

**dire**['daɪə] *a*

1) ужасный, страшный, зловещий

dire revenge - страшная месть

dire forebodings - ужасные предчувствия

this decision will have dire consequences - это решение будет иметь пагубные /роковые/ последствия

2) *эмоц.-усил.* крайний, полный

dire necessity - жестокая необходимость

dire poverty - страшная нищета

dire need - крайняя нужда

dire foe - заклятый враг

exposed to the direst dangers - подвергаясь страшным опасностям; ≅ с риском для жизни

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**dire** [dire direr direst] *BrE* ['daɪə(r)] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* ['daɪə] <sup>u</sup> *adjective* (direr, dir-est)1. **usually before noun** (formal) very serious

• living in dire poverty

• **dire warnings/threats**• Such action may have **dire consequences** .• We're **in dire need of** your help.• The firm is **in dire straits** (= in a very difficult situation) and may go bankrupt.2. (*BrE*, *informal*) very bad

• The acting was dire.

Word Origin:mid 16th cent.: from Latin *dirus* 'fearful, threatening' .Example Bank:

• The weather was absolutely dire.

• Such action may have dire consequences.

• The firm is in dire straits and may go bankrupt.

• They were living in dire poverty.

• We're in dire need of your help.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: dirus]

1. extremely serious or terrible:

" warnings of dire consequences that often don't come true" The country is in dire need of food aid.

" The situation looked dire.

2. **be in dire straits** to be in an extremely difficult or serious situation:

" Everyone agrees the sport is in dire straits.

3. **dire warning/prediction/forecast** a warning about something terrible that will happen in the future:

" Last night there were dire warnings of civil war.

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