

unfortunate

1. [ʌn'fɔ:tʃvni:t] *n*

- 1. неудачник; неудачница; несчастливец; горемыка
- 2. *арх.* проститутка

2. [ʌn'fɔ:tʃvni:t] *a*

- 1. несчастный, несчастливый
unfortunate person - несчастный /несчастливый/ человек
how unfortunate! - какое несчастье!; какая жалость!
it is my unfortunate duty to inform you ... - мне выпала тяжёлая обязанность сообщить вам ...

2. неудачный

- unfortunate remark - неудачное замечание
- unfortunate joke - неуместная шутка
- his phrasing was rather unfortunate - его формулировка была довольно неудачной

3. плачевный

- an unfortunate lack of taste - ужасающая безвкусица
- an unfortunate lack of good manners - достойная сожаления невоспитанность

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un-for-tu-nate [unfortunate] adjective, noun *BrE* [ʌn'fɔ:tʃvni:t] *NAmE*

[ʌn'fɔ:tʃvni:t]

adjective

1. having bad luck; caused by bad luck

Syn: ↑unlucky

- He was unfortunate to lose in the final round.
- It was an unfortunate accident.
- The unfortunate animal was locked inside the house for a week.

Opp: ↑fortunate

2. (formal) if you say that a situation is unfortunate, you wish that it had not happened or that it had been different

Syn: ↑regrettable

- She described the decision as 'unfortunate'.
- It was unfortunate that he couldn't speak English.
- You're putting me in a **most unfortunate** position.

3. embarrassing and/or offensive

- It was an unfortunate choice of words.

Language Bank:

impersonal

Giving opinions using impersonal language

It is vital that ▪ more is done to prevent the illegal trade in wild animals. ◊▪ (Compare: *We have to do more to stop people trading wild animals illegally.* ▪)

It is clear that ▪ more needs to be done to protect biodiversity. ◊▪ (Compare: *We clearly need to do more to protect biodiversity.* ▪)

It is unfortunate that ▪ the practice of keeping monkeys as pets still continues. ◊▪ (Compare: *It's absolutely terrible that people still keep monkeys as pets.* ▪)

It is difficult ▪ for many people **to** ▪ understand the reasons why certain individuals choose to hunt animals for sport. ◊▪ (Compare: *I can't understand why anyone would want to kill animals for fun.* ▪)

▪ Unfortunately, **it would seem that** ▪ not enough is being done to support tiger conservation. ◊▪ (Compare: *Governments aren't doing enough to help tiger conservation.* ▪)

There is no doubt that ▪ the greatest threat to polar bears comes from global warming. ◊▪ (Compare: *I believe that the greatest threat...* ▪)

Language Banks at ↑opinion, ↑perhaps, ↑vital

Example Bank:

- This comment was doubly unfortunate for Bob as he lost friends and further antagonized enemies.
- It was unfortunate that he couldn't speak English.
- You're putting me in a most unfortunate position.

noun (literary)

a person who does not have much luck, money, etc

- one of life's unfortunates

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1. **unfor-tu-nate** ¹ **S3** /ʌn'fɔ:tʃvni:t/ *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ adjective

[Word Family: noun: ↑fortune, ↑misfortune, ↑unfortunate; adverb: ↑fortunately ≠ ↑unfortunately; adjective: ↑fortunate ≠ ↑unfortunate]

1. someone who is unfortunate has something bad happen to them:

When we entered the room, the teacher was yelling at some unfortunate student.

2. an unfortunate situation, condition, quality etc is one that you wish was different:

an unfortunate turn of events

He has an unfortunate habit of repeating himself.

it is **unfortunate** (that)

It's unfortunate that so few people seem willing to help.

It's most unfortunate (=very *unfortunate*) that your father can't come to the wedding.

3. happening because of bad luck:

an unfortunate accident

4. **formal** unfortunate behaviour, remarks etc make people feel embarrassed or offended:

an unfortunate choice of words

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- **unlucky** having bad luck, or causing bad luck: Matthews played well and was unlucky not to score. | Thirteen is an unlucky number. | We were unlucky with the weather. It rained almost every day.
- **unfortunate** unlucky because something bad happens to you that you do not deserve. **Unfortunate** sounds rather formal and is used mainly in writing: He was very unfortunate to lose his job just after his wife had a baby. | the unfortunate victims of crime
- **be/bring bad luck** if something is bad luck or brings bad luck, it is believed to make bad things happen: It's supposed to be bad luck to walk under a ladder. | Crows were thought to bring bad luck.
- **jinxed** if something is jinxed, it seems to bring bad luck to everyone who is connected with it. If a person is jinxed, a lot of bad things happen to them and they seem very unlucky: I'm beginning to think this house is jinxed. | Some people believed the family was jinxed.

II. **unfortunate** ² BrE ¹ AmE ¹ noun [countable]

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literary someone who has no money, home, job etc

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