

extreme1. [ɪk'stri:m] *n*

1. крайность; чрезмерность; крайняя степень

in the extreme - в высшей степени, чрезвычайно

at the extreme of poverty - в ужасающей /страшной/ нищете

to run to an extreme - впадать в крайность

to go to extremes - а) удариться в крайности; б) прибегать к крайним мерам

I find the task wearisome in the extreme - я считаю эту работу в высшей степени скучной

his enthusiasm was carried to the extreme - его энтузиазм не знал предела

2. *обыкн. pl* (крайняя) противоположность; крайности; диаметрально противоположные предметы *или* явления

love and hate are extremes - любовь и ненависть - противоположные чувства

extremes meet - крайности /противоположности/ сходятся

to go to the other extreme - впадать в другую крайность

3. *мат.*

1) экстремум, экстремальное, крайнее значение

2) крайний член пропорции

4. *лог.* крайний термин (*большой или меньший в отличие от среднего*)2. [ɪk'stri:m] *a*

1. крайний, предельный; самый дальний

the extreme edge /border/ of a field - (самый) дальний край поля

extreme length [width] - наибольшая длина [ширина]

extreme range - а) крайний предел, максимум; б) наибольшая дальность (полёта); в) *воен.* предел досягаемости

extreme old age - глубокая старость

extreme youth - ранняя молодость, юность

the country's extreme north - крайний север страны

at the extreme end - в самом конце

2. 1) крайний, чрезвычайный; высший

extreme patience - величайшее терпение

extreme poverty - крайняя нищета

extreme penalty - *юр.* высшая мера наказания

extreme fashions - \cong крайности моды

extreme cold weather clothing - *спец.* полярное обмундирование

to go on an extreme diet - сесть на голодную диету

2) предельный, экстремальный

extreme conditions - предельно тяжёлые /экстремальные/ условия работы *или* испытания

3. крайний, экстремистский

to hold extreme views - придерживаться крайних воззрений, быть экстремистом

extreme

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ex-treme [extreme extremes extremest] adjective, noun *BrE* [ɪk'stri:m] ¹

NAmE [ɪk'stri:m] ¹

adjective

1. usually before noun very great in degree

- We are working under extreme pressure at the moment.
- people living in extreme poverty
- I'm having extreme difficulty in not losing my temper with her.
- The heat in the desert was extreme.

2. not ordinary or usual; serious or severe

- Children will be removed from their parents only **in extreme circumstances**.
- Don't go doing anything extreme like leaving the country.
- It was the most **extreme example** of cruelty to animals I had ever seen.
- extreme weather conditions

3. (of people, political organizations, opinions, etc.) far from what most people consider to be normal, reasonable or acceptable

- **extreme left-wing/right-wing** views
- an extreme nationalist organization
- Their ideas are too extreme for me.

Opp: ↑ moderate

4. only before noun as far as possible from the centre, the beginning or in the direction mentioned

- Kerry is in the extreme west of Ireland.
- She sat on the extreme edge of her seat.
- politicians on the extreme left of the party

Word Origin:

late Middle English: via Old French from Latin *extremus* 'outermost, utmost', superlative of *exterus* 'outer'.

Thesaurus:

extreme adj.

1. usually before noun

- We are still working under extreme pressure.

intense • maximum • utmost • supreme •

Opp: moderate

extreme/maximum/the utmost/supreme **importance**

extreme/maximum/the utmost **care/difficulty**

extreme/intense/supreme **happiness**

Extreme or intense? **Intense** describes a very strong or deep feeling or quality; **extreme** describes a feeling, quality, action or state that is at its limit

- intense desire/interest/heat/blue eyes
- extreme pain/heat/violence/danger

2.

- It was the most extreme example of cruelty to animals I have ever seen.

severe • **serious** • **desperate** • **drastic** • **acute** • |formal **grave** • |especially BrE, formal **dire** •

Opp: slight, Opp: mild

(a/an) extreme/severe/serious/desperate/acute/dire **shortage/poverty**

a/an extreme/serious/desperate/acute/dire **need**

extreme/severe/serious/acute/grave **danger**

3. (usually disapproving)

- extreme left-wing/right-wing views

radical • **revolutionary** • |disapproving **extremist** • |usually approving **progressive** •

Opp: moderate

extreme/radical/revolutionary/extremist/progressive **ideas/views**

Example Bank:

- This is hero-worship at its most extreme.
- Children will be removed from their parents only in extreme circumstances.
- Don't go doing anything extreme like leaving the country.
- I'm having extreme difficulty in not losing my temper with her.
- She didn't like the idea— it sounded too extreme.
- There are still thousands of people living in extreme poverty.
- extreme left-wing/right-wing views

Idioms: ↑go to extremes ▪ ↑in the extreme ▪ ↑take something to extremes

noun

1. a feeling, situation, way of behaving etc. that is as different as possible from another or is opposite to it
 - extremes of love and hate
 - He used to be very shy, but now he's gone to **the opposite extreme** (= changed from one extreme kind of behaviour to another).
2. the greatest or highest degree of sth
 - extremes of cold, wind or rain
 - the climatic extremes of the mountains

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Example Bank:

- After always putting too much salt in her cooking, she went to the opposite extreme and banished it completely.
- At the extreme, some nuclear waste is so radioactive it has to be kept isolated for thousands of years.
- At the other extreme, women still childless at 32 were more likely to be from a professional background.
- Avoid any extremes of emotional behaviour.
- He went to the extreme of adulation, describing Churchill as the greatest man who ever lived.
- His voice was scornful in the extreme.
- It's a difficult place to live because of its climatic extremes.
- It's foolish to take any dieting to extremes.
- She goes from one extreme to the other, and either works very hard or does absolutely nothing.
- She has taken cleanliness to a new extreme.
- She was always generous to the extreme.
- Their views are at opposite extremes from each other.
- There has to be a solution between these extremes.
- There is no need to go to such extremes.
- These photographs show extremes of obesity and emaciation.

extreme

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1. **ex** **tre** **me** ¹ **S3** **W3** /ɪk'stri:m/ ^{BrE} ^{AmE} **adjective**

[Word Family: **noun:** ↑extreme, ↑extremism, ↑extremist, ↑extremity; **adjective:** ↑extreme, ↑extremist; **adverb:** ↑extremely]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: French; Origin: extrême, from Latin extremus 'most outward', from exter; ⇒ ↑external]

1. [only before noun] very great in degree:

Extreme poverty still exists in many rural areas.

extreme care/caution

It is necessary to use extreme caution with chemicals.

extreme cold

He had extreme difficulty getting hold of the ingredients.

2. very unusual and severe or serious

extreme example/case

an extreme case of cruelty

Force is only justified in extreme circumstances.

extreme weather/conditions etc

3. extreme west/end/left etc the part furthest to the west, nearest the end etc:

on the extreme edge of the cliff

4. extreme opinions, beliefs, or organizations, especially political ones, are considered by most people to be unacceptable and unreasonable:

extreme right-wing nationalists

5. [only before noun] extreme sports/surfing/skiing etc an extreme sport is one that is done in a way that has much more risk and so is more dangerous than an ordinary form of the sport

6. extreme athlete/surfer/skier etc someone who does extreme sports:

Extreme surfers will ride waves that reach heights of more than fifty feet.

II. extreme 2 BrE AmE noun [countable]

[Word Family: noun: ↑extreme, ↑extremism, ↑extremist, ↑extremity; adjective: ↑extreme, ↑extremist; adverb ↑extremely]

1. a situation, quality etc which is as great as it can possibly be – used especially when talking about two opposites

extreme of

The bacteria can withstand extremes of heat and cold.

In fact, the truth lies between the two extremes.

at the other/opposite extreme

At the other extreme is a country like Switzerland with almost no unemployment.

Advertisements seem to go from one extreme to the other (=change from one extreme thing to something totally opposite).

2. in the extreme to a very great degree:

This kind of experiment seems cruel in the extreme.

3. to extremes if someone does something to extremes, they do it to a point beyond what is normal or acceptable

take/carry something to extremes

Problems only occur when this attitude is taken to extremes.

She had gone to extremes to avoid seeing him.

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THESAURUS

- **right-wing adjective** a right-wing person or group wants low taxes, a strong army and police force, and the individual to be free from government interference as much as possible: right-wing political parties | Some of his supporters are very right-wing. | right-wing policies on gun control
- **left-wing adjective** a left-wing person or group wants the government to make society more equal by increasing taxes for rich people, and taking control of important industries and services: a left-wing newspaper | His views are very left-wing.
- **green adjective [usually before noun]** supporting policies and principles which will protect the environment: green politicians | the Green Party | The government is under pressure to improve its green credentials (=to seem more like it wants to protect the environment).
- **radical adjective** supporting political ideas that will involve great change: radical politicians | a radical economic reform programme
- **liberal adjective** supporting political ideas that will allow people to have greater freedom: They want the government to have a more liberal policy on drugs.
- **moderate adjective** having political opinions which are not extreme: People generally become more moderate as they get older. | The bill is supported by moderate Republicans.
- **extreme adjective** having political opinions which are considered to be very unreasonable by many people: His views on immigration are very extreme. | an extreme right-wing organization

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