

**mad** [mæd] *a*

## 1. 1) сумасшедший, помешанный

stark /raving staring/ mad - совсем /абсолютно/ сумасшедший

like mad - а) как безумный; б) *разг.* изо всех сил; от всей души; с энтузиазмом *и т. п.*

he ran like mad - он бросился бежать со всех ног

he is working like mad - он работает как одержимый

he laughed like mad - он заливался смехом /захлёбывался от смеха/

to go /to run/ mad - сойти с ума, помешаться, спятить

this is bureaucracy gone mad - здесь бюрократия перешагнула все пределы

to drive smb. mad - свести кого-л. с ума

## 2) бешеный (о животном)

## 2. бешеный, неистовый, свирепый

mad gallop - бешеный галоп

mad torrent - бурный поток

to be mad with fear [rain] - обезуметь /с ума сойти/ от страха [боли]

mad with jealousy - вне себя от ревности

we had a mad dash for the bus - мы бросились со всех ног, чтобы попасть на /не упустить/ автобус

I am in a mad rush - у меня совсем нет времени; я в цейтноте

## 3. безрассудный, шальной; опрометчивый

mad undertaking - безрассудное предприятие

mad escapade - шальная выходка

this idea is absolutely mad - это совершенно нелепая /идиотская/ идея

this mad world - этот безумный мир

you're mad! - *разг.* ты с ума сошёл!; ты совсем спятил /одурел, рехнулся/!

what a mad thing to do! - какая глупость!; какую глупость вы совершили

he is not mad enough to do it - у него хватит ума не делать этого

4. (about, after, for, on) *разг.* страстно любящий, обожающий (*что-л.*, *кого-л.*); страстно влюблённый (*во что-л.*, *в кого-л.*)

mad about /on/ music - помешанный на музыке

the boy is mad about ice-cream - мальчик обожает мороженое

she is mad about cats - она помешана на кошках

I am mad about him - я от него без ума; я с ума схожу по нему; от любви к нему я совсем потеряла голову

## 5. буйно весёлый

we had a mad time at the party - мы безумно веселились на вечеринке

6. *разг.* рассерженный

he was mad when he saw me - он пришёл в ярость, когда увидел меня

I was mad at missing the train - я был вне себя из-за того, что опоздал на поезд

are you mad at /with/ me? - вы сердитесь на меня?

to get mad - рассердиться, выйти из себя

don't get mad - не сердись

your behaviour makes me mad - твоё поведение бесит меня

◇ (as) mad as a hatter, (as) mad as a March hare - спятивший, не в своём уме; совсем из ума выжил

hopping mad, mad as mud, *амер.* as mad as a wet hen, as mad as a hornet - взбешённый, рассвирепевший, пришедший в ярость

**mad**

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**mad** [mad mads madded madding] *BrE* [mæd] <sup>а</sup> *NAmE* [mæd] <sup>а</sup> adjective

(mad·der, mad·dest)

1. (especially *BrE*) having a mind that does not work normally; mentally ill

• They realized that he had **gone mad** .

• Inventors are not mad scientists .

• I'll **go mad** if I have to wait much longer.

• She seemed to have gone **stark raving mad** .

• A revolver is the only way to stop a mad dog.

**see also** ↑barking mad

2. (informal, especially *BrE*) very stupid; not at all sensible

• You **must be mad** to risk it.

• It was a mad idea.

• 'I'm going to buy some new clothes.' 'Well, don't **go mad** (= spend more than is sensible) .'

3. not before noun ~ (at/with sb) | ~ (about sth) (informal, especially *NAmE*) very angry

• He **got mad** and walked out.

• She's **mad at me** for being late.

• (*BrE*) That noise is **driving me mad** .

• (*BrE*) He'll **go mad** when he sees the damage.

4. not usually before noun ~ (about/on sth/sb) (*BrE*, informal) liking sth/sb very much; very interested in sth

• to be mad on tennis

• He's always been mad about kids.

• football-mad boys

• She's completely power-mad.

5. done without thought or control; wild and excited
- The crowd made a **mad rush** for the exit.
  - Only a **mad dash** got them to the meeting on time.
  - (BrE) The team won and the fans **went mad**.
  - ~ **with sth** (BrE) to be **mad with anger/excitement/grief/love**

**compare** ↑crazy

**more at** hopping mad **at** ↑hopping adv. (stark) raving mad/bonkers **at** ↑raving

Idioms: ↑like mad ▪ ↑mad as a a March hare ▪ ↑mad for somebody ▪ ↑mad keen

#### Word Origin:

Old English gemæd(e)d 'maddened', participial form related to gemād 'mad', of Germanic origin.

#### Thesaurus:

**mad** *adj.*

1. (especially BrE, sometimes offensive)

- I'll go mad if I stay here much longer.

sometimes offensive (not) in your right mind • • out of your mind • |informal nuts • |especially AmE, informal crazy • |especially BrE, informal batty •

be mad/not in your right mind/out of your mind/nuts/crazy to do sth

go mad/nuts/crazy/batty

drive sb/think sb must be mad/out of their mind/nuts/crazy/batty

**Which word?** These are all informal words used to suggest that sb's behaviour is very strange, often because of extreme emotional pressure. They can be offensive if used to describe sb suffering from a real mental illness; use **mentally ill** instead.

2. (especially BrE, informal)

- You must be mad to risk it.

stupid • • idiotic • |informal insane • |especially AmE, informal crazy • • dumb • |especially spoken silly • |especially written foolish •

**Opp:** sensible

mad/stupid/idiotic/insane/crazy/dumb/silly/foolish to do sth

a/an mad/stupid/idiotic/insane/crazy/dumb/silly/foolish thing to do/idea

**Are you mad/stupid/insane/crazy/dumb?**

3. not before noun (especially AmE, informal)

- He's mad at me for being late.

angry • • irate • • furious • • incensed • • outraged • • fuming • • seething • • annoyed • |especially BrE cross • |written enraged • |taboo, slang pissed off • |AmE, taboo, slang pissed •

mad/angry/furious/incensed/outraged/fuming/seething/annoyed/cross/pissed off/pissed at/about sth

mad/angry/furious/incensed/outraged/annoyed/cross/pissed off/pissed that...

get mad/angry/annoyed/cross/pissed off/pissed

**Mad or angry?** **Mad** is the usual word for **angry** in informal American English. When used in British English, especially in the phrase **go mad**, it can mean 'very angry'

- Dad'll go mad when he sees what you've done.

4. not usually before noun (informal)

- He's always been mad about football.

crazy • • enthusiastic • • avid • |especially BrE keen •

mad/crazy/enthusiastic about sth

mad/keen on sth

mad/crazy/keen/avid for sth

5.

- The team won and the fans went mad.

wild • • crazy • • frantic • • furious •

a mad/wild/frantic/furious rush

go mad/wild/crazy

mad/wild/crazy with excitement

#### Synonyms:

**angry**

mad • indignant • cross • irate

These words all describe people feeling and/or showing anger.

**angry** • feeling or showing anger: ▪ Please don't be angry with me. ◇▪ Thousands of angry demonstrators filled the square.

**mad** • [not before noun] (informal, especially NAmE) angry: ▪ He ▪ got mad ▪ and walked out. ◇▪ She's ▪ mad at me ▪ for being late.

**Mad** is the usual word for 'angry' in informal American English. In British English, the phrase 'go mad' means 'very angry': ▪ Dad'll go mad when he sees what you've done. 'Go mad' can also mean 'go crazy' or 'get very excited'.

**indignant** • feeling or showing anger and surprise because you think that you or sb else has been treated unfairly: ▪ She was very indignant at the way she had been treated.

**cross** • (especially BrE, rather informal) rather angry or annoyed: ▪ I was quite cross with him for being late.

This word is often used by or to children.

**irate** • very angry: ▪ irate customers ◇▪ an irate letter

**Irate** is not usually followed by a preposition: She was irate with me/about it.

angry/mad/indignant/cross **about/at** sth  
angry/cross **with** sb (for doing sth)  
angry/mad/indignant/cross **that** ...  
to **get** angry/mad/cross  
to **make sb** angry/mad/cross

### Synonyms:

#### **mad**

crazy • nuts • batty • out of your mind • (not) in your right mind

These are all informal words that describe sb who has a mind that does not work normally.

**mad** • (informal, especially BrE) having a mind that does not work normally: ▪ I thought I'd go mad if I stayed any longer.

**Mad** is an informal word used to suggest that sb's behaviour is very strange, often because of extreme emotional pressure. It is offensive if used to describe sb suffering from a real mental illness; use **mentally ill** instead. **Mad** is not usually used in this meaning in North American English; use **crazy** instead.

**crazy** • (informal, especially NAmE) having a mind that does not work normally: ▪ A crazy old woman rented the upstairs room. Like **mad**, **crazy** is offensive if used to describe sb suffering from a real mental illness.

**nuts** • [not before noun] (informal) mad: ▪ That noise is driving me nuts! ◇▪ You guys are nuts!

**batty** • (informal, especially BrE) slightly mad, in a harmless way: ▪ Her mum's completely batty.

**out of your mind** • (informal) unable to think or behave normally, especially because of extreme shock or anxiety: ▪ She was out of her mind with grief.

**(not) in your right mind** • (informal) (not) mentally normal: ▪ No one in their right mind ▪ would choose to work there.

to be mad/crazy/nuts/out of your mind/not in your right mind **to do sth**

to **go** mad/crazy/nuts/batty

to **drive sb** mad/crazy/nuts/batty/out of their mind

**completely** mad/crazy/nuts/batty/out of your mind

### Example Bank:

- He's absolutely mad about cars.
- Her colleagues thought her quite mad.
- His experiences in the First World War drove him mad.
- I get so mad when people don't take me seriously.
- I went mad with joy and danced a little jig.
- It makes me really mad when people waste food.
- My mum's absolutely mad with me!
- Please don't be mad with me!
- She's really mad about painting.
- The children are driving me mad!
- The world had gone completely mad.
- What a barking mad idea!
- You must be stark raving mad to risk your money like that!
- 'I'm going to buy some new clothes.' 'Well, don't go mad.'
- Dad'll go mad when he sees what you've done.
- He must be barking mad to attempt something like that.
- He's always been mad about kids.
- I thought I'd go mad if I stayed any longer.
- She seemed to have gone stark raving mad.
- She's completely power-mad.
- She's mad at me for being late.
- She's mad on tennis.
- That noise is driving me mad.
- The local people all thought he was mad.
- The team won and the fans went mad.

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**mad** **S2 W3** /mæd/ BrE " AmE " adjective (comparative **madder**, superlative **maddest**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: gemæd]

**1. ANGRY** [not before noun] informal especially American English angry

#### **mad at**

- Are you still mad at me?
- We get mad at each other sometimes, like any family.

#### **mad about**

- There's no need to get mad about it!
- You make me so mad!

#### **mad with** British English:

- His wife will be really mad with him.

#### **go mad** British English (=become very angry)

- Look at this mess! Mum will go mad!

#### **hopping mad** (=very angry)

(as) **mad as hell** (=a rude way of saying very angry)

**2. CRAZY** especially British English crazy or very silly:

- He can't possibly get that finished in time. He must be mad!
- I'd go mad (=start to feel crazy) if I was stuck at home all day.
- He's been driving me mad!
- You've agreed to marry him! Are you mad?
- Surely no one would be mad enough to fly in this weather?
- My friends all think I'm stark raving mad (=completely crazy).
- It's enough to send you barking mad (=completely crazy).

as mad as a hatter/March hare (=completely crazy)

3. **UNCONTROLLED** *especially British English* behaving in a wild uncontrolled way, without thinking about what you are doing  
**mad dash/rush/panic etc**

- We all made a mad dash for the door.

**mad with grief/fear/jealousy etc**

- When she heard of her son's death, she was mad with grief.
- When Italy scored, the crowd went mad (=became very excited).
- We went a bit mad (=spent a lot of money) and ordered champagne.

4. **be mad about/for/on somebody/something** *informal especially British English* to like someone or something very much **SYN crazy:**

- My nine-year-old is mad about Robbie Williams.
- He's mad about computer games.
- All the girls at school are mad for him.

**be mad keen (on something)**

- 'Did you enjoy the film?' 'I wasn't mad keen.'

**be mad for it** (=want to do something very much)

5. **MENTALLY ILL** *especially British English old-fashioned informal* mentally ill **SYN insane:**

- Mr Rochester's mad wife
- He turned towards me with a mad look in his eyes.
- the cartoon figure of the mad scientist

6. **like mad** *informal* very much, very quickly, or with a lot of energy:

- I caught my thumb in the door and it hurt like mad.
- She ran like mad to catch the bus.

7. **don't go mad** *British English spoken* used to tell someone not to work too hard, get too excited, or spend too much money:

- I know you've got a lot to do but don't go mad.

8. **power-mad / money-mad / sex-mad etc** only interested in having power, money etc and doing everything possible to get it:  
 a power-mad dictator

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