

hopeless[ˈhəʊplɪs] *a*

1. безнадежный; безвыходный, безысходный; бесперспективный

hopeless struggle - безнадежная борьба

hopeless illness - неизлечимая болезнь

hopeless grief - безысходное горе

hopeless cause - дело, обречённое на провал

hopeless situation /predicament/ - безвыходное положение

2. (*обыкн.* of, about, for) утративший всякую надежду, отчаявшийся

to be hopeless about /of/ smth. - безнадежно смотреть на что-л.

to be hopeless for the future - безнадежно смотреть на будущее

I am hopeless of effecting anything - я потерял надежду чего-л. добиться

3. неисправимый (*о людях*)

hopeless idiot - безнадежный кретин

hopeless waster - неисправимый мот

you are hopeless! - ≅ тебя только могила исправит!

4. бессмысленный; бесполезный

it is hopeless appealing to him - обращаться к нему (совершенно) бесполезно

it is hopeless to try to talk her out of it - нечего и пытаться отговорить её от этого

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hope-less [hopeless hopelessly hopelessness] *BrE* [ˈhəʊpləs] ^u *NAmE*[ˈhəʊpləs] ^u *adjective*

1. if sth is hopeless, there is no hope that it will get better or succeed

• a hopeless situation

• **It's hopeless** trying to convince her.• Most of the students are making good progress, but Michael is **a hopeless case** .

• He felt that his life was a hopeless mess.

2. (*BrE, informal*) extremely bad**Syn:** ↑terrible

• The buses are absolutely hopeless these days!

3. (*especially BrE*) (*of people*) very bad (at sth); with no ability or skill**Syn:** ↑terrible

• a hopeless driver

• ~ **at sth** I'm hopeless at science.

4. feeling or showing no hope

• She felt lonely and hopeless.

Derived Words ↑hopelessly ▪ ↑hopelessnessExample Bank:

• I'm absolutely hopeless at languages.

• I've always been hopeless with machinery.

• She felt lonely and completely hopeless.

• The situation seemed completely hopeless.

• He wanted to warn her how hopeless her case was.

• He's an absolutely hopeless driver.

• It's hopeless trying to convince her.

• Most students are making good progress, but Michael is a hopeless case.

• The buses are absolutely hopeless these days.

• The situation seems increasingly hopeless.

• There were some things it was hopeless to discuss with him.

• Winning the title is out of the question now— it's a hopeless cause.

• With a hopeless shrug of resignation, he turned back.

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hopeless *S3* [ˈhəʊpləs \$ 'həʊp-/] *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u *adjective*[**Word Family:** *noun:* ↑hope, ↑hopefulness ≠ ↑hopelessness, ↑hopeful; *verb:* ↑hope; *adverb:* ↑hopefully ≠ ↑hopelessly; *adjective:*

↑hopeful ≠ ↑hopeless]

1. if something that you try to do is hopeless, there is no possibility of it being successful:

" We tried to stop the flames from spreading, but we knew it was hopeless.

" Getting your work published often seems a hopeless task." I kept on struggling forward, even though I knew it was hopeless.

2. a hopeless situation is so bad that there is no chance of success or improvement:

" The situation is not as hopeless as it might seem.

" the millions who live in hopeless poverty

3. *especially British English informal* very bad **SYN terrible** :

" I'm a hopeless cook.

hopeless at (doing) something

" My brother was always pretty hopeless at ball games.

hopeless with

- " I'm hopeless with machinery.
- " I've got a hopeless memory.
- " The public transport system was absolutely hopeless.

4. feeling no hope:

- " I began to feel lonely and hopeless.

5. used, often humorously, to say that someone's bad behaviour cannot be changed:

- " Oh, James, you really are a hopeless case (=it seems impossible to change your behaviour)!

hopeless romantic/materialist/drunken etc

- " She was a hopeless romantic, always convinced that one day she would meet the man of her dreams.

—**hopelessness** *noun* [uncountable]

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