

1. ['i:v(ə)] *n*

1. зло

- good and evil - добро и зло
- lesser /less/ evil - меньшее зло
- to believe evil of others - дурно думать о других
- to speak evil - злословить
- evil comes from evil - зло порождает зло
- to return good for evil - отплатить добром за зло
- keep thy tongue from evil - *библ.* удержи язык твой от зла

2. порок

- an evil of long standing - закоренелый порок
- the social evil - *эвф.* общественное зло (*проституция*)
- to lead a life of evil - вести порочную жизнь
- to correct the evils of the system - устранить пороки системы

3. 1) бедствие, несчастье

- to wish smb. evil - желать кому-л. беды

2) неудача

4. *библ.*

1) грех

- to shun evil - отойти от греха

2) горе

- evil be to him that ... - горе тому, кто ...

5. *уст.* болезнь

- king's evil - золотуха
- the falling evil - падучая (болезнь)
- ◇ but deliver us from evil - *библ.* но избави нас от лукавого

2. ['i:v(ə)] *a*

1. злой, зловредный, злонамеренный

- the Evil One - *рел.* нечистый, сатана
- evil spirits - злые духи
- evil tongue - злой язык

2. 1) испорченный, порочный

- evil conscience - нечистая совесть
- evil fruit - *библ.* плоды худые

2) развратный, порочный, грешный; преступный

- evil deeds - преступления
- evil life - распутная жизнь; путь разврата
- evil men - *библ.* грешники
- a man of evil reputation - человек, пользующийся дурной славой
- the evil institution of slavery - позорный институт рабовладения

3. вредный, пагубный (*о примере, совете и т. п.*)

4. зловещий; дурной, неблагоприятный

- evil hour - недобрый час
- evil sign - зловещий признак, неблагоприятное предзнаменование

5. *разг.* очень плохой, отвратительный

- the evil day - чёрный день
- evil dinner - очень плохой /ужасный/ обед
- evil slander - гнусная клевета
- evil temper - несносный характер
- evil weather - отвратительная погода
- evil workmanship - никуда негодная работа
- evil odour - зловоние
- to fall on evil days - впасть в нищету; хлебнуть горя

evil

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evil [evil evils] adjective, noun BrE ['i:v] NAmE ['i:v] BrE ['i:v] NAmE

['i:v]

adjective

1. (*of people*) enjoying harming others; morally bad and cruel

- an evil man
- an evil grin

2. having a harmful effect on people; morally bad

- evil deeds
- the evil effects of racism

3. connected with the Devil and with what is bad in the world

- evil spirits

4. extremely unpleasant

- an evil smell

more at a witch's/an evil brew at ↑brew_{n.}, sb's good/evil genius at ↑genius_{n.}

Word Origin:

Old English yfel, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **euvel** and German **Übel**.

Thesaurus:

evil **adj.**

• the evil effects of racism

wicked • • **bad** • • **dark** • • **satanic** • • **demonic** • |**formal** **sinful** • • **base** •

Opp: good

a/an evil/wicked/bad/sinful **man/woman /life/act/thought**

a/an evil/wicked **crime**

evil/dark/demonic **forces/powers**

Evil or wicked? Both are very strong words and should be used with care. **Evil** is stronger than **wicked**. **Children, witches** and **stepmothers** can be **wicked**, especially in children's stories. **Spirits, forces, monsters** and **killers** are **evil**, especially in stories for adults and popular news reports.

Example Bank:

- Kristin smiled a particularly evil smile.
- He gave an evil laugh.
- In his speech he described the evil effects of racism.
- It was an ancient charm to ward off evil spirits.
- Police described the killer as 'a desperate and evil man'.
- The rubbish bin was giving off an evil smell.

Idiom: ↑**evil day**

noun (formal)

1. uncountable a force that causes bad things to happen; morally bad behaviour

- the eternal struggle between good and evil
- the forces of evil
- You cannot pretend there's no evil in the world.

Opp: ↑good

2. countable, usually plural a bad or harmful thing; the bad effect of sth

- the **evils of drugs/alcohol**
- social evils

see the lesser of two evils/the lesser evil at ↑**lesser**, a necessary evil at ↑**necessary**

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evil **noun** U

• the eternal struggle between good and evil

wrong • • **wickedness** • • **sin** • • **immorality** • |**especially** **journalism** **vice** •

Opp: good

do evil/wrong

turn (away) from evil/wickedness/sin

Example Bank:

- He calls war 'a necessary evil'.
- He sees money as the root of all evil.
- His simple message was that God will punish those that do evil.
- This sort of job is a lesser evil than unemployment.
- You can always choose to resist evil.
- a duty to defeat the evil of terrorism
- a perpetual struggle between the forces of good and the forces of evil
- combating the social evils of poverty, disease and ignorance
- not a simple choice between good and evil
- the intrinsic evil of taking a human life
- the pure evil in his soul
- He believed he could rid the world of the forces of evil.
- Humans have the capacity to do more evil than any other species on earth.
- The film is about the eternal struggle between good and evil.
- They hardly mentioned such social evils as racism and sexism.
- We were warned against the evils of drugs.
- You cannot pretend there's no evil in the world.

evil

[Language: Old English; Origin: yfel]

1. **BAD** someone who is evil deliberately does very cruel things to harm other people:

- an evil dictator responsible for the deaths of millions
- his evil deeds

2. **WRONG** something that is evil is morally wrong because it harms people **SYN wicked**:

- They condemned slavery as evil.

3. **UNPLEASANT** very unpleasant:

- an evil smell
- a puddle of evil black liquid

4. **DEVIL** connected with the Devil and having special powers to harm people:

- evil spirits
- an evil spell

5. **the evil eye** the power, which some people believe exists, to harm people by looking at them:

- He claimed to have the power of the evil eye.

6. **the evil hour/day etc** a time when you expect something unpleasant or difficult to happen:

- Don't delay, you're only putting off the evil hour.

—**evilly** *adverb*:

- Jeff grinned evilly as he picked up the phone.

II. evil² BrE¹ AmE¹ noun

1. [countable] something that is very bad or harmful:

- She wanted to protect her children from the evils of the outside world.
- Poverty is one of the greatest social evils of our time.
- the evils of capitalism

2. [uncountable] cruel or morally bad behaviour in general **OPP good**:

- There is too much evil in the world.
- the eternal struggle between good and evil

⇒ **the lesser of two evils** at ↑**lesser**(2), ⇒ **necessary evil** at ↑**necessary**¹(3)

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + evil

- **a great/greater evil** He saw fascism as the greatest evil of his times.
- **a lesser evil** (=a bad thing, but not as bad as something else) She knew that she couldn't leave the children, so she opted for the lesser evil and stayed.
- **a necessary evil** (=something that is bad but necessary) Most businesses see government regulation as a necessary evil.
- **a social evil** (=something bad that happens in human society) The community is being torn apart by poverty, drug abuse and other social evils.
- **a moral evil** (=a bad thing in relation to principles of what is right and wrong) Mental or physical torture is a moral evil, and it can never be justified.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ verbs

- **fight/combat evil** Joan swore to fight evil in all its forms.

■ phrases

- **good and evil** You have to teach your kids about right and wrong, good and evil.
- **the forces of evil** *literary* (=the people or things that increase the amount of evil in the world) The king knew he must fight the forces of evil or his homeland would perish.
- **something is the root of all evil** (=something is the main cause of bad things) Love of money is the root of all evil.

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