

horrendous[hə'rendəs] *a*

устрашающий, ужасающий, вселяющий ужас

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horrendous**hor-ren-dous** *BrE* [hə'rendəs] ^m *NAmE* [hɒrɒrendəs] ^s *NAmE* [hɑrɒrendəs] ^s**adjective****1.** extremely shocking**Syn:** ↑horrific **Syn:** ↑horrifying

• horrendous injuries

• The police officer said the attack was the most horrendous he had ever seen.

2. (*informal*) extremely unpleasant and unacceptable**Syn:** ↑terrible

• horrendous traffic

• They have horrendous financial problems. Some speakers do not pronounce the 'h' at the beginning of **horrendous** and use 'an' instead of 'a' before it. This now sounds old-fashioned**Derived Word** ↑horrendously**Word Origin:**[**horrendous horrendously**] mid 17th cent.: from Latin **horrendus** (gerund of **horrere** '(of hair) stand on end') + ↑-ous.**Synonyms:****terrible**

awful • horrible • dreadful • vile • horrendous

These words all describe sth that is very unpleasant.

terrible • very bad or unpleasant; making you feel unhappy, frightened, upset, ill, guilty or disapproving ▪ What terrible news! ◇▪

That's a terrible thing to say!

awful • (*rather informal*) very bad or unpleasant; used to describe sth that you do not like or that makes you feel depressed, ill, guilty or disapproving ▪ That's an awful colour. ◇▪ The weather last summer was awful.**horrible** • (*rather informal*) very unpleasant; used to describe sth that you do not like: ▪ The coffee tasted horrible.**dreadful** • (*rather informal, especially BrE*) very bad or unpleasant; used to describe sth that you do not like or that you disapprove of. ▪ What dreadful weather!**vile** • (*informal*) extremely bad or unpleasant: ▪ There was a vile smell coming from the room. ◇▪ He was in a vile mood.**horrendous** • (*rather informal*) extremely unpleasant and unacceptable: ▪ The traffic around the city was horrendous.terrible/awful/horrible/dreadful **for sb**a(n) terrible/awful/horrible/dreadful/vile **thing**a(n) terrible/awful/horrible/vile **smell**terrible/awful/horrible/dreadful/vile/horrendous **conditions**terrible/awful/horrible/dreadful/vile **weather**terrible/awful/dreadful **news****Example Bank:**

- The conditions in the camp were absolutely horrendous.
- a pretty horrendous experience
- She had sustained horrendous injuries.
- The traffic around the city was horrendous.
- The whole experience was just horrendous.

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hor-ren-dous /hə'rendəs, hə- \$ hɑrɒ-,hɒrɒ-/ *BrE* ^e *AmE* ^e **adjective**[**Date:** 1600-1700; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** horrendus, from horrere; ⇒ ↑horror]**1.** frightening and terrible **SYN** horrific:

▪ a horrendous experience

▪ She suffered horrendous injuries.

2. *informal* extremely unreasonable or unpleasant:

▪ horrendous debts

▪ The traffic was horrendous.

—**horrendously** *adverb*

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THESAURUS■ **very bad**▪ **awful/terrible/dreadful** *especially British English* very bad: The movie was awful. | Her house is in a terrible state. | a dreadful crime▪ **horrible** very bad, especially in a way that shocks or upsets you: He describes prison as 'a horrible place'. | It was a horrible experience.▪ **disgusting** smelling or tasting very bad: The food was disgusting. | The fish smelled disgusting.▪ **lousy** /'laʊzi/ *informal* very bad or disappointing: The weather has been lousy all week. | I'm fed up with this lousy job.▪ **ghastly** /'gɑstli/\$ 'gæstli/ *British English informal* very bad: I've had a ghastly day. | a ghastly mistake

- **severe** severe problems, injuries, illnesses etc are very bad and serious: The country faces severe economic problems. | severe delays | He suffered severe head injuries in a car crash.
- **atrocious/appalling/horrendous** extremely bad in a way that is shocking: Her behaviour has been absolutely atrocious. | The country has an appalling human rights record.
- **abysmal** /ə'bizməʌl/ very bad and of a very low standard: The team's performance was abysmal. | the abysmal conditions in some prisons

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