

**famine**['fæmɪn] *n*

1. голод (*стихийное бедствие*)  
in the years of famine - в голодные годы
2. голодание  
to die of famine - умереть с голоду
3. острый недостаток (*чего-л.*)  
coal famine - острая нехватка угля, угольный голод  
◇ famine prices - несообразно высокие цены; дороговизна

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**fam·ine** [**famine** **famines**] *BrE* ['fæmɪn] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* ['fæmɪn] <sup>m</sup> **noun** **countable**, **uncountable**

a lack of food during a long period of time in a region

- a severe famine
- disasters such as floods and famine
- the threat of **widespread famine** in the area
- to raise money for **famine relief**

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French, from **faim** 'hunger', from Latin **fames**.

Example Bank:

- Against a background of impending famine, heavy fighting took place.
- Four million people are now facing famine.
- Thousands of people died during the terrible famine of that year.
- When famine strikes, it is often women and children who suffer the most.
- countries that regularly suffer famines

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[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** French; **Origin:** Latin **fames** 'hungry condition']

a situation in which a large number of people have little or no food for a long time and many people die:

the great potato famine in Ireland

**severe/widespread famine**

- Widespread famine had triggered a number of violent protests.
- A million people are facing famine.

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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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