

**chaos**['keɪɒs] *n*

1. хаос; полный беспорядок
2. (Chaos) *миф.* первозданный хаос  
to rise out of chaos - возникнуть из хаоса
3. *библ.* пропасть

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**chaos** *BrE* ['keɪɒs] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* ['keɪɑː] <sup>ˈ</sup> **noun uncountable**

a state of complete confusion and lack of order

- economic/political/domestic chaos
- Heavy snow has caused **total chaos** on the roads.
- The house was **in chaos** after the party.
- The country was **thrown/plunged into chaos** by the President's death.

Word Origin:late 15th cent.: via French and Latin from Greek **khaos** 'vast chasm, void'.Thesaurus:**chaos** [**chaos**] **noun U**

- Flooding has caused chaos across the country.

**confusion** • **havoc** • **mayhem** • **pandemonium** • **commotion** • **mess** • |informal **shambles** •**Opp:** order**in** chaos/confusion/pandemonium/a mess/a shambles**cause/create** chaos/confusion/havoc/mayhem/pandemonium/a messchaos/mayhem/pandemonium/a commotion **breaks out****Chaos or confusion?** **Chaos** generally describes a total lack of order in a system or situation; **confusion** is mainly used when a group of people don't know what to do.Example Bank:

- Chaos broke out when the fire started.
- Doctors worked day and night amid scenes of utter chaos.
- He liked to work in organized chaos.
- His brave leadership has created order out of chaos.
- I lost my bag in the ensuing chaos.
- In the ensuing chaos, many works of art were destroyed.
- The airport was in chaos during the strike.
- The country is sliding into economic chaos.
- The country was brought to the brink of chaos.
- The game ended in chaos.
- The government collapsed and chaos reigned.
- We are on the brink of chaos, economically speaking.
- the confusion and chaos surrounding the bombing raids
- Heavy flooding is causing total chaos across the country.
- Our plans have been thrown into absolute chaos.
- People started shouting and the meeting descended into chaos.
- The minute the door closed behind her, chaos broke out.
- Thousands of tourists face travel chaos.
- We have plans to avoid chaos when the strike begins next week.

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[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: Greek]

1. a situation in which everything is happening in a confused way and nothing is organized or arranged in order:

<sup>ˈ</sup> The country was plunged into economic chaos.

**complete/utter/absolute etc chaos**

<sup>ˈ</sup> There was total chaos on the roads.

**in chaos**

<sup>ˈ</sup> The kitchen was in chaos.

2. the state of the universe before there was any order

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**COLLOCATIONS**■ **verbs**

- **cause/create/bring chaos** Snow has caused chaos on the roads this morning.
- **end in chaos** The game ended in chaos with thunder and heavy rain.
- **be thrown/plunged into chaos** A serious accident has thrown the roads into chaos.
- **descend/slip into chaos** (=gradually become completely confused and disorganized) After the invasion, the country lapsed into chaos.
- **be on the brink of chaos** (=to be about to become completely confused and disorganized) The peace talks were on the

brink of chaos.

- **chaos ensues** (=it happens as a result of something) A decade of civil war and chaos ensued.
- **chaos reigns** (=it happens) Everyone was trying to talk at once and for a while chaos reigned.

#### ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + chaos

- **total/complete chaos** When we arrived, there was total chaos.
- **utter chaos** (=total chaos) After the party, the whole house was in utter chaos.
- **economic/political/social etc chaos** Afterwards there was widespread famine and economic chaos.
- **traffic chaos** (=when there are a lot of vehicles on the roads and they cannot move) The first day of the school holidays brought traffic chaos to the roads.

#### ■ phrases

- **a state of chaos** Nick's bedroom is permanently in a state of chaos.
- **a scene of chaos** I came home to a scene of chaos, with food and empty bottles everywhere.
- **chaos and confusion** Heavy flooding has created chaos and confusion throughout the country.

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