

1. [ɪ] *n*

1. зло, вред

to do ill (to smb.) - причинить вред (кому-л.), плохо обойтись, поступить (с кем-л.)

I can think no ill of him - я не могу думать о нём плохо /дурно/

2. *pl* несчастья, невзгоды, беды

the ills of life - жизненные невзгоды

to suffer various ills - страдать от всяческих бед; испытать множество невзгод

3. *pl* отрицательные явления

economic and social ills - экономические и социальные трудности /беды/

4. болезнь, заболевание

5. *арх.* грех2. [ɪ] *a*1. *predic* больной, нездоровый

to be ill - а) быть больным, болеть, хворать; б) чувствовать недомогание; в) чувствовать тошноту

he is ill with influenza - он болен гриппом

to fall ill - заболеть

to be taken ill of /with/ a fever - (за)болеть лихорадкой

she is ill with anxiety - её мучает тревога

2. (worse; worst) нехороший, плохой, дурной

ill act - плохой /дурной, нехороший/ поступок

ill choice - неудачный выбор

ill taste - дурной вкус

ill news - плохие новости, дурные вести, недобрая весть

ill odour - неприятный запах

of ill repute - пользующийся дурной славой /плохой репутацией/

ill success - неудача, неуспех

ill fortune - несчастье, неудача

ill habits - дурные привычки

ill omen - дурное предзнаменование

birds of ill omen - предвестники беды

in an ill temper /humour/ - в раздражении

3. 1) злой, враждебный

ill tongues - злые языки

2) вредный

ill effects - пагубные последствия

ill weed - *бот.* злостный сорняк, бурьян

◇ to do smb. an ill turn /service/ - оказать кому-л. медвежью услугу, навредить кому-л.

ill news goes /flies/ fast, ill news comes apace - *посл.* - худые вести не лежат на месте

it's an ill wind that blows nobody (any) good, it's an ill wind that turns none to good - *посл.* ≅ нет худа без добра

ill weeds grow apace - *посл.* дурная трава в рост идёт

3. [ɪ] *adv*

1. плохо, худо, нехорошо, дурно; неблагоприятно

to behave ill - плохо вести себя

to speak [to think] ill of smb. - плохо говорить [думать] о ком-л.

to treat smb. ill - обижать кого-л., плохо обходиться с кем-л., плохо относиться к кому-л.

to be ill provided with smth. - быть плохо обеспеченным чем-л.

to take smth. ill - а) негодовать по поводу чего-л., б) обижаться на что-л.

to go ill with smb. - быть неблагоприятным /губительным/ для кого-л., пагубно влиять на кого-л.

it went ill with his family - его семью постигло несчастье

it ill becomes you to say such things - вам не к лицу /не пристало/ говорить такие вещи

he fares ill - он плохо живёт, у него всё очень неудачно сложилось

2. едва ли, с трудом

I can ill afford the expense - я с трудом могу позволить себе такой расход

we can ill spare him - нам трудно обойтись без него, едва ли мы обойдёмся без него

she is ill to please - ей трудно угодить

ill

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ill [ɪl *ills*] *adjective, adverb, noun* *BrE* [ɪl] ^m *NAmE* [ɪl] ^e

*adjective*1. (especially *BrE*) (*NAmE* usually **sick**) **not usually before noun** suffering from an illness or disease; not feeling well

• Her father is **seriously ill** in St Luke's hospital.

• She **was taken ill** suddenly.

• We both started to **feel ill** shortly after the meal.

• Uncle Harry is **terminally ill** with cancer (= he will die from his illness) .

• the **mentally ill** (= people with a mental illness)

• (formal) He **fell ill** and died soon after.

see also ↑ *illness*

2. **usually before noun** bad or harmful

- He resigned because of **ill health** (= he was often ill) .
 - She suffered no **ill effects** from the experience.
 - a woman of **ill repute** (= considered to be immoral)
3. (formal) that brings, or is thought to bring, bad luck
- a bird of ill omen

more at bad/ill feeling **at** ↑feeling

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the senses 'wicked', 'malevolent', 'harmful', and 'difficult'): from Old Norse *illr* 'evil, difficult', of unknown origin.

Thesaurus:

ill adj. (especially BrE)

- Her son is seriously ill in hospital.

sick • • **not (very) well** • • **unwell** • • **sickly** • • **unhealthy** • |especially spoken **bad** • |formal **ailing** •

Opp: well

ill/sick/unwell **with** flu, a fever, etc

seriously ill/sick/sickly/unhealthy **children**

feel ill/not (very) well/unwell/bad

become/get/fall ill/sick

Ill or sick? In British English the usual word is **ill**, unless you are taking time off work because of illness:

- Ellie is off sick/called in sick today.

✗ **Ellie is off ill/called in ill today.** In American English the usual word is **sick**; **ill** is only used about very serious illnesses.

Collocations:

Illnesses

Becoming ill

catch a cold/an infectious disease/the flu/(BrE) flu/pneumonia/a virus/(informal) a bug

get (BrE) ill/(NAme) sick/a disease/AIDS/breast cancer/a cold/the flu/(BrE) flu/a migraine

come down with a cold/the flu/(BrE) flu

contract a deadly disease/a serious illness/HIV/AIDS

be infected with a virus/a parasite/HIV

develop cancer/diabetes/a rash/an ulcer/symptoms of hepatitis

have a heart attack/a stroke

provoke/trigger/produce an allergic reaction

block/burst/rupture a blood vessel

damage/sever a nerve/an artery/a tendon

Being ill

feel (BrE) ill/sick/nauseous/queasy

be running (BrE) a temperature/(NAme) a fever

have a head cold/diabetes/heart disease/lung cancer/a headache/(BrE) a high temperature/(NAme) a fever

suffer from asthma/malnutrition/frequent headaches/bouts of depression/a mental disorder

be laid up with/ (BrE) be in bed with a cold/the flu/(BrE) flu/a migraine

nurse a cold/a headache/a hangover

battle/fight cancer/depression/addiction/alcoholism

Treatments

examine a patient

diagnose a condition/disease/disorder

be diagnosed with cancer/diabetes/schizophrenia

prescribe/be given/be on/take drugs/medicine/medication/pills/painkillers/antibiotics

treat sb for cancer/depression/shock

have/undergo an examination/an operation/surgery/a kidney transplant/therapy/chemotherapy/treatment for cancer

have/be given an injection/(BrE) a flu jab/(NAme) a flu shot/a blood transfusion/a scan/an X-ray

cure a disease/an ailment/cancer/a headache/a patient

prevent the spread of disease/further outbreaks/damage to the lungs

be vaccinated against the flu/(BrE) flu/the measles/(BrE) measles/polio/smallpox

enhance/boost/confer/build immunity to a disease

Example Bank:

- He was lying ill in bed.
- His mother is seriously ill in hospital.
- I can't eat bananas. They make me ill.
- Robyn was almost ill with excitement and outrage.
- She was taken violently ill and had to be put to bed.
- That type of government corruption makes me ill.
- They arrive at the hospital ill from malnutrition.
- a hospice for the terminally ill
- chronically ill patients
- the problems faced by mentally ill people
- He resigned because of ill health.

- Her father is seriously ill in St Luke's hospital.
- I bear you no ill will, but I am simply not in a position to help you.
- She was known as a woman of ill repute.
- Uncle Harry is terminally ill with cancer.
- terminally ill children

Idioms: †ill at ease ▪ †it's an ill wind ▪ †speak ill of somebody

adverb

1. (especially in compounds) badly or in an unpleasant way
 - The animals had been grossly ill-treated.
2. (formal) badly; not in an acceptable way
 - They live in an area ill served by public transport.
3. (formal) only with difficulty
 - We're wasting valuable time, time we can ill afford.
 - I can ill afford the time or the money for a holiday.

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the senses 'wicked', 'malevolent', 'harmful', and 'difficult'): from Old Norse illr 'evil, difficult', of unknown origin.

noun

1. usually plural (formal) a problem or harmful thing; an illness
 - social/economic ills
 - the ills of the modern world
2. uncountable (literary) harm; bad luck
 - I may not like him, but I wish him no ill.

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See also: †sick

ill

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I. ill¹ S3 W2 /ɪl/ BrE¹ AmE¹ adjective

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old Norse; Origin: illr]

1. especially British English suffering from a disease or not feeling well **SYN** sick *American English:*

- Bridget can't come – she's ill.
- I was feeling ill that day and decided to stay at home.

ill with

- Her husband has been ill with bladder trouble.
- a hospice for the terminally ill

2. [only before noun] bad or harmful:

- Many people consumed the poisoned oil without ill effects.
- the neglect and ill treatment of children
- He was unable to join the army because of ill health.

3. ill at ease nervous, uncomfortable, or embarrassed:

- He always felt shy and ill at ease at parties.

4. it's an ill wind (that blows nobody any good) spoken used to say that every problem brings an advantage for someone

⇒ †ill feeling, †ill will

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COLLOCATIONS

verbs

- **be ill** What's wrong? Are you ill?
- **feel ill** I've been feeling ill since I woke up this morning.
- **look ill** He looked rather ill when I saw him.
- **become ill** (also **get ill** *informal*) She became ill after eating oysters.
- **fall ill** *formal* (=become ill) Louise fell ill while she was on holiday.
- **be taken ill** (=become ill suddenly) Henry was suddenly taken ill and had to go to the hospital.
- **make somebody ill** I think it was the heat that made me ill.

adverbs

- **seriously ill** (=very ill) Any seriously ill patients are usually sent to a state hospital.
- **gravely ill** *formal* (=extremely ill) She went to visit her grandfather, who was gravely ill.
- **critically ill** (=so ill that you might die) He got news that his mother was critically ill in hospital.
- **terminally ill** (=having a very serious illness that you will die from) He is terminally ill with cancer.
- **chronically ill** (=having a long-term illness that cannot be cured and will not get better) Chronically ill patients often find it difficult to get travel insurance.
- **mentally ill** (=having an illness of your mind) Caring for mentally ill people can be challenging.

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THESAURUS

- **ill** [not before noun] especially British English suffering from a disease or not feeling well: Her mother is seriously ill in hospital. |

I woke up feeling really ill.

- **sick** *especially American English* ill: She's been sick with the flu. | a sick child | Dan got sick on vacation.
- **not very well** [not before noun] ill, but not seriously ill: Sarah's not very well – she has a throat infection.
- **unwell** [not before noun] *formal* ill: The singer had been unwell for some time. | Symptoms include fever, aching muscles, and feeling generally unwell.
- **poorly** [not before noun] *British English spoken* ill: Your grandmother's been very poorly lately.
- **in a bad way** [not before noun] very ill because of a serious injury or disease: You'd better call an ambulance – she looks like she's in a bad way.
- **be off sick** *British English*, **be out sick** *American English* to be not at work because of an illness: Two teachers were off sick yesterday.

■ slightly ill

- **under the weather** (also **off colour** *British English*) [not before noun] *informal* slightly ill: Sorry I haven't called you – I've been a bit under the weather lately. | You look a bit off colour – are you sure you're OK?
- **run down** [not before noun] feeling slightly ill and tired all the time, for example because you have been working too hard, or not eating well: Some people take extra vitamins if they are feeling run down.

■ often ill

- **in poor health** unhealthy and often ill: Chopin was already in poor health when he arrived on the island.
- **delicate** weak and likely to become ill easily: She was delicate and pale and frequently complained of headaches. | He had a delicate constitution and throughout his adult life suffered from various illnesses.
- **sickly** a sickly child is often ill: He was a sickly child and spent a lot of time at home on his own. | His younger daughter was sickly and died when she was young.

II. ill² BrE^a AmE^a adverb

1. **somebody can ill afford (to do) something** to be unable to do or have something without making the situation you are in very difficult:

- I was losing weight which I could ill afford to lose.
- Most gamblers can ill afford their habit.

2. **think/speak ill of somebody** *formal* to think or say unpleasant things about someone:

- She really believes you should never speak ill of the dead.

3. **bode ill** *formal* to give you a reason to think that something bad will happen:

- The look on his face boded ill for somebody.

III. ill³ BrE^a AmE^a noun

1. **ills** [plural] problems and difficulties:

- He wants to cure all the ills of the world.

2. **[uncountable] formal** harm, evil, or bad luck:

- She did not like Matthew but she would never wish him ill.

ill

Frequency Pack

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