

**drought**[draʊt] *n*

## 1. засуха

absolute drought - *метеор.* четырнадцатидневный или более длительный период без дождейdrought resistance - *с.-х.* засухоустойчивость2. засушливость, сухость (*воздуха, климата*)**drought**

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**drought** [drought droughts] *BrE* [draʊt] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [draʊt] <sup>m</sup> **noun uncountable, countable**

a long period of time when there is little or no rain

- two years of severe drought
- one of the worst droughts on record
- The country's entire grain harvest has been hit by drought

Word Origin:late Old English drūgath 'dryness', of Germanic origin; compare with Dutch *droogte*; related to ↑*dry*.Example Bank:

- England has had several summer droughts in recent years.
- It has been the worst drought in the country's history.
- Large areas of Africa are affected by severe drought.
- Some of the newer plants in the garden died during the drought.
- crops that are chosen for their drought tolerance
- plants that can withstand drought
- Crop failures were caused by drought and a lack of fertilizer.
- Farmers are facing ruin after two years of severe drought
- The country suffered from one of the worst droughts on record.

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**THESAURUS**■ **natural disasters**

- **earthquake** a sudden shaking of the earth's surface that often causes a lot of damage: A powerful earthquake struck the Indonesian island of Sulawesi. | It was the biggest earthquake to hit the Pacific Northwest for 52 years.
- **flood** a very large amount of water that covers an area that is usually dry: Bangladesh has been hit by a series of devastating floods (=very bad floods). | The crisis began with floods that covered one third of the countryside.
- **drought** a long period of dry weather when there is not enough water for plants and animals to live: The country experienced its worst drought this century. | In East Africa, three years of drought have left 10 million people in urgent need of food and water.
- **famine** a situation in which a large number of people have little or no food for a long time and many people die: Poor harvests led to famine. | 4,000,000 people are threatened by famine in northern Ethiopia.
- **hurricane** a storm that has very strong fast winds and that moves over water – used about storms in the North Atlantic Ocean: extreme weather such as hurricanes | Hurricane Andrew left southern Florida in ruins.
- **typhoon** a violent tropical storm – used about storms in the Western Pacific Ocean: A typhoon has hit the Philippines, lifting roofs off houses and uprooting trees.
- **tsunami** a very large wave, caused by extreme conditions such as an earthquake, which can cause a lot of damage when it reaches land: Thousands of people were killed in the tsunami. | Many Pacific earthquakes have generated tsunamis.

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