances or conditions? **Circumstances** refers to sb's financial situation; **conditions** refers to things such as food, shelter, or the working environment. The **circumstances** that affect an event are the facts surrounding it; the **conditions** are usually physical things, such as the weather.

Synonyms:

situation

circumstances • position • conditions • things • the case • state of affairs

These are all words for the conditions and facts that are connected with and affect the way things are.

situation • all the things that are happening at a particular time and in a particular place: ▪ the present economic situation

circumstances • the facts that are connected with and affect a situation, an event or an action; the conditions of a person's life, especially the money they have: ▪ The ship sank in mysterious circumstances.

position • the situation that sb is in, especially when it affects what they can and cannot do: ▪ She felt she was in a position of power.

conditions • the circumstances in which people live, work or do things; the physical situation that affects how sth happens: ▪ We were forced to work outside in freezing conditions.

circumstances or conditions?

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things • (rather informal) the general situation, as it affects sb: ▪ Hi, Jane! ▪ How are things? ◊ ▪ Think things over before you decide.

the case • the true situation: ▪ If that is the case ▪ (= if the situation described is true) ▪, we need more staff.

state of affairs • a situation: ▪ How did this unhappy state of affairs come about?

situation or state of affairs?

State of affairs is mostly used with **this**. It is also used with adjectives describing how good or bad a situation is, such as **happy**, **sorry**, **shocking**, **sad** and **unhappy**, as well as those relating to time, such as **present** and **current**. **Situation** is much more frequent and is used in a wider variety of contexts.

in (a) particular situation/circumstances/position/state of affairs

the/sb's **economic/financial/social** situation/circumstances/position/conditions

(a/an) **happy/unhappy** situation/circumstances/position/state of affairs

to **look at/review** the situation/circumstances/conditions/things

Example Bank:

- Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to reschedule the concert.
- He died in tragic circumstances.
- He was a writer living in straitened circumstances.
- He was simply a victim of circumstance.
- His sentence was reduced because of the extenuating circumstances.
- I felt that circumstances were conspiring against me.
- In normal circumstances I would let you use my car, but today I need it.
- In the circumstances, you'd better call the police.
- Only if the circumstances are exceptional will we accept late applications.
- She died in rather suspicious circumstances.
- The amount paid will vary according to circumstances.
- The bank will investigate the circumstances surrounding the robbery.
- The delays were due to circumstances beyond our control.
- The plan might work better with more favourable/favorable circumstances.
- The survivors ate plants and insects by force of circumstance.
- Under no circumstances should you leave the door unlocked.
- We lost our position in the market due to a combination of circumstances.
- an unfortunate set of circumstances that made her life difficult
- life in the changing economic circumstances of China
- people facing adverse circumstances
- the tragic circumstances of his early life
- Don't open the door, in any circumstances.
- Grants are awarded according to your financial circumstances.
- He had to leave the country through force of circumstance.
- Police said there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the boy's death.
- Under the circumstances, it seemed better not to tell him about the accident.

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circumstance **S2 W1 AC** /'sɜːkəmstæns, -stəns \$ 'sɜːr-BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ noun

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin circumstantia, from circumstare 'to stand around', from circum- (CIRCUM-) + stare 'to stand']

1. [countable usually plural] the conditions that affect a situation, action, event etc:

" The Soviet Union had been forced by circumstances to sign a pact with Nazi Germany.

" I can't imagine a circumstance in which I would be willing to steal.

in ... circumstances

" The rules can only be waived in exceptional circumstances.

under ... circumstances

Prisoners can only leave their cells under certain circumstances.

2. **under no circumstances** (also **in no circumstances** *British English*) used to emphasize that something must definitely not happen:

Under no circumstances are you to go out.

3. **under/given the circumstances** (also **in the circumstances** *British English*) used to say that a particular situation makes an action, decision etc necessary, acceptable, or true when it would not normally be:

It's the best result that could be expected under the circumstances.

4. **[uncountable] formal** the combination of facts, events etc that influence your life, and that you cannot control:

He was a victim of circumstance.

5. **circumstances [plural] formal** the conditions in which you live, especially how much money you have
economic/financial/personal etc circumstances

Whether or not you qualify for a loan will depend on your financial circumstances.

people living in difficult social circumstances

in reduced circumstances *old-fashioned* (=with much less money than you used to have)

⇒ **pomp and circumstance** at ↑pomp

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **in/under certain circumstances** (=if particular conditions exist) In certain circumstances you may be refused a visa.
- **exceptional /special circumstances** The court may allow this evidence in exceptional circumstances.
- **normal circumstances** In normal circumstances, a child's language will develop naturally.
- **particular circumstances** (=special or specific) There may be particular circumstances in which this rule will not apply.
- **difficult circumstances** Many teachers are doing a very good job under difficult circumstances.
- **suspicious circumstances** (=making you think something illegal has happened) Officers said there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding his death.
- **mysterious circumstances** (=strange or suspicious) One of their colleagues had vanished in mysterious circumstances.
- **unusual circumstances** There were several unusual circumstances that night.
- **unforeseen circumstances** (=that you did not realize would happen) The tragedy was the result of a series of unforeseen circumstances.
- **tragic circumstances** (=extremely sad and unfortunate) Both parents had died in tragic circumstances.
- **extenuating /mitigating circumstances** (=conditions that make it reasonable for someone to break the rules or law) Hunger and poverty are not treated by the courts as extenuating circumstances.

■ phrases

- **a set/combination of circumstances** This was a very unusual set of circumstances.
- **the circumstances surrounding something** Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the accident.
- **due to circumstances beyond sb's control** Occasionally flights are cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control.

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