

**colossal**

[kə'ɒs(ə)l] *a*

1. колоссальный, громадный, исполинский
2. *эмоц.-усил.* поразительный невероятный великолепный, превосходный  
that colossal liar - потрясающий лжец  
colossal stupidity - невероятная глупость

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**col·os·sal** *BrE* [kə'ɒsl] *NAmE* [kə'ləʊs] **adjective**

extremely large

- a colossal statue
- The singer earns a colossal amount of money.

Word Origin:

[**colossal**] early 18th cent.: from French, from *colosse*, from Latin *colossus* from Greek *kolossos* (applied by the Greek historian Herodotus to the statues of Egyptian temples).

Example Bank:

- The variety of wines available is colossal.
- They have spent a colossal amount of money on construction.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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used to emphasize that something is extremely large:

- a colossal statue of the King
- The whole holiday was a colossal waste of money.

**—colossally** *adverb*

**THESAURUS**

■ **very big**

- **huge/massive/enormous** extremely big: The table was enormous. | a huge explosion | Their house is huge. | There is a huge amount of work to be done. | There has been a massive increase in oil prices. | The company is massive, operating in 150 countries. | A massive fire destroyed more than thirty homes. | He's been under an enormous amount of stress recently. | The changes will have an enormous impact.
- **great** [only before noun] very big – used especially to describe the level or number of something: He achieved great success in America. | The college offers a great number of courses. | a great advantage
- **vast** extremely big – used about areas, distances, numbers, or amounts: vast areas of rainforest | A vast number of tourists visit the island every year.
- **gigantic** extremely big and much bigger than other things of the same type: Gigantic waves crashed onto the beach.
- **colossal** extremely big – used about amounts or objects: James ran up a colossal phone bill. | a colossal statue of Napoleon
- **tremendous** having an extremely big effect: there have been some tremendous changes. | My new job will be a tremendous challenge. | The children were making a tremendous amount of noise.

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