

awful1. [ˈɔːf(ə)] *a*1. *эмоц.-усил.*

1) ужасный, отвратительный

awful manners [handwriting, storm] - ужасные манеры [-ый почерк, -ая буря]

to be awful about the matter /the affair/ - отвратительно вести себя в этом деле

to be awful for the health [for smb.'s future] - быть губительным для здоровья [для чьего-л. будущего]

2) огромный

they took an awful chance - они пошли на огромный риск

2. 1) ужасный, страшный

awful tragedy - ужасная трагедия

to die an awful death - умереть мучительной смертью

his sufferings were awful to behold - на его страдания было невозможно смотреть без ужаса

2) внушающий страх, благоговение

to be in awful fear - испытывать благоговейный страх

3. *арх., поэт.* величественный

awful sight - величественное зрелище

2. [ˈɔːf(ə)] *adv разг.*

1) очень, весьма

he did an awful good job of this - он прекрасно выполнил эту работу

2) ужасно

to be awful tired - ужасно устать

awful

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awful adjective, adverb *BrE* [ˈɔːf(ə)]^{*} *NAmE* [ˈɔːf(ə)]^{*}

adjective

1. (informal) very bad or unpleasant

- That's an awful colour.
- 'They didn't even offer to pay.' 'Oh that's awful.'
- It's awful, isn't it?
- The weather last summer was awful.
- I feel awful about forgetting her birthday.
- **to look/feel awful** (= to look/feel ill)
- There's an awful smell in here.
- The awful thing is, it was my fault.

2. (informal) used to emphasize sth, especially that there is a large amount or too much of sth

- It's going to cost **an awful lot of** money.
- There's not an awful lot of room.
- I feel an awful lot better than I did yesterday.
- (BrE) I had an awful job persuading him to come (= it was very difficult) .

3. very shocking

Syn: ↑terrible

- the awful horrors of war

Word Origin:

Old English (see ↑awe, ↑-ful).

Thesaurus:**awful** adj.

1. (especially spoken)

- The weather was awful.

terrible • **bad** • **foul** • **revolting** • **nasty** • **grim** • |especially spoken **horrible** • **disgusting** • |especially BrE, especially spoken **dreadful** • |informal **vile** • **horrendous** • **lousy** • **ghastly** • |written **wretched** •

a/an awful/terrible/bad/nasty/horrible/dreadful **thought/feeling**a/an awful/terrible/horrible/dreadful **noise/shock**awful/terrible/bad/foul/nasty/grim/horrible/dreadful/vile/lousy/ghastly/wretched **weather**a/an awful/terrible/bad/foul/revolting/nasty/horrible/disgusting/vile **smell**2. **only before noun** (informal, especially spoken)

- The whole thing has been an awful nuisance.

terrible •an awful/a terrible **mistake/mess/nuisance/disappointment**an awful/a terrible **fool/snob**

3.

- the awful horrors of war

terrible • **horrible** • **dreadful** • **horrific** • **horrifying** • **gruesome** • |BrE formal, AmE **appalling** •

Opp: greata/an awful/terrible/horrible/dreadful/horrific/horrifying/gruesome/appalling **scene/sight**a/an awful/terrible/horrible/dreadful/horrific/horrifying/appalling **accident/incident**awful/terrible/horrible/dreadful/horrific/appalling **pain/suffering**

Awful, terrible or appalling? Awful is more often used to describe events or experiences. In British English **appalling** is used to describe accidents, crimes and their results, and also bad social conditions. You can use **terrible** for all of these, although **appalling** is stronger.

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:

- She's the most awful snob.
- The fish tasted awful.
- a truly awful book
- 'They didn't even offer to pay.' 'Oh that's awful.'
- He had never known the awful horrors of war.
- I feel awful— maybe it was something I ate.
- I woke from the most awful nightmare.
- It was only later that we learned the awful truth.
- It's going to cost an awful lot of money.
- That's an awful colour.
- The whole thing has been an awful nuisance.
- There's not an awful lot of room.

Derived Word ↑awfulness

adverb (informal, especially NAmE)

very, extremely

- Clint is awful smart.

Word Origin:

[**awful awfulness**] Old English (see ↑awe, ↑-ful).

awful

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I. **awful**¹ S1 /'ɔːfəl \$ 'ɒ- BrE^m AmE^m adjective

1. very bad or unpleasant **SYN terrible**:

- The weather was awful.
- He is a pretty awful driver.
- That fridge smells awful.
- The last six months have been awful for her.
- I've stopped believing most of what he says. Isn't that awful?
- I'm sure Suzy is dead but the awful thing is not knowing how it happened.

2. [only before noun] **spoken** used to emphasize how much or how good, bad etc something is:

- An awful lot of people (=a large number of people) died in the war.
- He made me feel an awful fool.

3. **look/feel awful** to look or feel ill:

- She's lost a lot of weight and she looks awful.

4. **literary** making you feel great respect or fear

—**awfulness** noun [uncountable]

II. **awful**² BrE^m AmE^m adverb [+ adjective/adverb]

American English spoken very:

- That kid's awful cute, with her red curls.

awful

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15000 **2415**^{COCA}

RANGE: **1k** AWFUL 12603

awful 10459

awfully 2144

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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