

**miserable**[ˈmɪz(ə)rəb(ə)] *a*

1. жалкий, несчастный  
to feel miserable - чувствовать себя несчастным; хандрить  
to make smb.'s life miserable - отравлять чью-л. жизнь
2. 1) плохой, скверный, жалкий  
miserable weather - скверная /отвратительная/ погода  
miserable hovel - жалкая /убогая/ лачуга
- 2) ничтожный, мизерный (о сумме)
- 3) скудный (о пище и т. п.)
3. печальный (о новостях, событиях и т. п.)

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**mis-er-able** *BrE* [ˈmɪzrəbl̩] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [ˈmɪzrəbl̩] <sup>m</sup> **adjective**

1. very unhappy or uncomfortable
    - We were cold, wet and thoroughly miserable.
    - Don't look so miserable!
    - She knows how to **make life miserable** for her employees.
  2. making you feel very unhappy or uncomfortable  
**Syn:** ↑depressing
    - miserable housing conditions
    - I spent a miserable weekend alone at home.
    - What a miserable day! (= cold and wet)
    - The play was **a miserable failure**.
  3. **only before noun** (disapproving) (of a person) always unhappy, bad-tempered and unfriendly  
**Syn:** ↑grumpy
    - He was a miserable old devil.
  4. too small in quantity  
**Syn:** ↑paltry
    - How can anyone live on such a miserable wage?
- see** miserable/ugly as sin **at** ↑sin <sub>n</sub>.
- Derived Word** ↑miserably

Word Origin:

[**miserable miserably**] late Middle English: from French *misérable*, from Latin *miserabilis* 'pitiable', from *miserari* 'to pity', from *miser* 'wretched'.

Example Bank:

- We got home feeling tired and miserable.
- feeling utterly miserable about his exams
- Don't look so miserable!
- The miners came past with their tired and miserable faces.
- The play was a miserable failure.
- These people live in miserable conditions.
- What a miserable day!

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**mis-er-a-ble** /ˈmɪzərəbəl/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> **adjective**[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** Latin *miserabilis*, from *miser*; ⇔ ↑*miser*]

1. extremely unhappy, for example because you feel lonely, cold, or badly treated:
  - I've been so miserable since Pat left me.
  - I spent the weekend feeling miserable.
  - Jan looks really miserable.
  - Why do you make yourself miserable by taking on too much work?

**as miserable as sin** *British English* (=very miserable)
2. **especially British English** always bad-tempered, ↑*dissatisfied*, or complaining:
  - He's a miserable old devil.
3. [**usually before noun**] making you feel very unhappy, uncomfortable etc:
  - They endured hours of backbreaking work in miserable conditions.
  - Mosquito bites can make life miserable.
4. miserable weather is cold and dull, with no sun shining:
  - It was a miserable grey day.
  - two weeks of miserable weather
5. [**only before noun**] very small in amount, or very bad in quality:
  - I can hardly afford the rent on my miserable income.
  - The team gave a miserable performance.
6. **miserable failure** *British English* a complete failure:
  - Her attempts to learn to drive had been a miserable failure.

—miserably *adverb*:

" I failed miserably in my duty to protect her.

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## THESAURUS

### ■ very sad

- **miserable** very sad, especially because you are lonely, cold, ill, or upset – used about people and periods of time: I felt miserable and blamed myself for what had happened. | Her life was miserable. | I had a miserable time at college.
- **depressed** very sad and without hope for a long time, because things are wrong in your life or because of a medical condition: After his wife left him, he became depressed and refused to talk to anyone.
- **heartbroken** extremely sad because of something that has happened to someone or something that you care about very much: She was heartbroken when her dog died.
- **distressed/distraught** very upset because of something bad that has happened, so that you cannot think clearly: She was very distressed when he left her. | The boy's hospital bed was surrounded by distraught relatives.
- **devastated** [not before noun] extremely sad and shocked, because something very bad has happened: The whole town was devastated by the tragedy.

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