

**excessive**

[ɪk'sesɪv] *a*

1. **чрезмерный; излишний; избыточный**  
 excessive praise - неумеренные похвалы  
 an excessive smoker - заядлый курильщик  
 the price is excessive - цена чрезмерно /излишне/ высока  
 to be an excessive drinker - пить лишнего
2. **в грам. знач. суц. лингв.** чрезмерная степень, эксцессив

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**ex·ces·sive** *BrE* [ɪk'sesɪv] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [ɪk'sesɪv] <sup>ˈ</sup> **adjective**

greater than what seems reasonable or appropriate

- They complained about the excessive noise coming from the upstairs flat.
- The amounts she borrowed were not excessive.
- Excessive drinking can lead to stomach disorders.
- He claimed that the police had used excessive force.

Derived Word ↑ **excessively**

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **excessif**, *-ive*, from medieval Latin **excessivus**, from Latin **excedere** 'surpass', from **ex-** 'out' + **cedere** 'go'.

Thesaurus:

**excessive** [**excessive** **excessively**] *adj.*

- Excessive drinking can damage your health.

**unreasonable** • • **disproportionate** • |**formal** **undue** • • **inordinate** • |**BrE**, **informal** **over the top** • |**informal**, **disapproving** **a bit much** • • **extortionate** • |**formal**, **disapproving** **exorbitant** •

a/an excessive/unreasonable/disproportionate/undue/inordinate **amount** of sth  
 a/an excessive/undue/inordinate **influence**  
 excessive/unreasonable/extortionate/exorbitant **prices**

**Excessive or undue?** Use **excessive** about matters of fact, when there is too much of sth: **excessive use/heat**. Use **undue** about matters of opinion, when you think sth is unreasonable: **undue delay/hardship**

Example Bank:

- The influence of her ideas was perhaps excessive.
- The sentence which was imposed was manifestly excessive.
- He was found to have been driving at excessive speed.
- The cost would be grossly excessive when compared with any environmental benefit.
- They complained about the excessive noise coming from the upstairs apartment.
- lawyers charging excessive fees

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much more than is reasonable or necessary:

- ˈ his excessive drinking
- ˈ \$15 for two beers seems a little excessive.

**—excessively** *adverb*:

- ˈ excessively high taxes
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**COLLOCATIONS**

■ **adverbs**

- **grossly excessive** (=extremely excessive) The fine I had to pay was grossly excessive and totally unfair.
- **rather/fairly excessive** I think £100 for a meal is rather excessive, to say the least.
- **somewhat/slightly excessive** (=a little excessive) I thought her reaction was somewhat excessive.

■ **nouns**

- **an excessive use of something** Farmers have been criticized for their excessive use of chemical fertilizers.
- **excessive amounts of something** I was staying up late, consuming excessive amounts of coffee.
- **excessive force** (=more violence than is necessary) The men claim that the police officers used excessive force.
- **excessive speed** Excessive speed is a major cause of road accidents.
- **excessive drinking** (=drinking too much alcohol) Your excessive drinking has to stop.

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12500 **3905**<sup>MCW</sup>  
 15000 **2119**<sup>COCA</sup>  
 RANGE: **2k** **EXCESS** 15958  
 excess 7744  
 excesses 1328  
 excessive 5877  
 excessively 1009

