

foul

1. [fau] *n*
 1. что-л. дурное, грязное *и т. п.*
 2. столкновение (*лодок, всадников и т. п.*)
 3. *спорт.*
 - 1) нарушение правил игры
to claim a foul - требовать назначения штрафа, штрафного удара *и т. п.* (ввиду нарушения противником правил игры)
 - 2) ошибка, фол
◇ through foul and fair - в беде и в радости
2. [fau] *a*
 1. 1) грязный, отвратительный
foul hovel - грязная лачуга
foul linen - грязное бельё
foul rags - мерзкие /грязные, отвратительные/ лохмотья
 - 2) вонючий, противный, со скверным запахом
foul smell - отвратительный запах
 2. 1) засорённый, забитый
foul chimney - труба, забитая сажей
foul pipe - засорённая трубка
foul sewer - засорившаяся сточная труба
 - 2) нечистый, загрязнённый
foul air - нечистый воздух
foul water - вода, засорённая нечистотами
 - 3) плохой, испорченный (*о пище*)
 - 4) *мед.* обложенный (*о языке*)
 3. 1) подлый, бесчестный, низкий
foul crime - подлое /отвратительное/ преступление
foul motive - низменное побуждение
foul rogue - подлый негодяй
foul deed - бесчестный поступок
 - 2) *спорт.* не по правилам, неправильный, ошибочный
foul blow - а) запрещённый удар (*бокс*); б) предательский удар
foul shot - штрафной бросок (*в баскетболе*)
 4. непристойный, nepотребный
foul term /expression/ - непристойность, ругательство
foul language /words/ - сквернословие
 5. *разг.* мерзкий, отвратительный, гадкий, скверный
foul dancer - отвратительный танцор
foul journey - отвратительная поездка
foul show - скверное представление /-ый спектакль/
my cold is perfectly foul - у меня ужасный насморк
 6. 1) бурный, ветреный, мерзкий (*о погоде*)
 - 2) встречный, противный (*о ветре*)
 - 3) неблагоприятный или опасный (*для плавания*)
 7. черновой; со множеством исправлений
foul copy - грязный /сильно правленный/ экземпляр; черновик
foul proof - грязная корректура, гранки с большой правкой
 8. запутавшийся (*о снастях, якорё*)
the rope is foul - канат запутался
 9. обросший ракушками и водорослями (*о подводной части судна*)
 10. *дуал.* безобразный, непривлекательный
◇ the foul fiend /thief/ - дьявол
by fair means or foul - любыми средствами; всеми правдами и неправдами
3. [fau] *adv*
нечестно
to hit foul - а) нанести запрещённый удар (*бокс*); б) нечестно обойтись (*с кем-л.*)
to play smb. foul - обмануть или предать кого-л.
◇ to fall /to run/ foul of - а) *мор.* столкнуться с (*другим судном*); б) ссориться
she falls foul of everybody - она ссорится со всеми
he fell foul of his employer and lost his job - он повздорил с хозяином и потерял работу
to fall foul of the law - быть в неладах с законом
4. [fau] *v* (*часто foul up*)
 1. 1) пачкать, загрязнять
factory chimneys foul up the air - фабричные трубы загрязняют /отравляют/ воздух
 - 2) пачкаться, загрязняться
 - 3) портиться, гнить, разлагаться
 2. 1) засорять
grease often fouls sink drains - сточные трубы часто засоряются от жира
 - 2) засоряться

3. дискредитировать, бросать тень (на кого-л.)

to foul smb.'s name /reputation/ - чернить кого-л., поливать кого-л. грязью

4. 1) мешать (движению), образовывать затор

2) сталкиваться

the two boats fouled - две лодки столкнулись

5. 1) запутываться (о снастях, якорях и т. п.)

the rope fouled - верёвка запуталась

the fishing line got fouled up in the weeds - леска зацепилась за водоросли

2) запутывать

to foul a cable - запутать трос

6. обрастать ракушками и водорослями (о подводной части судна)

7. **спорт.** нечестно играть

◇ to foul one's hands with smth. - а) замарать руки чем-л.; б) унизиться до чего-л.

it's an ill bird that fouls its own nest - **посл.** только худая тварь в своём гнезде гадит

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foul [foul fouls fouled fouling fouler foulest] **adjective, verb, noun** BrE [faʊl] ⁴

NAme [faʊl] ⁴ **adjective**

(foul·er, foul·est)

1. dirty and smelling bad

• **foul air/breath**

• a **foul-smelling** prison

• Foul drinking water was blamed for the epidemic.

2. (especially BrE) very unpleasant; very bad

• She's in a **foul mood** .

• His boss has a **foul temper** .

• This tastes foul.

3. (of language) including rude words and swearing

Syn: ↑offensive

• **foul language**

• I'm sick of her **foul mouth** (= habit of swearing) .

• He called her the foulest names imaginable.

4. (of weather) very bad, with strong winds and rain

• a foul night

5. (literary) very evil or cruel

Syn: ↑abominable

• a **foul crime/murder**

more at cry foul **at** ↑cry _{v.}, by fair means or foul **at** ↑fair _{adj.}

Word Origin:

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Synonyms:

disgusting

foul • revolting • repulsive • offensive • gross

These words all describe sth, especially a smell, taste or habit, that is extremely unpleasant and often makes you feel slightly ill.

disgusting • extremely unpleasant and making you feel slightly ill: ▫ What a disgusting smell!

foul • dirty, and tasting or smelling bad: ▫ She could smell his foul breath.

revolting • extremely unpleasant and making you feel slightly ill: ▫ The stew looked revolting.

disgusting or revolting?

Both of these words are used to describe things that smell and taste unpleasant, unpleasant personal habits and people who have them. There is no real difference in meaning, but **disgusting** is more frequent, especially in spoken English.

repulsive • (rather formal) extremely unpleasant in a way that offends you or makes you feel slightly ill. **Repulsive** usually describes people, their behaviour or habits, which you may find offensive for physical or moral reasons.

offensive • (formal) (especially of smells) extremely unpleasant.

gross • (informal) (of a smell, taste or personal habit) extremely unpleasant.

disgusting/repulsive/offensive to sb

to **find sb/sth** disgusting/revolting/repulsive/offensive

to **smell/taste** disgusting/foul/gross

a(n) disgusting/foul/revolting/offensive/gross **smell**

a disgusting/revolting/gross **habit**

disgusting/offensive/gross **behaviour**

a disgusting/revolting/repulsive **man/woman/person**

Example Bank:

• His boss has a foul temper.

• I'm sick of her foul mouth.

• She could smell his foul breath.

• She exploded in a torrent of foul language.

• The air in the cell was foul.

• This tastes foul!

• a vile/foul smell

• in a vile/foul temper

• vile/foul weather/breath

Idiom: ↑fall foul of somebody

Derived Words ↑foully ▪ ↑foulness

Derived ↑foul something up ▪ ↑foul up

verb

1. **transitive** ~ **sb** (*in sport*) to do sth to another player that is against the rules of the game

• He was fouled inside the penalty area.

2. **intransitive, transitive** ~ **(sth)** (*in* ↑baseball) to hit the ball outside the playing area

3. **transitive** ~ **sth** to make sth dirty, especially with waste matter from the body

• Do not permit your dog to foul the grass.

• More and more beaches are being fouled by oil leakages.

4. **transitive, intransitive** to become caught or twisted in sth and stop it working or moving

• ~ **sth (up)** The rope fouled the propeller.

• The line became fouled in (= became twisted in) the propeller.

• ~ **(up)** A rope fouled up (= became twisted) as we pulled the sail down.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	foul
	BrE /fəʊl/
	NAme /faʊl/
he / she / it	fouls
	BrE /fəʊlz/
	NAme /faʊlz/
past simple, past participle	fouled
	BrE /fəʊld/
	NAme /faʊld/
-ing form	fouling
	BrE /fəʊlɪŋ/
	NAme /faʊlɪŋ/

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noun (*in sport*)

an action that is against the rules of the game

• It was a clear foul by Ford on the goalkeeper.

• (NAme) to hit a foul (= in ↑baseball, a ball that is too far left or right, outside the lines that mark the side of the field)

see also ↑professional foul

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Example Bank:

• He committed a second clear foul and was sent off.

• He drew a fourth foul on Camby.

• He was sent off for a blatant foul on Giggs.

• The referee did not call a foul on the player.

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1. **foul**¹ /faʊl/ BrE ¹ AmE ¹ adjective

[Language: Old English; Origin: ful]

1. **SMELL/TASTE** a foul smell or taste is very unpleasant **SYN** disgusting:

• He woke up with a foul taste in his mouth.

• a pile of foul-smelling garbage

• He put down his mug of foul-tasting coffee.

2. **in a foul mood/temper** *British English* in a very bad temper and likely to get angry:

• The argument with his mother left Putt in a foul mood.

3. **AIR/WATER** very dirty:

• Refugees in the camps are short of food and at risk from foul water.

• extractor fans to remove foul air from the tunnel

4. **foul language** rude and offensive words:

She claimed she had been subjected to abuse and foul language.

5. WEATHER especially British English foul weather is stormy and windy, with a lot of rain or snow:

Always carry foul weather gear when you go out walking.

—fouly adverb

—foulness noun [uncountable]

⇒ by fair means or foul at ↑fair¹(11), ⇒ fall foul of somebody/something at ↑fall¹(15)

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THESAURUS

■ taste/smell

- **horrible** very bad and unpleasant: What's that horrible smell? | This fish tastes horrible.
- **disgusting/revolting** horrible, especially in a way that makes you feel slightly sick: I had to take two spoons of some disgusting medicine. | The stench in the room was revolting.
- **nasty** very unpleasant – often used about a taste that stays in your mouth: Cheap wine sometimes leaves a nasty taste in your mouth. | the nasty smell of bad eggs
- **nauseating** /'nɔ:zi-,-ʃi-/ horrible and making you feel that you are going to ↑vomit – used especially about a smell: the nauseating smell of stale beer and cigarette smoke
- **foul** /faʊl/ horrible – used especially when there is decay or waste: There was a foul smell coming from the water. | Whatever it was in that cup, it tasted foul.

II. foul² BrE AmE verb

- a) [transitive] if a sports player fouls another player, they do something that is not allowed by the rules
 - b) [intransitive and transitive] to hit a ball outside the limit of the playing area in baseball
- (also foul up) [transitive] formal to make something very dirty, especially with waste: rivers and lakes fouled almost beyond recovery by pollutants

foul up phrasal verb informal

- to do something wrong or spoil something by making mistakes ⇒ foul-up: We can't afford to foul up this time.
- foul something ↔ up
- Glen completely fouled up the seating arrangements.
- foul something ↔ up to make something very dirty, especially with waste: He lit a cigarette and started to foul up the air with stinging yellow smoke.

III. foul³ BrE AmE noun [countable]

- an action in a sport that is against the rules: Wright was booked for a foul on the goalkeeper.
- a hit in baseball which goes outside the limits of the playing area

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