

**inevitable**

[ɪˈnevɪtəb(ə)] *a*

1. неизбежный, неминуемый
2. *разг.* неизменный, постоянный  
 a tourist with his inevitable camera - турист со своим неизменным фотоаппаратом  
 inevitable row - *шутл.* обычный скандал  
 ♦ the inevitable hour - смертный час

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**in·ev·it·able** *AW BrE* [ɪnˈevɪtəb] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [ɪnˈevɪtəb] <sup>ˈ</sup> **adjective**

1. that you cannot avoid or prevent

**Syn:** †unavoidable

- It was an inevitable consequence of the decision.
  - **It was inevitable that** there would be job losses.
  - A rise in the interest rates seems inevitable.
2. **only before noun** (often humorous) so frequent that you always expect it
    - the English and their inevitable cups of tea
  3. **the inevitable** *noun singular* something that is certain to happen
    - You have to accept the inevitable.
    - The inevitable happened— I forgot my passport.

**Derived Word** †inevitability

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin *inevitabilis*, from *in-* ‘not’ + *evitabilis* ‘avoidable’ (from *evitare* ‘avoid’).

Thesaurus:

**inevitable** *adj.*

- A rise in interest rates seems inevitable.

**unavoidable** • **inescapable** • *written necessary* • *formal inexorable* •

**Opp:** avoidable

a/an inevitable/unavoidable/necessary **consequence**

a/an inevitable/inescapable/necessary **conclusion/fact**

the inevitable/inexorable **slide** into/towards war, fascism, mediocrity, etc.

**Inevitable or unavoidable?** **Inevitable** is much more frequent and has a wider range of collocates. **Unavoidable** always describes sth unpleasant, such as **delays** and **consequences**.

Example Bank:

- She bowed to the inevitable= accepted a situation in which she had no choice and resigned.
- The scandal made her resignation inevitable.
- They came to see defeat as inevitable.
- A rise in interest rates seems inevitable.
- It was inevitable that there would be job losses.

Example Bank:

- She was learning to accept the inevitability of death.
- The tragedy had a certain inevitability about it.
- We must all, sooner or later, confront the inevitability of death.
- World war has ceased to be an inevitability.

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**in·ev·it·able** **W3 AC** /ɪˈnevətəbəl, ɪˈnevɪtəbəl/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> **adjective**

[**Word Family:** *noun:* †inevitability; *adverb:* †inevitably; *adjective:* †inevitable]

[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** *inevitabilis*, from *evitare* ‘to avoid’]

1. certain to happen and impossible to avoid:
  - “ A further escalation of the crisis now seems inevitable.
- it is inevitable (that)**
  - “ It’s inevitable that doctors will make the occasional mistake.
- inevitable consequence/result**
  - “ Disease was an inevitable consequence of poor living conditions.
2. **the inevitable** a situation that is certain to happen:
  - “ One day the inevitable happened and I got a speeding ticket.
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**THESAURUS**

- **certain** if something is certain, you are completely sure that it will happen or is true: Success seems certain. | It is almost certain that there will be a change of government. | Nobody knows exactly who built the manor, but it is certain that an architect called John Sturges supplied the drawings.
- **definite** if something is definite, it is certain because someone has officially stated that it will happen, is true etc: I hope you can give me a definite answer soon. | The wedding will be next summer but a definite date has not been arranged yet. | I’ve got a good chance of getting the job, but it’s not definite yet.

- **inevitable** if something, especially something bad, is inevitable, it is certain to happen and you cannot do anything to prevent it: War now seems inevitable. | It was inevitable that he would find out her secret sooner or later. | Facial wrinkles are the inevitable result of aging.

- **be bound to** if something is bound to happen, it is very likely to happen, especially because that is what usually happens in that kind of situation. **Be bound to** is less formal than **certain** and is very common in everyday spoken English: The kids are bound to be hungry when they get home – they always are. | My car broke down today. It was bound to happen sooner or later.

- **be assured of something** *formal* to be certain to get something good, or to be successful: After the success of its recent single, the band is now assured of a contract with a major record company. | He is virtually assured of becoming the next prime minister. | Our clients are assured of comfortable accommodation and the attention of our trained staff.

- **something is a foregone conclusion** if something is a foregone conclusion, its result is certain even though it has not happened yet: They were winning by such a large margin that victory seemed to be a foregone conclusion. | Party members believe it is a foregone conclusion that he will resign.

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