

cruel1. ['kru:əl] *a*

1. жестокий, безжалостный, бессердечный

cruel dictator - жестокосердный диктатор

cruel remark - жестокое замечание

2. мучительный, ужасный, жестокий

cruel disease - мучительная /ужасная/ болезнь

cruel suffering - жестокие /ужасные/ страдания

cruel and unusual punishment - *амер.* пытка или наказание, несообразные преступлению3. *в грам. знач. нареч. эмоц.-усил.* очень, чрезвычайно, чертовски

cruel cold - очень холодный

2. ['kru:əl] *v австрал. разг.*

портить, грубить, лишать шансов на успех

cruel

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cruel [cruel crueller cruellest] *BrE* ['kruːəl] *NAme* ['kruːəl] *adjective*

(cruel-ler, cruel-lest)

1. ~ (to sb/sth) having a desire to cause pain and suffering

• a cruel dictator

• I can't stand people who are cruel to animals.

• Her eyes were cruel and hard.

• Sometimes you have to **be cruel to be kind** (= make sb suffer because it will be good for them later) .**Opp:** ↑kind

2. causing pain or suffering

• a **cruel punishment/joke**• Her father's death was a **cruel blow** .Derived Word ↑cruellyWord Origin:Middle English: via Old French from Latin *crudelis*, related to *crudus* 'raw, rough'.Thesaurus:**cruel** *adj.*

• He was a cruel dictator.

brutal • • **savage** • • **barbaric** • • **vicious** • • **sadistic** • • **inhuman** • • **inhumane** • • **ruthless** • • **callous** • • **cold-blooded** •**Opp:** kind, **Opp:** humanecruel/brutal/savage/barbaric/vicious/sadistic/inhuman/inhumane/ruthless/callous **treatment**a/an cruel/brutal/savage/barbaric/vicious/sadistic/inhuman/ruthless/callous/cold-blooded **act**cruel/brutal/sadistic **torture**a brutal/savage/vicious/ruthless/cold-blooded **attack****Cruel or brutal?** **Brutal** is usually used to talk about murders or physical attacks. **Cruel** can also describe acts which cause mental pain. **Cruel** can vary in strength: it can mean 'deliberately causing extreme pain' or it can just mean 'rather unkind'; **brutal** is always much stronger than 'unkind'.Example Bank:

• an extremely cruel regime

• He was known to be a cruel dictator.

• I can't stand people who are cruel to animals.

• Sometimes you have to be cruel to be kind.

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1. making someone suffer or feel unhappy:

His death was a cruel blow.

Sometimes life seems unbearably cruel.

2. deliberately hurting people or animals **OPP** kind:

The prisoner was a hard cruel man.

cruel jokes about mothers-in-law

It was a cruel tactless thing to say.

cruel to

She was often cruel to her sister.

3. **be cruel to be kind** to do something to someone that will make them upset or unhappy in order to help them in another way—**cruelly** *adverb:*

He was cruelly neglected by his parents.

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THESAURUS• **cruel** deliberately hurting people or making them suffer: It was cruel to lock him in there all day. | Her father had been very cruel

to her when she was a child. | a cruel, selfish woman

- **heartless** not feeling any pity and not caring about other people or their problems: How could you be so heartless! | He was cold and heartless and had no concern for the welfare of his employees.
- **sadistic** getting pleasure from making other people suffer: a sadistic killer | a sadistic thing to do
- **barbaric** extremely cruel, in a way that shocks people: a barbaric punishment | a barbaric sport
- **vicious** very violent and cruel, especially by suddenly attacking someone and causing injury to them: a vicious attack on an innocent man | Some dogs can be vicious.
- **brutal** very cruel and violent, in a way that shows no human feelings: a brutal dictator | the brutal methods used by the secret police
- **inhumane** inhumane conditions, treatment etc are not considered acceptable because they cause too much suffering: the inhumane treatment of prisoners
- **cold-blooded** a cold-blooded murder, attack etc is done without showing any feeling or pity for the person who is attacked. A cold-blooded killer kills people without showing any pity: a woman 's cold-blooded murder of her devoted husband | a cold-blooded psychopath

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