



trust

to be confident that someone is honest, fair, and reliable.

- 'I trust you completely,' he said.

trust sb/sth to do something

- Can I trust you to keep a secret?
- You can't trust the trains to run on time.

trust sb/sth to do sth (informal)

used to say that it is typical of sb to do sth stupid:

- Trust him to leave the tickets at home!

trust (that)... (formal)

to hope and expect that something is true

- I trust (that) you slept well?

be trusted to do something

- She can't be trusted to keep a secret.

trust somebody with something

to let sb have control over sth, believing that they will be careful with it

- I wouldn't trust him with the keys.
- I can always trust him with a secret

distrust

to feel that you cannot trust or believe somebody/something

- Many politicians are deeply distrusted by the electorate.
- She had every reason to distrust him.
- She distrusted his motives for wanting to see her again.

mistrust verb

to have doubts about the honesty or abilities of someone:

- I've always mistrusted politicians.
- Her insecurity made her mistrust everyone.

Distrust vs Mistrust

There is very little difference between them, but **distrust is more common** and perhaps slightly stronger.

As a general rule we can say that we distrust sb if we are sure that sb is acting dishonestly or cannot be relied on, and mistrust someone if we are expressing doubts and suspicions.

entrust

to make sb responsible for doing something important, or for taking care of someone.

- All employees entrusted with the care of children are checked by the police.

entrust something/somebody to somebody

- He didn't look like the sort of man you should entrust your luggage to.
- We cannot entrust the country's telecommunications to unqualified people.
- She entrusted her son's education to a private tutor.

entrust someone with something

- She entrusted us with her money.

be entrusted with something/somebody

- I was entrusted with the task of looking after the money.
- Two senior officials have been entrusted with organizing the auction