

despair**1. [dis'peə] n**

1. отчаяние; безысходность, безнадежность
 dumb despair - немое отчаяние
 act of despair - акт отчаяния
 in (the depths of) despair - в (полном) отчаянии
 out of despair - в отчаянии, с горя
 to drive smb. to despair - довести кого-л. до отчаяния
 to fall into /to sink in/ despair - впасть в отчаяние
 to throw up one's hands in despair - в отчаянии вздеть руки к небу

2. источник страдания, огорчения

he is the despair of his mother - он причиняет много горя матери

2. [dis'peə] v

- отчаиваться, терять надежду; впасть в отчаяние
 to despair of success - потерять веру в успех
 the patient's life is despaired of - состояние больного безнадежно

despair

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des-pair [despair despairs despaired despairing] **noun, verb** BrE [dɪ'speə(r)][Ⓜ]

NAme [dɪ'speɪ][Ⓜ]

noun uncountable

the feeling of having lost all hope

- She uttered a cry of despair.
- A deep sense of despair overwhelmed him.
- He gave up the struggle **in despair** .
- One harsh word would send her into **the depths of despair** .
- Eventually, **driven to despair** , he threw himself under a train.

see also ↑desperate

more at a counsel of despair **at** ↑counsel _{n.}

Word Origin:

Middle English: the noun via Anglo-Norman French from Old French **desesper**; the verb from Old French **desperer**, from Latin **desperare**, from **de-** 'down from' + **sperare** 'to hope'.

Thesaurus:

despair **noun U**

- Driven to despair, he threw himself under a train.

desperation • • **hopelessness** • |written **desolation** •

Opp: hope

despair/desperation **at** sth

in despair/desperation

utter despair/desperation/hopelessness

Example Bank:

- He fell into despair over his failure as a husband.
- I felt despair at being deceived.
- I was overcome with a feeling of utter despair.
- Robert shook his head in despair.
- She let out a cry of despair.
- The novel tells the story of a teenager driven to despair by the hypocrisy of the adult world.
- When he became ill he sank to the depths of despair.
- his despair over the loss of his wife
- A sense of despair overwhelmed him.
- Eventually, driven to despair, he threw himself under a train.
- He gave up the struggle in despair.
- One harsh word would send her into the depths of despair.
- She was close to despair.

Idiom: ↑the despair of somebody

verb intransitive

to stop having any hope that a situation will change or improve

- Don't despair! We'll think of a way out of this.
- ~ **of sth/sb** I despair of him; he can't keep a job for more than six months.
- ~ **of doing sth** They'd almost despaired of ever having children.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	despair
	BrE /dɪˈspeɪ(r)/
	NAme /dɪˈspeɪ/
he / she / it	despairs
	BrE /dɪˈspeɪz/
	NAme /dɪˈspeɪz/
past simple, past participle	despaired
	BrE /dɪˈspeɪd/
	NAme /dɪˈspeɪd/
-ing form	despairing
	BrE /dɪˈspeɪrɪŋ/
	NAme /dɪˈspeɪrɪŋ/

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despair verb I

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give up hope • • **lose hope** • • **lose heart** •

Opp: hope

despair/give up hope/lose hope **of** sth

despair/give up hope **that**...

Don't despair/give up hope.

Example Bank:

- He's so rude, I despair of him!
- If you do not get a job immediately, don't despair. You will find one in the end.
- They had begun to despair of ever finding the right road.
- We almost despaired when they said that the health centre would have to close.
- We finally found a house just when we were beginning to despair.
- Don't despair! We'll think of a way out of this.
- He began to despair that his dream would never materialize.
- I despair of him; he can't keep a job for more than six months.
- They'd almost despaired of ever having children.

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I. **de** **ˈspaɪr**¹ /dɪˈspeɪə \$ -ˈspeɪr/ **BrE** ² **AmE** ³ **noun** [uncountable]

1. a feeling that you have no hope at all

in despair

" She killed herself in despair.

the depths of despair (=very strong feelings of despair)

" The noise from the neighbours used to drive him to despair.

to the despair of somebody

" To the despair of the workers, the company announced the closure of the factory.

2. **be** **the despair of somebody** *old-fashioned* to make someone feel very worried, upset, or unhappy:

" She is the despair of her teachers.

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THESAURUS

- **sadness** a sad feeling, caused especially when a happy time is ending, or when you feel sorry about someone else's unhappiness: Charles felt a great sense of sadness and loss. | I noticed a little sadness in her eyes.
- **unhappiness** the unhappy feeling you have when you are in a very difficult or unpleasant situation, especially when this lasts for a long time: After years of unhappiness, she finally decided to leave him. | She was a tense, nervous young woman, whose deep unhappiness was obvious to all those around her. | You do not know how much pain and unhappiness you have caused.
- **sorrow** *written* the feeling of being very sad, especially because someone has died or because terrible things have happened to you: There seemed to be nowhere to go to be alone with her sorrow. | His heart was filled with great sorrow after her death.
- **misery** great unhappiness, caused especially by living or working in very bad conditions: The cold weather is with us again and the misery of the homeless is increasing. | Thousands of families were destined to a life of misery. | The misery and pain he caused were, for him, merely a measure of his success.
- **despair** a feeling of great unhappiness, because very bad things have happened and you have no hope that anything will change: At the end of the month, she still had no job and was tired, frustrated, and close to despair.
- **grief** great sadness that you feel when someone you love has died: He was overcome with grief when his wife died.
- **heartache** a strong feeling of great sadness, especially because you miss someone you love: She remembered the heartache of the first Christmas spent away from her sons.
- **depression** a mental illness that makes someone feel so unhappy that they have no energy or hope for the future, and they cannot live a normal life: He slipped into a depression in which he hardly ate or even left his room.
- **despondency** *formal* a feeling of being very unhappy and without hope: She felt useless, and this contributed to her

despondency.

▪ **melancholy** *literary* a feeling of sadness, that you feel even though there is no particular reason for it: Modigliani expressed his melancholy through his painting.

II. **despair**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb* [intransitive] *formal*

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: desperer, from Latin desperare, from sperare 'to hope']

to feel that there is no hope at all:

" Despite his illness, Ron neverdespaired.

despair of (doing) something

" He despaired of ever finding her.

despair of somebody

" My teachers began to despair of me.

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