

bleak

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[bli:k] *a*

1. не защищённый от ветра, открытый
2. холодный; суровый (о погоде)
bleak wind - холодный ветер
3. лишённый растительности
4. унылый, мрачный
bleak prospects - печальные перспективы
bleak smile - печальная улыбка

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[bli:k] *n зоол.*

уклейка (*Alburnus*)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

bleak [bleak bleaker bleakest] *BrE* [bli:k] *AmE* [bli:k] *adjective*

(bleak·er , bleak·est)

1. (of a situation) not encouraging or giving any reason to have hope

- a **bleak outlook/prospect**
- **The future looks bleak** for the fishing industry.
- The medical prognosis was bleak.
- They faced a financially bleak Christmas.

2. (of the weather) cold and unpleasant

- a bleak winter's day

3. (of a place) exposed, empty, or with no pleasant features

- a **bleak landscape/hillside/moor**
- bleak concrete housing

Derived Words ↑bleakly ▪ ↑bleakness

Word Origin:

Old English blāc 'shining, white', or in later use from synonymous Old Norse **bleikr**; ultimately of Germanic origin and related to ↑bleach.

Example Bank:

- Prospects for the industry are extremely bleak.
- The landscape looked bleak and desolate in the rain.
- The report paints an unnecessarily bleak picture of the town.
- Clouds rolled in and the lake took on a bleak and sombre appearance.
- It was a small bleak town near the main highway.
- She left on a bleak November day.
- The future looks bleak for the fishing industry.
- There is just a bleak expanse of concrete.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

bleak /bli:k *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*

[*Date:* 1300-1400; *Language:* Old Norse; *Origin:* bleikr 'pale, white']

1. without anything to make you feel happy or hopeful

a bleak future/prospect

" The company still hopes to find a buyer, but the future looks bleak.

2. cold and without any pleasant or comfortable features:

" a bleak January afternoon

" The landscape was bleak.

—**bleakly** *adverb*

—**bleakness** *noun* [uncountable]

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