

**solemn**

[ˈsɒləm] *a*

1. серьёзный  
solemn air [face, warning, music] - серьёзный вид [-ое лицо, предупреждение, -ая музыка]
2. 1) торжественный  
solemn ceremony [oath, silence, occasion, promise] - торжественная церемония [клятва, тишина, -ый случай, -ое обещание]  
solemn mass - *церк.*, *муз.* торжественная месса
- 2) внушительный, импозантный  
solemn sight - волнующее /впечатляющее/ зрелище  
solemn building [tread] - величественное здание [-ая поступь]
3. напыщенный, надутый, важничающий  
solemn fool - напыщенный дурак  
to put on a solemn face - принимать важный вид, напускать на себя важность
4. официальный формальный  
solemn declaration - официальное заявление
5. тёмный, мрачный (о *цвете*)
6. священный, святой  
solemn rite - священный обряд  
solemn truth - святая правда  
solemn duty - священный долг

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**solemn** *BrE* [ˈsɒləm] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [ˈsɑːləm] <sup>m</sup> **adjective**

1. (of a person) not happy or smiling  
**Syn:** ↑serious  
• Her face grew solemn.  
• a solemn expression  
**Opp:** ↑cheerful
2. done, said, etc. in a very serious and sincere way  
• a **solemn oath/undertaking/vow, etc.**  
• a solemn and binding promise
3. (of a religious ceremony or formal occasion) performed in a serious way  
• a solemn ritual  
**Derived Word** ↑solemnly

Word Origin:

[**solemn solemnly**] Middle English (in the sense ‘associated with religious rites’): from Old French *solemne*, from Latin *sollemnis* ‘customary, celebrated at a fixed date’, from *sollus* ‘entire’.

Example Bank:

- Her mood was rather solemn.
- His face grew solemn.
- Our most solemn duty is to protect the public.
- She usually had a smile on her face, but now she looked solemn.
- Her expression grew solemn.
- I made a solemn promise that I would return.
- She looked at the solemn faces of the children.
- You have all taken a solemn oath of loyalty to your country.

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[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** *solemne*, from Latin *sollemnis* ‘ceremonial, formal, solemn’]

1. very serious and not happy, for example because something bad has happened or because you are at an important occasion:  
" a solemn expression  
" Their faces suddenly grew solemn.  
" a solemn procession of mourners
2. a solemn promise is one that is made very seriously and with no intention of breaking it:  
" a solemn vow  
" I'll never be unfaithful again. I give you my solemn word.
3. performed in a very serious way  
**solemn ritual/ceremony**  
**—solemnly** *adverb*  
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**THESAURUS**

■ **not joking**

- **serious** not joking or laughing, or not pretending: His voice sounded serious. | They seem to be serious about their relationship.
- **solemn** very serious because of an important or sad occasion or ceremony: My father looked solemn, the way grown-ups look at funerals. | The judge read the verdict in a solemn voice.
- **grave** *written* quiet and very serious – used especially about the way people look when something important or worrying

happens: She consulted Doctor Staples and returned looking grave. | He listened with a grave expression on his face.

- **sombre** *British English (also somber American English)* /'sɒmbə \$ 'sɑːmbər *written* sad, quiet, or serious because something unpleasant or worrying has happened or is going to happen: They sat in sombre silence. | The meeting began in a sombre mood.
- **earnest** very serious and sincere – often used about someone who is young and not very experienced: He was a rather earnest-looking young man. | 'That's wrong,' she said, her voice sounding very earnest.

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