

1. [wɜːs] *n*

худшее

to go from bad to worse - становиться всё хуже и хуже

to have the worse - потерпеть поражение

to put to the worse - нанести поражение

a change /a turn/ for the worse - перемена к худшему

worse cannot happen - ничего худшего не может случиться

I've seen worse, I've been through worse (than that) - *разг.* я ещё и не такое видел, мне приходилось бывать и не в таких переделках

so much the worse for him - тем хуже для него

◇ to be the worse for wear - пострадать от чего-л., носить на себе следы чего-л.

to be none the worse for smth. - ничуть не пострадать от чего-л.

for better or for worse - что бы ни случилось

2. [wɜːs] *a*1. *compar om bad II*

2. худший; (ещё) хуже

to make matters worse ... - *разг.* и в довершение всего /всех неприятностей ...

what is worse ... - *разг.* и что ещё хуже ...

it's not a bad mark, but it's worse than your usual one - это неплохая оценка, но хуже обычной

he escaped with nothing worse than a fright - он отделался испугом

3. *compar om ill II 2 в худшем состоянии (здоровья)*

the patient is worse today - больному сегодня хуже

◇ worse luck - как это ни неприятно к сожалению

I've got to go, worse luck - к сожалению, мне нужно уходить

3. [wɜːs] *adv*1. *compar om badly II*

2. (ещё) хуже

you are playing worse than you did last week - вы играете хуже, чем на прошлой неделе

the patient has been taken worse - больному стало (ещё) хуже

the remedy is worse than useless - это лекарство не только бесполезно, но и вредно

3. сильнее, больше

it is raining worse than ever - дождь всё усиливается

I hate [fear] him worse than before - я его ещё сильнее ненавижу [ещё больше боюсь]

◇ none the worse - ничуть не меньше; ещё сильнее

I like him none the worse for being outspoken - я ещё больше люблю его за откровенность

she is worse off than before - её положение усугубилось /стало ещё хуже/

worse

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worse adjective, adverb, noun *BrE* [wɜːrʃ] ^m *NAmE* [wɜːrʃ] ^m

adjective (comparative of bad)

1. of poorer quality or lower standard; less good or more unpleasant

• The rooms were awful and the food was worse.

• The weather **got worse** during the day.

• I've been to **far worse** places.

• ~ **than sth** The interview was **much worse than** he had expected.

• ~ **than doing sth** **There's nothing worse than** going out in the cold with wet hair.

2. ~ (than sth/doing sth) more serious or severe

• They were trying to prevent an **even worse** tragedy.

• The crisis was getting **worse and worse**.

• Don't tell her that— you'll only **make things worse**.

• Nevermind— it **could be worse** (= although the situation is bad, it is not as bad as it might have been).

3. not before noun more ill/sick or unhappy

• If he gets any worse we'll call the doctor.

• He told her she'd let them down and she felt **worse than ever**.

more at sb's bark is worse than their bite **at** ↑*bark* _{n.}, a fate worse than death **at** ↑*fate* _{n.}

Word Origin:

Old English *wyrsa*, *wiersa* (adjective), *wiers* (adverb), of Germanic origin; related to ↑*war*.

Example Bank:

• I feel even worse today!

• Ignoring the problem will make it worse.

• It's much worse for the parents than it is for the child.

• The area seemed almost worse than the city he had left.

• The news got dramatically worse.

• The pain grew worse.

• The problem became progressively worse.

• The problem is getting worse all the time.

- Things could be a sight worse than they are.
- Things were about to get very much worse.
- We've run out of coffee. Worse still, we can't get any more until tomorrow.

Idioms: ↑come off worse ▪ ↑go from bad to worse ▪ ↑none the worse ▪ ↑worse for wear ▪ ↑worse luck! ▪ ↑worse off ▪ ↑you can do worse than do something

adverb (comparative of badly)

1. ~ **(than sth)** less well
 - I didn't do it very well, but, if anything, he did it worse than I did.
2. ~ **(than sth)** more seriously or severely
 - It's raining worse than ever.
3. ~ **(than sth)** used to introduce a statement about sth that is more serious or unpleasant than things already mentioned
 - She'd lost her job. Even worse, she'd lost her house and her children, too.

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noun uncountable

more problems or bad news

- I'm afraid there is worse to come.

more at for better or (for) worse so much the better/worse **at** ↑better _{n.}, a change for the better/worse **at** ↑change _{n.}

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worse

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1. **worse** ¹ **S2 W2** /wɜːs/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ³ *adjective*

[Language: Old English; Origin: *wiersa*, *wyrsa*]

1. [the comparative of bad] more unpleasant, bad, or severe ⇔ **better**

worse than

- " The violence was worse than we expected.
- " The traffic is much worse after five o'clock.
- " The weather was a lot worse this year.
- " Conditions will get worse as the winter continues.
- " High inflation will make unemployment worse.
- " Don't say anything, you'll only make matters worse.
- " The bullying got worse and worse until finally he had to leave the school.
- " There's nothing worse than being robbed while you're on holiday.
- " The school's not perfect, but I suppose it could be worse.

2. more ill than before:

- " If she's worse in the morning, I'll call the doctor.
- " I was worried because he seemed to be getting worse rather than better.
- " The tablets seemed to make him worse.

3. **be none the worse for something** to not have been harmed by something:

- " She seemed none the worse for her night out in the cold.

4. **worse luck** *spoken* used to say that you are disappointed or annoyed by something:

- " I've got one more year of college, worse luck!

5. **somebody could do worse than do something** *spoken* used to say that you think that someone should do something:

- " He could do worse than marry Eleanor.

6. **go from bad to worse** to continue getting worse:

- " Things went from bad to worse, and in the end she lost her job.

7. **the worse for wear** (also **the worse for drink** *British English*) *informal* drunk

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GRAMMAR

worse, worst

Worse is a comparative form:

- The problem got worse and worse.
- ▶ Do not say 'more worse' or 'worsen'.

Worst is a superlative form:

- It was the worst film (NOT the worse film) I have ever seen.
- ▶ Do not say 'most worst' or 'worstest'.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **adverbs**

- **much/a lot/far worse** Conditions were much worse in rural areas.
- **considerably/substantially worse** To make matters considerably worse, he lost his job.
- **infinitely worse** (=very much worse) My fate could have been infinitely worse.
- **progressively/steadily worse** The violence grew progressively worse.

▪ **even worse** My cooking's even worse than yours.

■ verbs

- **get/become/grow worse** The recession was getting worse.
- **make something worse** Getting angry will just make things worse.

■ phrases

- **worse and worse** The bullying got worse and worse.
- **there's nothing worse than ...** There's nothing worse than lending something and not getting it back.
- **something could be worse** Cheer up – things could be worse.
- **better or worse** I wasn't sure whether his behaviour was getting better or worse.

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THESAURUS

- **worse** more unpleasant, bad, severe etc, or of a lower standard or quality: Recent reports indicate that the situation is getting worse. | Your French is even worse than mine!
- **inferior** of a lower standard or quality than something else, or less good than someone else: Their wines are of inferior quality. | an inferior product | Trying to do things on the cheap only results in an inferior service.
- **not compare with something** used to emphasize that someone or something is not nearly as good, big, or nice as someone or something else: This recording just doesn't compare with his early recordings. | Our sales this year do not compare with last year's outstanding results.
- **not be in the same league** *informal* used to emphasize that the standard of someone or something is not nearly as good as someone or something else: He's pretty good, but he's not in the same league as his brother.
- **not be a patch on something/somebody** *British English informal* use this to emphasize that something is not nearly as good as something else, especially something that came before it: The film wasn't a patch on the book. | He's not a patch on Tarantino as an director.

II. **worse**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ noun [uncountable]

1. something worse ⇒ **better**:

▪ We thought the situation was bad, but worse was to follow.

2. **take a turn for the worse** to change and become worse:

▪ Last year his health took a turn for the worse.

III. **worse**³ *S3 W3 BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ adverb [the comparative of badly]

in a more severe or serious way than before ⇒ **better**

worse than

▪ By lunch time it was raining worse than ever.

[sentence adverb]

▪ The business could become less profitable or, even worse, could close down.

▪ Suppose Rose, or worse still, Peter had seen the photograph?

worse

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