

impair[ɪmˈpeə] *v*

- 1) ослаблять, уменьшать
to impair the strength of the argument - ослабить остроту спора
- 2) ухудшать, портить; причинять ущерб
to impair one's health - причинять вред своему здоровью

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

im·pair [ɪmˈpeə ɪmˈpeəɪd ɪmˈpeərɪŋ] *BrE* [ɪmˈpeə(r)] *AmE* [ɪmˈper]*verb* ~ **sth** (formal)

to damage sth or make sth worse

- His age impaired his chances of finding a new job.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	impair
	<i>BrE</i> /ɪmˈpeə(r)/
	<i>NAme</i> /ɪmˈper/
he / she / it	impairs
	<i>BrE</i> /ɪmˈpeəz/
	<i>NAme</i> /ɪmˈperz/
past simple, past participle	impaired
	<i>BrE</i> /ɪmˈpeəd/
	<i>NAme</i> /ɪmˈperd/
-ing form	impairing
	<i>BrE</i> /ɪmˈpeərɪŋ/
	<i>NAme</i> /ɪmˈperɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English *enpeire*, from Old French *empeirier*, based on late Latin *pejorare* (from Latin *pejor* 'worse'). The current spelling is due to association with words derived from Latin beginning with *im-*.

Synonyms:**damage**

hurt • harm • impair

These words all mean to have a bad effect on sb/sth.

damage • to cause physical harm to sth, making it less attractive, useful or valuable; to have a bad effect on sb/sth's life, health, happiness or chances of success: ▫ The fire badly damaged the town hall. ◇ ▫ emotionally damaged children

hurt • (rather informal) to have a bad effect on sb/sth's life, health, happiness or chances of success: ▫ Hard work never hurt anyone.

harm • to have a bad effect on sb/sth's life, health, happiness or chances of success: ▫ Pollution can harm marine life.

damage, hurt or harm?

Hurt is slightly less formal than **damage** or **harm**, especially when it is used in negative statements: ▫ It won't hurt him to have to wait a bit. ◇ It won't damage/harm him to have to wait a bit. **Harm** is also often used to talk about ways in which things in the natural world such as **wildlife** and the **environment** are affected by human activity.

impair • (rather formal) to damage sb's health, abilities or chances: ▫ Even one drink can impair driving performance.

to damage/hurt/harm/impair sb's **chances**to damage/hurt/harm sb's **interests/reputation**to damage/harm/impair sb's **health**to **seriously/greatly** damage/hurt/harm/impair sb/sthto **badly/severely** damage/hurt/impair sb/sthExample Bank:

- Her sight is badly impaired.
- a defect that significantly impairs the safety of a car
- factors which directly impair memory
- the problems faced by people who are hearing impaired
- Even one drink can impair driving performance.
- There are a number of factors which can directly impair memory.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

im·pair /ɪmˈpeə \$ -ˈper/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: *empeirer*, from Vulgar Latin *impejorare*, from Late Latin *pejorare* 'to make worse']

to damage something or make it not as good as it should be:

The illness had impaired his ability to think and concentrate.

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• **harm** to have a bad effect on someone or something: Many women said parenthood harmed their careers. | A little hard work never harmed anyone.

• **damage** to harm something badly. **Damage** is more serious than **harm**: His reputation was damaged and his career was in ruins. | The affair has damaged people's confidence in the government.

• **be bad for somebody/something** to be likely to harm someone or something: Too much fatty food is bad for you. | All this rain

is bad for business.

- **be detrimental to something** *formal* to be bad for something: The new housing development will be detrimental to the character of this small town.
- **impair** *formal* to harm something, especially someone's ability to do something or the correct working of a system: Any amount of alcohol that you drink will impair your ability to drive. | His vision was impaired.
- **prejudice** /'predʒədəs, 'predʒʊdəs/ to have a bad effect on the future success of something: Don't do anything to prejudice our chances of winning.

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