

needy1. ['ni:di] *n сл.*

ночлежник; бродяга, нищий

2. ['ni:di] *a*

1. нуждающийся, бедный; бедствующий; живущий в нужде

2. бедственный (о *положении*); нищенский, убогий**needy**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

needy [needy needier neediest] *BrE* ['niːdɪ] *NAmE* ['niːdʒi] *adjective*

(need-ier, needi-est)

- (of people) not having enough money, food, clothes, etc.
- the needy** *noun plural* people who do not have enough money, food, etc.
 - help for the homeless and the needy
- (of people) not confident, and needing a lot of love and emotional support from other people
 - She is shy and needy.

Synonyms:**poor**

disadvantaged • needy • impoverished • deprived • penniless • hard up

These words all describe sb who has very little or no money and therefore cannot satisfy their basic needs.

poor • having very little money; not having enough money for basic needs: ▪ They were too poor to buy shoes for the kids.**disadvantaged** • having less money and fewer opportunities than most people in society: ▪ socially disadvantaged sections of the community**needy** • poor: ▪ It's a charity that provides help for needy children.**impoverished** • (*journalism*) poor: ▪ Thousands of impoverished peasants are desperate to move to the cities.**deprived** • [usually before noun] without enough food, education, and all the things that are necessary for people to live a happy and comfortable life**poor, needy, impoverished or deprived?**

Poor is the most general of these words and can be used to describe yourself, another individual person, people as a group, or a country or an area. **Needy** is mostly used to describe people considered as a group: it is not used to talk about yourself or individual people: ▪ *poor/needy children/families* ◇ They were too needy to buy shoes for the kids. **Impoverished** is used, especially in journalism, to talk about poor countries and the people who live there. To talk about poor areas in rich countries, use **deprived**.

penniless • (*literary*) having no money; very poor: ▪ He died penniless in Paris.**hard up** • (*informal*) having very little money, especially for a short period of time: ▪ I was always hard up as a student.poor/disadvantaged/needy/impoverished/deprived/penniless/hard-up **people/families**poor/disadvantaged/needy/impoverished/deprived **areas**poor/disadvantaged/impoverished **countries**a(n) poor/disadvantaged/impoverished/deprived **background**Example Bank:

- helping the children of poor and needy parents
- It's a charity that provides help and comfort for needy children.

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needy /'niːdɪ/ *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*[**Word Family:** *noun:* ↑need, needs, the needy; *adjective:* ↑needless, ↑needy; *verb:* ↑need; *adverb:* ↑needlessly]

- having very little food or money:
 - a needy family
 - the needy** needy people:
 - money to help the needy
- needing and wanting a lot of love and attention

THESAURUS

- **poor** having very little money and not many possessions – used about people or places: Many families were too poor to pay for education. | poor countries
- **hard up/broke** (also **skint** *British English*) [not before noun] *informal* having very little money, especially for a short period of time. **Skint** is more informal than the other words: I'm a bit hard up at the moment | We were so broke we couldn't afford to go out to the cinema.
- **developing** [only before noun] a developing country is poor and has very little industry: The disease is found mainly in developing countries. | the developing world
- **deprived** [usually before noun] much poorer than other people in a country, and not having the things that are necessary for a comfortable or happy life – used about people and areas: The charity works with deprived children in the inner city. | one of the most deprived areas of London
- **disadvantaged** *especially written* used about groups of people in society who have much less chance of being successful because they are poor: An increase in the minimum wage would help the most disadvantaged Americans.
- **needy** having very little money, and so needing help – used about groups of people: More help should be given to needy families. | We offer scholarships for needy students.

- **destitute** *especially written* having no money or possessions and nowhere to live – used when someone is in a very bad situation: Her family was left destitute after her father died. | destitute refugees
- **impoverished** *formal* impoverished people and places are very poor: out-of-work miners and their impoverished families | The children come from impoverished neighbourhoods. | one of the world's most impoverished countries
- **poverty-stricken** *written* extremely poor: poverty-stricken areas | They were left poverty-stricken.
- **penniless** *especially literary* having no money: She died penniless. | a penniless student

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