

**innocuous**

[ɪˈnɒkjʊəs] *a*

безвредный, безобидный

innocuous snake - неядовитая змея

to render innocuous - а) обезвредить; б) лишить остроты; выхолащивать содержание

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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**in·nocu·ous** *BrE* [ɪˈnɒkjʊəs] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [ɪˈnɑːkjʊəs] <sup>ˈ</sup> **adjective** (formal)

1. not intended to offend or upset anyone

**Syn:** †harmless

- It seemed a perfectly innocuous remark.

2. not harmful or dangerous

- an innocuous substance

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Word Origin:

[**innocuous**] late 16th cent.: from Latin *innocuus*, from *in-* ‘not’ + *nocuus* ‘injurious’, from *nocere* ‘to hurt’.

Example Bank:

- The liquid looked fairly innocuous.
- The question appeared innocuous enough, but I still did not trust her.
- Some mushrooms look innocuous but are actually very poisonous.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**in·nocu·ous** /ɪˈnɒkjʊəs \$ ɪˈnɑːkjʊəs/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> **adjective**

[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** *innocuus*, from *nocere*; ⇨ †**innocent**<sup>1</sup>]

not offensive, dangerous, or harmful **SYN** **harmless:**

- ˈ an innocuous remark

- ˈ He’s a perfectly innocuous young man.

—**innocuously** *adverb*

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