

severe[sɪ'viə] **a****1. 1) строгий, суровый**

severe look - строгий взгляд

severe looks [sentence] - суровый вид [приговор]

severe punishment - строгое /суровое/ наказание

severe reprimand /reproof - строгий выговор

severe criticism - резкая /суровая/ критика

to say smth. in a severe voice - сказать что-л. строгим голосом

to be severe on smb.'s failings - непримиримо относиться к чьим-л. недостаткам

he is severe on /upon/ his enemies - он беспощаден к своим врагам

2) требовательный строгий

severe master [father] - строгий учитель [отец]

severe logician - строгий логик

to be severe with smb. - строго обращаться с кем-л., держать кого-л. в строгости

to be severe (up)on smb. - а) быть строгим /требовательным/ по отношению к кому-л.; б) критически относиться к кому-л.

2. жёсткий (о дисциплине, требованиях и т. п.)

severe discipline - строгая /жёсткая/ дисциплина

severe requirements - строгие /высокие/ требования

severe self-control - строгий самоконтроль

3. тщательный, скрупулёзный (об опросе, рассмотрении и т. п.)

severe scrutiny - тщательное изучение

4. 1) простой, строгий (о стиле, платье и т. п.)

a severe literary style - строгий литературный стиль

severe hair-do - строгая /простая/ причёска

a severe tailored suit - строгий английский костюм

2) архит. выдержанный (о стиле)

a severe conformity to standards - строгое /точное/ соответствие стандартам

5. суровый, холодный (о погоде, климате и т. п.); сильный (о буре и т. п.)

severe winter - суровая зима

severe frost - лютый /сильный/ мороз

severe thunderstorm [storm] - сильная гроза [буря]

6. тяжёлый, серьёзный, сильный

severe pain - острая боль

severe illness - тяжёлая болезнь

severe disappointment - жестокое разочарование

severe wound - тяжёлое /опасное/ ранение

severe attack of coughing - сильный приступ кашля

a severe nervous shock - тяжёлое нервное потрясение

7. трудный, тяжёлый (об испытании и т. п.)

severe training - трудная подготовка

severe test - **спец.** испытание в жёстких условиях

severe loss - а) тяжёлая утрата; б) большой убыток

8. жестокий, ожесточённый (о бое, схватке и т. п.)

severe fight [competition] - жестокий бой [-ая конкуренция]

severe bombardment - мощная бомбардировка

9. едкий, саркастический

severe remarks - едкие /колкие/ замечания

you are pleased to be severe - вам нравится говорить саркастическим тоном

10. редк. слишком сильный, режущий глаза (о свете, огне и т. п.)**severe****se-vere** [severe severer severest] **BrE** [sɪ'viə(r)] ^m **NAmE** [sɪ'viɪ] ^m **adjective****(se-verer, se-ver-est)**

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VERY BAD**1. extremely bad or serious**

• a severe handicap

• His injuries are severe.

• severe weather conditions

• a severe winter (= one during which the weather conditions are extremely bad)

• The party suffered severe losses during the last election.

• a severe shortage of qualified staff

• severe learning difficulties

• The victim suffered severe brain damage.

• a severe case of woodworm

• Strikes are causing severe disruption to all train services.

PUNISHMENT

2. ~ (on/with sb) punishing sb in an extreme way when they break a particular set of rules

Syn: †harsh

- The courts are becoming more severe on young offenders
- a **severe punishment/sentence**

NOT KIND

3. not kind or sympathetic and showing disapproval of sb/sth

Syn: †stern

- a severe expression
- She was a severe woman who seldom smiled.

VERY DIFFICULT

4. extremely difficult and requiring a lot of skill or ability

Syn: †stiff

- The marathon is a severe test of stamina.

STYLE/APPEARANCE/CLOTHING

5. (disapproving) extremely plain and lacking any decoration

- Modern furniture is a little too severe for my taste.
- Her hair was short and severe.

Derived Words †severely ▪ †severity

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (in sense 2): from French *sévère* or Latin *severus*.

Thesaurus:

severe adj.

1.

- Strikes have caused severe disruption to services.

serious • • **critical** • • **acute** • • **extreme** • • **drastic** • • **desperate** • • **life-threatening** • |formal **grave** • |especially BrE, formal **dire** • |informal, especially spoken **bad** •

Opp: minor

a/an severe/serious/critical/acute/desperate/life-threatening/gravē/bad **problem**

a/an severe/serious/critical/acute/life-threatening/gravē **illness**

severe/serious/acute/extreme/gravē **danger**

severe/serious/acute/extreme/desperate/dire **poverty**

Severe or serious? **Serious** is used to describe medical conditions in everyday English; in medical English **severe** is used.

2.

- It was an unusually severe winter.

harsh • • **hard** • • **bleak** •

Opp: mild

a severe/harsh/hard/bleak **winter**

severe/harsh **weather /conditions**

a severe/harsh **climate**

a severe/hard **frost**

3.

- a severe punishment for drug use

tough • • **strict** • |usually disapproving **harsh** • |often approving **firm** • |formal **punitive** •

Opp: lenient, **Opp:** soft

severe/tough/strict/harsh/firm **with** sb/sth

severe/tough/strict/harsh **on** sb/sth

severe/tough/strict/harsh/firm **discipline**

a severe/tough/harsh **penalty/sentence**

Example Bank:

- an exceptionally severe frost
- women affected by mild to moderately severe symptoms
- A severe storm blew the ship off course.
- Anyone found using drugs will receive severe punishment.
- Even in the south it was an unusually severe winter.
- He received a severe reprimand for his behaviour.
- He was staring straight at her with the most severe expression.
- Her hair was cut in a very short, severe style.
- Severe weather conditions can lead to an increase in the demand for electricity.
- She fixed them with a very severe look.
- She suffers from severe learning difficulties.
- She was wearing a severe dark grey jacket.
- That year we had a particularly severe winter.

- The bridge has been closed due to severe weather conditions.
- There is a severe shortage of qualified staff.
- These women have to endure poor living conditions, low pay and severe discipline.

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severe **S3 W3** /sə'veɪə, sɪ'veɪə\$ -'vɪə/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *adjective*

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: sévère, from Latin severus]

1. **VERY SERIOUS** severe problems, injuries, illnesses etc are very bad or very serious:

- " His injuries were quite severe.
- " She's suffering from severe depression.
- " The US faces severe economic problems.
- " The storm caused severe damage.

REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say an injury, a problem etc is **serious** rather than **severe**:

- " His injuries were quite serious.

2. **WEATHER** severe weather is very bad and very extreme, and very hot, dry, cold etc

3. **PUNISHMENT** a severe punishment is very strict or extreme:

- " Drug smugglers can expect severe penalties.

4. **CRITICISM** severe criticism is very extreme and shows that you think someone has done something very badly:

- " The president came under severe criticism for his handling of the crisis.

5. **DIFFICULT** very difficult and needing a lot of effort and skill:

- " The negotiations will be a severe test of his abilities.

6. **PERSON** someone who is severe behaves in a way that does not seem friendly or sympathetic, and is very strict or disapproving

SYN stern:

- " His slightly severe expression softened.

7. **PLAIN** very plain with little or no decoration:

- " a rather severe red-brick building

—**severity** /sə'verətɪ, sɪ'verətɪ/ *noun* [uncountable and countable]:

- " We didn't realize the severity of her illness.

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COLLOCATIONS

nouns

- **severe damage** The blast caused severe damage to the surrounding buildings.
- **severe problems/difficulties** The clothing industry has experienced severe problems in recent years.
- **a severe injury/illness** She had suffered severe head injuries.
- **severe pain** He was in severe pain and unable to call for help.
- **severe depression** He suffered from severe depression when he was younger.
- **a severe case** (=of a medical condition) Hospitalization is necessary in severe cases.
- **a severe blow** (=an event that has a very bad effect) The closure of the mine was a severe blow to the country's economy.

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