

abysmal[əˈbɪzməɪ] *a*

1. бездонный, глубокий
2. полный, крайний, ужасный
abysmal ignorance - полное /крайнее/ невежество
the food was abysmal - питание было ужасное /хуже нельзя/
3. = abyssal

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abys·mal *BrE* [əˈbɪzməɪ] ^m *NAmE* [əˈbɪzməɪ] ^m *adjective*

extremely bad or of a very low standard

Syn: †terrible

- His manners are abysmal.

Derived Word †abysmally**Word Origin:**[**abysmal** **abysmally**] mid 17th cent. (used literally as in 'very deep'): from abysm, from Old French **abisme**, medieval Latin **abysmus**, alteration of late Latin **abyssus** '**bottomless pit**'. The figurative meaning dates from the early 19th cent.**Example Bank:**

- The council has an abysmal record on education.

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a [bɪz·mal] /əˈbɪzməɪ/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *adjective*[**Date:** 1600-1700; **Origin:** abysm '**abyss**' (14-20 centuries), from Old French abisme, from Late Latin abyssus; ⇨ †abyss]very bad or of bad quality **SYN** terrible:

The reunion was an abysmal failure.

—**abysmally** *adverb*

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THESAURUS■ **very bad**

- **awful/terrible/dreadful** *especially British English* very bad: The movie was awful. | Her house is in a terrible state. | a dreadful crime
- **horrible** very bad, especially in a way that shocks or upsets you: He describes prison as 'a horrible place'. | It was a horrible experience.
- **disgusting** smelling or tasting very bad: The food was disgusting. | The fish smelled disgusting.
- **lousy** /'laʊzi/ *informal* very bad or disappointing: The weather has been lousy all week. | I'm fed up with this lousy job.
- **ghastly** /'gɑːstli/ 'gæstli/ *British English informal* very bad: I've had a ghastly day. | a ghastly mistake
- **severe** severe problems, injuries, illnesses etc are very bad and serious: The country faces severe economic problems. | severe delays | He suffered severe head injuries in a car crash.
- **atrocious/appalling/horrendous** extremely bad in a way that is shocking: Her behaviour has been absolutely atrocious. | The country has an appalling human rights record.
- **abysmal** /əˈbɪzməɪ/ very bad and of a very low standard: The team's performance was abysmal. | the abysmal conditions in some prisons

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