

- abuse**
1. [ə'bjʊ:s] *n*
 1. брань, ругательства; оскорбление
to exchange abuse - оскорблять друг друга
to break out into abuse - разразиться бранью
to heap /to shower/ abuse on smb. - осыпать кого-л. оскорблениями
 2. плохое *или* жестокое обращение
abuse of children - жестокое обращение с детьми
 3. неправильное употребление *или* (ис)пользование
abuse of words [terms] - неправильное *или* необычное употребление слов [терминов]
abuses of figures - подтасовка статистических данных
 4. злоупотребление
crying abuse - вопиющее злоупотребление
drug abuse - злоупотребление наркотиками
abuse of power /authority/ - злоупотребление властью
abuse of trust - злоупотребление доверием
abuse of process - *юр.* злоумышленное использование одной стороной процессуальных законов во вред противной стороне
 5. 1) нападение, избиение
2) изнасилование, *особ.* совращение малолетних
 6. *тех.* эксплуатация с нарушением правил *или* норм
 2. [ə'bjʊ:z] *v*
 1. оскорблять, ругать; поносить
to abuse smb. left and right - ≅ поносить кого-л. на чём свет стоит
the candidates abused each other - кандидаты занимались взаимными нападками
 2. 1) мучить; жестоко обращаться
to abuse a child - жестоко обращаться с ребёнком
to abuse a horse - загнать лошадь
2) портить; неосторожно пользоваться (*чем-л.*)
to abuse one's eyesight - перенапрягать зрение; не жалеть своих глаз
 3. злоупотреблять
to abuse rights [privileges, smb.'s kindness] - злоупотреблять правами [привилегиями, чьей-л. добротой]
to abuse one's authority - превышать (свои) полномочия
 4. неправильно *или* непривычно употреблять (*слово, термин*)
 5. 1) нападать, избивать
2) совращать (*малолетних*); насиловать
 6. *pass уст.* быть введённым в заблуждение, быть обманутым
 7. *тех.* эксплуатировать с нарушением правил *или* норм

abuse

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abuse [abuse abuses abused abusing] *noun, verb**noun* BrE [ə'bjʊə] ; NAmE [ə'bjʊə]

1. **uncountable, singular** the use of sth in a way that is wrong or harmful

Syn: ↑ misuse• **alcohol/drug/solvent abuse**

- The system of paying cash bonuses is **open to abuse** (= might be used in the wrong way) .
- ~ **of sth** He was arrested on charges of corruption and **abuse of power** .
- What she did was an abuse of her position as manager.

2. **uncountable, plural** unfair, cruel or violent treatment of sb

- child abuse
- sexual abuse
- reported abuses by the secret police
- She suffered years of physical abuse.

3. **uncountable** rude and offensive remarks, usually made when sb is very angry

Syn: ↑ insults• to **scream/hurl/shout abuse**• a **stream/torrent of abuse**

- The man burst into a torrent of foul-mouthed racist abuse.

Word Origin:late Middle English: via Old French from Latin **abus-** 'misused', from the verb **abuti**, from **ab-** 'away' (i.e. 'wrongly') + **uti** 'to use'.Example Bank:

- Calling someone stupid is definitely a term of abuse.
- He was subjected to a torrent of abuse.
- She was subjected to regular sexual abuse.
- The child had taken a lot of emotional abuse.
- The legal system is open to abuse.
- The team who lost became a target of abuse for angry fans.
- They had to endure continual racial abuse.

- abuse of prisoners
- allegations of child abuse
- allegations of human rights abuses
- six cases of suspected child abuse
- He was arrested on charges of corruption and abuse of power.
- The system of paying cash bonuses is open to abuse.
- a stream/torrent of abuse
- alcohol/drug/solvent abuse
- child/sexual abuse
- to scream/hurl/shout abuse

Derived Word †abuser

verb BrE [əˈbjuːz] ; NAmE [əˈbjuːz]

1. ~ **sth** to make bad use of sth, or to use so much of sth that it harms your health
 - to **abuse alcohol/drugs**
 - He systematically abused his body with heroin and cocaine.
2. ~ **sth** to use power or knowledge unfairly or wrongly
 - She abused her position as principal by giving jobs to her friends.
 - He felt they had abused his trust by talking about him to the press (= tricked him, although he had trusted them) .
3. ~ **sb/sth** to treat a person or an animal in a cruel or violent way, especially sexually
 - All the children had been physically and emotionally abused.
 - He had abused his own daughter (= had sex with her) .
 - The boy had been sexually abused.
4. ~ **sb** to make rude or offensive remarks to or about sb

Syn: †insult

- The referee had been threatened and abused.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	abuse
	BrE /əˈbjuːz/
	NAmE /əˈbjuːz/
he / she /it	abuses
	BrE /əˈbjuːzɪz/
	NAmE /əˈbjuːzɪz/
past simple, past participle	abused
	BrE /əˈbjuːzɪd/
	NAmE /əˈbjuːzɪd/
-ing form	abusing
	BrE /əˈbjuːzɪŋ/
	NAmE /əˈbjuːzɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

abuse verb

1. T

- abuse your position
- abuse drugs

exploit • • **use** • |formal **misuse** •

abuse/exploit your **position**

abuse/misuse your **power/authority**

abuse/misuse **drugs/alcohol**

2. T, often passive

- sexually abused

molest • • **assault** • • **rape** • |informal **grope** •

sexually abuse/molest/assault sb

3. T

- verbally abused

insult • • **swear at sb** • • **curse** • • **slander** • |formal **vilify** • • **malign** • |especially journalism **smear** •

Opp: compliment, **Opp:** flatter

Example Bank:

- He felt they had abused his trust by talking about him to the press.
- He had abused his own daughter.
- He is accused of sexually abusing the children in his care.
- Journalists covering the case have been threatened and abused.
- People who abuse alcohol over a long period will develop health problems.
- The striker has been banned for the rest of the season for verbally abusing a referee.

abuseI. a **abuse**¹ **S2 W3** /ə'bjʊz/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun*1. [**plural, uncountable**] cruel or violent treatment of someone:several cases of child abuse**physical/sexual/racial abuse**Many children suffer racial abuse at school.An independent committee will look into alleged human rights abuses.2. [**uncountable and countable**] the use of something in a way that it should not be used **SYN misuse****abuse of**government officials' abuse of powerA self-monitoring tax system is clearly open to abuse (=able to be used wrongly)**alcohol/drug abuse** (=the practice of drinking too much or taking illegal drugs) ⇒ [↑]**solvent abuse**3. [**uncountable**] rude or offensivethings that someone says when they are angry:vandalism and verbal abuse directed at old people**a torrent/stream of abuse** (=a series of rude or angry words)**shout/hurl/scream abuse at somebody**The other driver started hurling abuse at me. ⇒ **a term of abuse** at [↑]**term**¹(3)II. a **abuse**² /ə'bjʊz/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [**transitive**]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: French; Origin: abuser, from Latin abusus, past participle of abuti, from ab- 'away' + uti 'to use']

1. to treat someone in a cruel and violent way, often sexually

sexually/physically abused

She was sexually abused as a child.

2. to deliberately use something for the wrong purpose or for your own advantage:

Williams abused his position as Mayor to give jobs to his friends.Morris abused the trust the firm had shown in him.people who abuse the system**abuse alcohol/drugs**

The proportion of drinkers who abuse alcohol is actually quite small.

3. to say rude or offensivethings to someone **SYN insult**:Many soldiers in Belfast are verbally abused.He came to the help of another driver who was being racially abused by three white passengers.

4. to treat something so badly that you start to destroy it:

James abused his body for years with heroin and cocaine.

—**abuser** *noun* [**countable**]**abuse**

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