

mortal

1. [mɔːtl] *n*
 - 1) смертный
 - no mortal would dare that - ни один смертный на это не отважится
 - it is difficult for ordinary mortals - простым смертным это трудно
 - 2) *шутл.* человек
 - she is a queer [lazy] mortal - она странное [ленивое] существо
2. [mɔːtl] *a*
 1. смертный
 - man is mortal - человек смертен
 - mortal remains - останки
 - in this mortal life - в этой преходящей жизни
 2. смертельный
 - mortal disease [wound, blow] - смертельная болезнь [рана, -ый удар]
 - mortal agony - предсмертная агония
 3. *книжн.* беспощадный, жестокий, неумолимый; смертельный; смертный
 - mortal enemy /foe/ - смертельный враг
 - mortal hatred - смертельная ненависть
 - mortal combat - смертный бой
 - mortal offence - тяжёлое /смертельное/ оскорбление
 4. 1) *разг.* чрезвычайный, страшный, ужасный, смертельный
 - in mortal fear [anxiety] - в ужасном /смертельном/ страхе [беспокойстве]
 - in mortal hurry - в страшной /ужасной/ спешке
 - 2) *разг.* длинный, скучный
 - for three mortal hours - в течение трёх нескончаемых /бесконечных/ часов
 - 3) *эмоц.-усил.* в высшей степени
 - any mortal thing - неважно что, что угодно
 - it's no mortal use /good/ - это абсолютно бесполезно
 - it is no mortal good to him - это ему равным счётом ничего не даст
3. [mɔːtl] *adv диал., прост.*
 - ужасно, очень
 - to be mortal angry - страшно разозлиться

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mor-tal [mortal mortals] *adjective, noun* BrE ['mɔːtl̩] *NAme* ['mɔːr̩tl̩]**adjective**

1. that cannot live for ever and must die
 - We are all mortal.

Opp: ↑immortal
2. (*literary*) causing death or likely to cause death; very serious
 - a **mortal blow/wound**
 - to be in mortal danger
 - (*figurative*) Her reputation suffered a mortal blow as a result of the scandal.

compare ↑fatal
3. **only before noun** (*formal*) lasting until death

Syn: ↑deadly

 - mortal enemies
 - They were locked **in mortal combat** (= a fight that will only end with the death of one of them) .
4. **only before noun** (*formal*) (*of fear, etc.*) **extreme**
 - We lived **in mortal dread** of him discovering our secret.

Word Origin:late Middle English: from Old French, or from Latin **mortalis**, from **mors, mort-** 'death' .**noun** (*often humorous*)

a human, especially an ordinary person with little power or influence

Syn: ↑human being

- old stories about gods and mortals
- (*humorous*) Such things are not for **mere mortals** like ourselves.
- (*humorous*) She can deal with complicated numbers in her head, but we **lesser mortals** need calculators!

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- a holiday resort that caters for royalty as well as for ordinary mortals
- a resort for celebrities as well as lesser mortals

mortalI. **mor** **tal**¹ /'mɔːtəl\$ 'mɔːrtəl *BrE* *AmE* adjective

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin mortalī, from mors 'death']

1. not able to live for ever **OPP immortal**:

Her father's death reminded her that she was mortal.

2. **mortal blow/danger/wound etc**

a) something very serious that may cause the end of something:

The computer has dealt a mortal blow to traditional printing methods.

Our health service is in mortal danger.

b) something that causes death or may cause death ⇒ **lethal**:

Near the end of the battle, he received a mortal wound.

the screams of men in mortal combat (=fighting until one person kills the other)3. **mortal enemy/foe** an enemy that you hate very much and will always hate:

He glared at Claudia as if she were his mortal enemy.

4. **mortal fear/dread/terror** extreme fear:

She lives in mortal fear of her husband's anger.

5. **sb's mortal remains** *formal* someone's body, after they have died:

the churchyard where his mortal remains lie (=where his body is buried)

6. *literary* human – used especially when comparing humans with gods, ↑spirits etc:

Both gods and mortal men found her captivating.

7. **mortal coil** *literary* life or the state of being alive:

when Hubbard shuffled off this mortal coil (=died)

II. **mortal**² *BrE* *AmE* noun [countable]1. **lesser/ordinary/mere mortals** ordinary people, as compared with people who are more important, more powerful, or more skilled

– used humorously:

She dines in the executive suite, while we lesser mortals use the staff cafeteria.

2. *literary* a human – used especially when comparing humans with gods, ↑spirits etc ⇒ **immortal****mortal**

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