

ordeal[ɔːˈdiːl, ˈɔːdiːl] *n*

1. тяжёлое испытание

ordeal by battle - испытание в бою

ordeal of adieu - **возвыш.** испытание разлукой

to pass through a terrible ordeal - пройти сквозь тяжёлое испытание

speaking in public was an ordeal for him - публично выступать было для него испытанием

2. *уст.* суд божий

trial by ordeal - испытание судом божьим

ordeal bark - кора ядовитого дерева, употреблявшаяся при испытании судом божьим

ordeal by fire - испытание огнём

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ordeal [ordeal ordeals] *BrE* [ɔːrɪdʒəl] *BrE* [ˈɔːdiːl] *NAmE* [ɔːrɪdʒəl] *noun***usually singular ~ (of sth/of doing sth)**

a difficult or unpleasant experience

- They are to be spared the ordeal of giving evidence in court.
- The hostages spoke openly about the terrible ordeal they had been through.
- The interview was less of an ordeal than she'd expected.

Word Origin:

Old English ordāl, ordēl, of Germanic origin; related to German **urteilen** 'give judgement', from a base meaning 'share out'. The word is not found in Middle English (except once in Chaucer's *Troilus*); modern use of the current sense began in the mid 17th cent.

Example Bank:

- She was subjected to a terrible six-day ordeal.
- They were spared the ordeal of giving evidence in court.
- This is the fourth time the prime minister has faced ordeal by egg.
- their 20-hour ordeal at the hands of a gunman
- She's extremely distressed by the whole ordeal.
- Starting at a new school can be quite an ordeal for a young child.
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[Language: Old English; Origin: ordal 'trial, judgment']

a terrible or painful experience that continues for a period of time

ordeal of

- She then had to go through the ordeal of giving evidence.
- She was forced to face the ordeal of withdrawal symptoms.
- He was beginning to wonder if he would survive the ordeal.
- Teresa had a transplant in 1989 and was just recovering from that ordeal when she suffered a brain hemorrhage.
- Soon the whole terrifying ordeal would be over.

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COLLOCATIONS■ **adjectives**

- **a terrible/dreadful ordeal** The trial was a dreadful ordeal.
- **a long ordeal** After thirteen days, the hostages' long ordeal finally ended.
- **a terrifying ordeal** Bruce Gordon has described his terrifying ordeal in a shark attack.
- **a painful ordeal** (=a very bad or painful experience) The treatment she had to go through was a painful ordeal.

■ **verbs**

- **go through an ordeal** (also **undergo an ordeal formal**) (=experience something that is very bad or difficult) I'd already gone through the ordeal of a divorce once. | The girl will not have to undergo the ordeal of giving evidence in court.
- **face an ordeal** He faced the ordeal of caring for his dying wife.
- **endure an ordeal** In his book, he describes how he endured the ordeal of prison life.
- **survive an ordeal** The woman survived her ordeal and identified her attacker.
- **recover from an ordeal** She is recovering from her ordeal after a bomb went off on the train she was on.
- **subject somebody to an ordeal** (=make someone suffer something very painful or frightening) Simon Collier was subjected to a horrifying ordeal at gunpoint.
- **spare somebody the ordeal of something** (=not make someone have to do something difficult) Thank goodness she was spared the ordeal of surgery.

■ **phrases**

- **an ordeal at the hands of somebody** (=used to say who has made someone go through something painful or difficult) She has only just revealed her ordeal at the hands of her stepfather.

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