

devastating

[ˈdevəsteɪtɪŋ] *a*

1. опустошительный, разрушительный
devastating storm - опустошительная буря
2. *эмоц.-усил.* ужасающий, потрясающий, невероятный
devastating shyness - патологическая застенчивость
he is a devastating bore - он невыносимый зануда
how devastating - ужасно! (*мж. урон.*)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

dev-as-tat-ing [devastating devastatingly] *BrE* [ˈdevəsteɪtɪŋ] *AmE*

[ˈdevəsteɪtɪŋ] *adjective*

1. causing a lot of damage and destruction

Syn: †disastrous

- a **devastating explosion/fire/cyclone**
- Oil spills are having a **devastating effect** on coral reefs in the ocean.
- He received devastating injuries in the accident.
- It will be a **devastating blow** to the local community if the factory closes.

2. extremely shocking to a person

- the devastating news that her father was dead

3. impressive and powerful

- his devastating performance in the 100 metres
- Her smile was devastating.
- a devastating attack on the President's economic record

Derived Word †devastatingly

Example Bank:

- The news that he was leaving home was absolutely devastating.
- It was then that she heard the devastating news that her father was dead.
- She was injured in a devastating explosion.

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dev-a-stat-ing /ˈdevəsteɪtɪŋ/ *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*

1. badly damaging or destroying something

devastating effect/impact

- Acid rain has a devastating effect on the forest.

devastating results/consequences

- The oil spill had devastating consequences for wildlife.
- It will be a devastating blow for the town if the factory closes.

2. making someone feel extremely sad or shocked:

- He was in Nice when he heard the devastating news.
- Long-term unemployment can be devastating.

3. very impressive or effective:

- In a devastating display of military muscle, soldiers seized the town.

4. *literary* extremely attractive:

- a devastating smile

—**devastatingly** *adverb:*

- a devastatingly attractive man

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COLLOCATIONS

nouns

- **a devastating effect/impact** The recession has had a devastating impact on employment in this area.
- **devastating consequences/results** a terrible disease with devastating results
- **a devastating flood/fire/earthquake etc** The country is still recovering from last year's devastating floods.
- **a devastating disease/illness** Cheaper medicines are needed to fight Aids and other devastating diseases.
- **a devastating war** It will take a long time for the region to recover from such a devastating war.
- **a devastating blow** (=a *devastating action or event*) When a huge car bomb exploded, it was a devastating blow to the peace plan.
- **a devastating defeat** The party suffered a devastating defeat in the local election.

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