semblance

[ˈsembləns] *n книжн.*

1. подобие, сходство

   a feeble semblance of smth. - слабое подобие чего-л.

   a semblance to one's father - сходство с отцом

   it had more the semblance of a dream than of actual occurrence - это было больше похоже на сон, чем на действительность

2. наружность, (внешний) вид

   to bear the semblance of an angel and the heart of a devil - иметь вид ангела и душу дьявола

   to bear a soldierly semblance - иметь военную выправку

3. видимость, вид

   a mere semblance of friendship - лишь видимость дружбы

   the semblance of a trial - судебная комедия; подстроенный судебный процесс

   to put on a semblance of anger [of gaiety] - притвориться сердитым [весёлым]

   to give a semblance of truth (to) - сказать что-то похожее на правду (*кому-л.*)

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semb·lance [semblance semblances] *BrE* [ˈsembləns] *NAmE* [ˈsembləns]

noun singular, uncountable **~ of sth** (formal)

a situation in which sth seems to exist although this may not, in fact, be the case

 • The ceasefire brought about a semblance of peace.

 • Life at last returned to some semblance of normality.

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French, from sembler **'seem'**, from Latin similare, simulare **'simulate'**.

Example Bank:

 • He dropped all semblance of dignity and rushed down the street after her.

 • He tried to restore some semblance of normality to their home life.

 • She bared her teeth in a semblance of a smile.

 • She struggled to bring a semblance of order to the meeting.

 • The film lacks any semblance of realism.

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sem‧blance /ˈsembləns/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

 [Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: sembler *'to be like, seem'*]

 a/some semblance of something a situation, condition etc that is close to or similar to a particular one, usually a good one:

   She was trying to get her thoughts back into some semblance of order.

   After the war, life returned to a semblance of normality.

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