

diabolical

[ˌdaɪəˈbɒlɪk,-{ˌdaɪəˈbɒlɪk}(ə)] *a*

1. дьявольский, сатанинский
diabolic(al) grin - сатанинская усмешка
diabolic(al) arts - чёрная магия
2. злобный, жестокий, зверский, свирепый
diabolic(al) cruelty - зверская жестокость
diabolic(al) ingenuity - дьявольская изобретательность/хитрость

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diabolical [diabolical diabolically] *BrE* [ˌdaɪəˈbɒlɪk] *NAmE* [ˌdaɪəˈbɑːlɪk]

adjective

1. (informal, especially *BrE*) extremely bad or annoying

Syn: †terrible

- The traffic was diabolical.

2. (also less frequent **dia-bol-ic** *BrE* [ˌdaɪəˈbɒlɪk] *NAmE* [ˌdaɪəˈbɑːlɪk]) morally bad and evil; like a †devil

Derived Word †diabolically

Example Bank:

- It was a diabolical performance and we felt something had to be done before the next match.
- The traffic is diabolical during the rush hour.

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[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** French; **Origin:** diabolique, from Greek diabolos 'devil']

1. (also **diabolical** /ˌdaɪəˈbɒlɪkəl/ \$ -'bɑːl/) evil or cruel:

diabolical abuse

2. *British English informal* extremely unpleasant or bad:

The toilets were in a diabolical state.

—**diabolically** /-kli/ *adverb*

THESAURUS

- **terrible/awful** (also **dreadful especially British English**) very bad: The journey was terrible – it took six hours. | The food was good but we had terrible service. | It's such an awful programme! How can you watch it? | He looked dreadful.
- **horrible** very bad and unpleasant – used especially when something has a strong effect on you and you feel shocked, annoyed, or sick: This soup tastes horrible. | I got a horrible shock when I saw the bill. | a horrible accident | a horrible thing to say to someone
- **appalling** terrible – especially in a way that is shocking. **Appalling** is stronger and a little more formal than **terrible** or **horrible**: The refugees are living in appalling conditions. | The teacher said my handwriting was appalling.
- **disgusting** terrible – used about a taste, smell, habit etc, often one that makes you feel sick: The smell was disgusting and I had to go out. | Do you have to bite your nails? It's a disgusting habit.
- **lousy informal** terrible – used especially to express annoyance: I've had a lousy day at the office. | This area is a lousy place to live.
- **hopeless** very bad and difficult – used when there is no chance of success or improvement: We were trying to pay off our debts but it was a hopeless situation. | He was given the almost hopeless task of trying to negotiate a ceasefire.
- **diabolical British English** extremely bad – used to express great disapproval of an action or event: The prices are diabolical. | a diabolical waste of money | McAndrew gave a diabolical performance on Saturday.

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