

## unfair

[ʌnˈfeə] *a*

1. несправедливый; недобросовестный  
unfair sentence - несправедливый приговор  
unfair competition - недобросовестная конкуренция  
you are unfair to him - вы несправедливо судите о нём, вы несправедливы к нему
2. недостаточный, ниже нормы (о зарплате)  
unfair firm /house/ - фирма, не выполняющая требований профсоюзов в отношении ставок заработной платы
3. нечестный  
unfair player [opponent] - нечестный игрок [противник]  
unfair methods - нечестные приёмы /методы/  
got by unfair means - добытый нечестными средствами
4. неблагоприятный (о ветре)
5. *tex.* вызывающий чрезмерные напряжения
6. *tex.* несопадающий (об отверстиях)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

un·fair *BrE* [ʌnˈfeə(r)] *AmE* [ʌnˈfer] *adjective*

not right or fair according to a set of rules or principles; not treating people equally

**Syn:** ↑unjust

- unfair criticism
- ~ (on/to sb) It seems unfair on him to make him pay for everything.
- It would **be unfair** not to let you have a choice.
- They had been given an **unfair advantage**.
- **unfair dismissal** (= a situation in which sb is illegally dismissed from their job)
- measures to prevent unfair competition between member countries
- Life seems so unfair sometimes.
- It's so unfair!

**Opp:** ↑fairDerived Words ↑unfairly ▫ ↑unfairnessWord Origin:[**unfair unfairly unfairness**] Old English unfæger 'not beautiful' (from ↑un- and the adjective ↑fair).Example Bank:

- I thought the decision was grossly unfair.
- She thought it most unfair that girls were not allowed to take part.
- I don't want to be unfair on anyone ...
- I don't want to be unfair to anyone, so you'll all get an equal chance.
- Most of his criticisms were grossly unfair.
- She sued the company for unfair dismissal.
- The new laws are designed to prevent unfair competition between member countries.
- The other team had definitely been given an unfair advantage

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

un·fair *S3* /ʌnˈfeə < \$ -'fer < / *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*[**Word Family:** *adverb* ↑fairly ≠ ↑unfairly, ↑fair; *noun:* ↑fairness ≠ ↑unfairness; *adjective:* ↑fair ≠ ↑unfair]not right or fair, especially because not everyone has an equal opportunity **SYN unjust:**

- an unfair advantage
- laws aimed at preventing unfair competition
- Many employers have recognized that age discrimination is unfair.
- She won £20,000 for unfair dismissal (=being illegally made to leave your job).

—**unfairly** *adverb:*

- Mrs Taylor believes her son has been unfairly treated.
- The tribunal decided that Mr Matthews had been unfairly dismissed.

—**unfairness** *noun* [uncountable]

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## COLLOCATIONS

■ **adverbs**

- **very/most unfair** We live in a very unfair world.
- **totally unfair** It's totally unfair to blame one player when the team doesn't play well.
- **extremely /grossly unfair** The system was extremely unfair.
- **a little/slightly unfair** (also **a bit unfair** *British English spoken*) You're being slightly unfair on him.
- **blatantly/manifestly/demonstrably unfair** (=clearly unfair) The newspaper called the judge's ruling 'blatantly unfair.'

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## THESAURUS

- **unfair/not fair** not right or fair, especially because not everyone has an equal opportunity: The present welfare system is grossly unfair. | It's not fair that people are paying different prices for the same tickets.
- **unjust** not fair or right according to the principles of a particular society: He believed it was an illegal and unjust war. | unjust laws

- **unequal** unfair because people are treated in different ways or because some people have more power than others: We live in a deeply unequal society. | the unequal distribution of global resources
- **inequitable** *formal* unfair because people are treated in different ways, or because some people have more power than others: inequitable tax laws | The system is inequitable, because it makes it possible for rich people to buy a place at university.
- **biased** unfairly against or in favour of a particular group: biased reporting | There were claims that prison bosses were racially biased. | The policy was biased against women. | The trade laws are biased in favour of rich countries.
- **treating people unfairly because of their race, sex, age etc**
  - **prejudiced** treating someone unfairly and having an unreasonable dislike of them because of their race, sex etc, or because they are old, disabled etc: The media had very prejudiced attitudes towards disabled people. | I don't want to sound prejudiced, but I do think women are better at this type of job.
  - **racist** treating someone unfairly because of their race: racist remarks | Children pick up racist attitudes from their parents.
  - **sexist** treating someone unfairly because of their sex: He had made sexist comments to several women in the office. | The show was about two female inspectors who had trouble with their sexist bosses.
  - **ageist** treating someone unfairly because of their age – used especially when old people are unfairly treated: Ageist attitudes result in older people being discriminated against in the workplace.
  - **homophobic** treating someone unfairly because they are homosexual: Many of his songs are homophobic.

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