

helpless['helpɪs] *a*

1. 1) беспомощный

helpless infant [invalid] - беспомощный младенец [инвалид]

helpless ship - судно, потерявшее управление

I am helpless in the matter - тут я ничего не могу сделать, я бессилён помочь в этом деле

he was helpless with astonishment - он остолбенел от изумления

2) неумелый, неловкий

2. не получающий помощи; нуждающийся (в помощи); беззащитный

helpless orphan - беззащитный сирота

3. тщетный, бесполезный

helpless

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help-less [helpless helplessly helplessness] *BrE* ['helpləs] ^u *NAmE* ['helpləs]^u **adjective**

1. unable to take care of yourself or do things without the help of other people

- the helpless victims of war
- a helpless gesture/look
- He lay helpless on the floor.
- It's natural to feel helpless against such abuse.
- The worst part is being helpless to change anything.

2. unable to control a strong feeling

- **helpless panic/rage**
- ~ **with sth** The audience was **helpless with laughter** .

Derived Words ↑helplessly ▫ ↑helplessness

Example Bank:

- He was left helpless and alone.
- I felt helpless in the face of all these rules and regulations.
- John felt completely helpless.
- Kirk stood helpless before this giant of a man.
- She was helpless against his strength.
- She was helpless with anger.
- She was rendered helpless by panic.
- Children are the most helpless victims of war.
- It's natural to feel helpless against such abuse.
- Paul threw up his hands in a helpless gesture of surrender.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

help-less /'helpləs/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u **adjective**[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑help, ↑helper, ↑helpfulness ≠ ↑unhelpfulness, ↑helping, ↑helplessness; **adverb**: ↑helpfully ≠ ↑unhelpfully, ↑helplessly; **adjective**: ↑helpful ≠ ↑unhelpful, ↑helpless; **verb**: ↑help]

1. unable to look after yourself or to do anything to help yourself:

- He began to feel depressed and helpless.
- a vicious attack on a helpless victim
- Newman threw out a hand in a helpless gesture.

2. unable to control a strong feeling that you have

helpless with

- He was near to death, and I was helpless with fear.

helpless laughter/rage/tears etc

- We both collapsed into helpless giggles.

—**helplessly** *adverb*—**helplessness** *noun* [uncountable]**helpless**

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