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Definition of 'double-edged'

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If you say that a comment is **double-edged**, you mean that it has two meanings, so that you are not sure whether the person who said it is being critical or is giving praise.

Even his praise is double-edged.

2. **ADJECTIVE**

If you say that something is **double-edged**, you mean that its positive effects are balanced by its negative effects, or that its negative effects are greater.

But tourism is double-edged, for although it's boosting the country's economy, the Reef could be damaged.

3. a double-edged sword

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double-edged

in American English

(ˈdʌbəlˌɛdʒd)

ADJECTIVE

1. having two cutting edges
2. applicable against, as well as for, as an argument
3. having the expected favorable results but also unanticipated unfavorable results : *often in the phrase* double-edged sword

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double-edged

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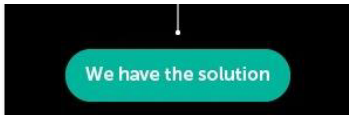
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in British English

ADJECTIVE

1. acting in two ways; having a dual effect
2. (of a remark, argument, etc) having two possible interpretations, esp applicable both for and against or being really malicious though apparently innocuous
3. (of a sword, knife, etc) having a cutting edge on either side of the blade

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double-edged

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The explanation comes in the double-edged nature of the regulatory regime itself.

TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2006)

The double-edged nature of gas also induced uncertainty.

TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2015)

He recognises the double-edged effect of fatherhood.

TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2014)

It was a double-edged compliment.

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- American English: double-edged
- Brazilian Portuguese: dúbio
- Chinese: 模棱两可的
- European Spanish: de doble sentido
- French: à double tranchant
- German: zweischneidig
- Italian: a doppio taglio
- Japanese: どちらにもとれる
- Korean: 두 가지로 해석될 수 있는
- European Portuguese: dúbio
- Spanish: de doble sentido

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- double-double
- double-dumped
- double-dyed
- double-edged**
- double-edged sword
- double-ended
- double-entry book-keeping
- double-edged sword
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This was all Jack's fault.

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