

**harsh**[hɑːʃ] **a**

- 1) 1) **грубый (на ощупь); жёсткий; шероховатый**  
of harsh texture - грубый на ощупь , шероховатый  
harsh substance - твёрдое вещество  
harsh surface - шероховатая /неровная/ поверхность  
harsh towel - грубое /суровое/ полотенце  
harsh rind - грубая /толстая/ кожура  
to feel harsh to the fingers - быть шероховатым на ощупь
- 2) **зазубренный**
- 3) **резкий, неприятный (на вкус, на слух и т. п.)**  
harsh flavour [odour] - резкий привкус [запах]  
harsh wine - терпкое вино  
harsh voice [sound, laugh] - резкий голос [звук, смех]  
harsh smoke - едкий дым  
harsh contrast - разительный /резкий/ контраст  
harsh to the taste - острый и терпкий на вкус; ≅ горло дерёт  
harsh to the ear - режущий слух
- 4) **режущий глаз, ядовитый, раздражающий (о цвете, свете и т. п.)**  
a harsh combination of colours - неприятное сочетание цветов  
harsh outlines - резкие очертания  
harsh light - резкий /бьющий в глаза/ свет
2. **суровый, резкий (о климате и т. п.)**  
harsh climate [winter] - суровый климат [-ая зима]  
harsh wind - жёсткий /резкий/ ветер  
a harsh land - суровый край
3. **резкий, порывистый (о движении, действии и т. п.)**  
harsh running - неровный ход (двигателя)
4. **грубый, резкий (о выражениях и т. п.)**  
harsh words - резкие слова  
harsh speech - резкая речь  
they exchanged harsh words - они наговорили друг другу резкостей
5. **строгий, суровый; жестокий**  
harsh parent [man, nature] - строгий /суровый/ отец [человек, характер]  
harsh faces [punishment] - суровые лица [-ое наказание]  
harsh truth - горькая правда  
to be harsh to smb. - быть суровым с кем-л.

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**harsh** [harsh harsher harshest] *BrE* [hɑːʃ] *NAmE* [hɑːrʃ] **adjective****(harsh-er, harsh-est)**

1. **cruel, severe and unkind**
  - The punishment was harsh and unfair.
  - The minister received some **harsh criticism** .
  - the harsh treatment of slaves
  - He regretted his harsh words.
  - We had to face up to the **harsh realities** of life sooner or later.
2. **(of weather or living conditions) very difficult and unpleasant to live in**
  - a **harsh winter/wind/climate**
  - the harsh conditions of poverty which existed for most people at that time
3. **too strong and bright; ugly or unpleasant to look at**
  - harsh colours
  - She was caught in the harsh glare of the headlights.
  - the harsh lines of concrete buildings

**Opp:** ↑soft

4. **unpleasant to listen to**
  - a harsh voice
5. **too strong and rough and likely to damage sth**
  - harsh detergents
  - Ordinary soap can be too harsh for delicate skin.

Derived Words ↑harshly ▫ ↑harshnessWord Origin:Middle English: from Middle Low German **harsch** 'rough', literally 'hairy', from **haer** 'hair'.Thesaurus:**harsh** **adj.** (disapproving)

• the harsh glare of the headlights

**strong** • **dazzling** • |disapproving **glaring** •

**Opp:** soft

a harsh/strong/dazzling/glaring **light**

harsh/strong/dazzling **colours**

Example Bank:

- It may seem harsh to criticize him after his death.
- ‘Stop it!’ she said in a harsh voice.
- He later regretted his harsh words.
- He stood outside, blinking in the harsh sunlight.
- Life expectancy is extremely low due to the harsh conditions.
- Many of the prisoners died during the harsh winter of 1683.
- Nothing can justify such harsh treatment of prisoners.
- The minister received some harsh criticism.
- The view was spoiled by the harsh lines of concrete towers.
- These plants will not grow in this harsh climate.
- They've repainted the walls with harsh bright colours.

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**harsh** /hɑːrʃ/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *adjective*

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**1. CONDITIONS** harsh conditions are difficult to live in and very uncomfortable **SYN** severe:

" The hostages are being held in harsh conditions.

**harsh winter/weather/climate**

" the harsh Canadian winters

" a young girl suddenly exposed to the harsh realities of life

**2. TREATMENT/CRITICISM** severe, cruel, or unkind

**harsh criticism/treatment/punishment etc**

" His theory met with harsh criticism from colleagues.

" the harsh measures taken against the protesters

" ‘She’s an idiot!’ ‘Aren’t you being a bit harsh?’

" a harsh authoritarian regime

" He had harsh words (=severe criticism) for the Government.

**3. SOUND** unpleasantly loud and rough **OPP** soft

**harsh voice/laugh/tone etc**

" His voice was harsh and menacing.

**4. LIGHT/COLOUR** unpleasantly bright **OPP** soft

" She stood outside, blinking in the harsh sunlight.

**5. LINES/SHAPES ETC** ugly and unpleasant to look at:

" the harsh outline of the factories against the sky

**6. CLEANING SUBSTANCE** too strong and likely to damage the thing you are cleaning:

" My skin is quite sensitive and I find some soaps too harsh.

**—harshly** *adverb*:

" ‘Shut up,’ Boris said harshly.

**—harshness** *noun* [uncountable]

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