

Sem Resem blance



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Semblance

appearance

A/ SOME semblance of something

A situation, condition, etc. that is close to or similar to a particular one, usually a good one

- The city has now returned to **some semblance of** normality after last night's celebrations.
- He was executed without even the **semblance of** a fair trial.
- She struggled to bring a **semblance of** order to the meeting.
- The ceasefire brought about a **semblance of** order.
- I drew up a list of towns and villages and put them in **some semblance of** order.

I wish the new trainee would show at least **some semblance of** competence.



Resemblance

likeness

The fact that two people or things look like each other or are similar in some other way:

Resemblance between

- There was a clear family **resemblance between** all the brothers.
- The **resemblance between** Mary and her sister was remarkable.

Bear a (close/striking/uncanny, etc.) resemblance to somebody/something :

to look like Sb /Sth

- Mary bears a **striking resemblance to** her sister.
- A TikTok user is going viral due to her **uncanny resemblance to** Taylor Swift.

Bear no resemblance to something

To be completely different from something/someone

- These prices **bear no resemblance to** the ones I saw printed in the newspaper.
- The boy **bears no resemblance to** his father.