

disease**1.** [dɪ'zi:z] *n***1.** *болезнь*

infectious disease - инфекционная болезнь
 disease of childhood - детская болезнь
 diseases of the mind - психические заболевания
 skin disease - кожное заболевание
 to suffer from a disease - страдать болезнью, болеть
 disease of society - *образн.* болезнь общества

2. *тех.* неисправность (*машины*)**2.** [dɪ'zi:z] *v*

- 1) *спец.* вызывать заболевание
- 2) отравлять подрывать

disease

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dis·ease [dɪzɪz] *BrE* [dɪ'zi:z] *NAme* [dɪ'zi:z] *noun uncountable, countable*

- 1.** an illness affecting humans, animals or plants, often caused by infection
 - **heart/liver/kidney, etc. disease**
 - health measures to prevent the **spread of disease**
 - an **infectious/contagious disease** (= one that can be passed to sb very easily)
 - It is not known what causes the disease.
 - protection against sexually transmitted diseases
 - He suffers from a rare blood disease.
 - A fatty diet increases the risk of heart disease.
 - the problem of controlling pests and disease with organic gardening methods
- 2.** *countable (formal)* something that is very wrong with people's attitudes, way of life or with society
 - Greed is a disease of modern society.

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'lack of ease; inconvenience'): from Old French **desaise** 'lack of ease', from **des-** (expressing reversal) + **aise** 'ease'.

Thesaurus:

disease *noun C, U*

- He suffers from a rare blood disease.

illness • • **sickness** • • **infection** • • **condition** • • **ailment** • • **complaint** • | *informal* **bug** • • **virus** • | **medical disorder** •

a **serious/chronic** disease/illness/infection/condition/ailment/disorder

have/suffer from a/an disease/illness/sickness/infection/condition/ailment/complaint/bug/virus/disorder

diagnose/treat a/an disease/illness/infection/condition/ailment/virus/disorder

recover from a/an disease/illness/sickness/infection/bug/virus/disorder

Disease or illness? **Disease** is used to talk about more severe physical medical problems, especially those that affect the organs:

- heart/kidney/liver disease

✗ **heart/kidney/liver illness** **Illness** is used to talk about most kinds of medical problems, including **mental illness**. **Disease** is not used about a period of illness:

- He died after a long illness.

✗ He died after a long disease.

Collocations:**Illnesses***Becoming ill*

catch a cold/an infectious disease/the flu/(*BrE*) flu/pneumonia/a virus/(*informal*) a bug

get (*BrE*) ill/(*NAme*) sick/a disease/AIDS/breast cancer/a cold/the flu/(*BrE*) flu/a migraine

come down with a cold/the flu/(*BrE*) flu

contract a deadly disease/a serious illness/HIV/AIDS

be infected with a virus/a parasite/HIV

develop cancer/diabetes/a rash/an ulcer/symptoms of hepatitis

have a heart attack/a stroke

provoke/trigger/produce an allergic reaction

block/burst/rupture a blood vessel

damage/sever a nerve/an artery/a tendon

Being ill

feel (*BrE*) ill/sick/nauseous/queasy

be running (*BrE*) a temperature/(*NAme*) a fever

have a head cold/diabetes/heart disease/lung cancer/a headache/(*BrE*) a high temperature/(*NAme*) a fever

suffer from asthma/malnutrition/frequent headaches/bouts of depression/a mental disorder

be laid up with/ (*BrE*) **be in bed with** a cold/the flu/(*BrE*) flu/a migraine

nurse a cold/a headache/a hangover

battle/fight cancer/depression/addiction/alcoholism

Treatments

examine a patient

diagnose a condition/disease/disorder

be diagnosed with cancer/diabetes/schizophrenia

prescribe/be given/be on/take drugs/medicine/medication/pills/painkillers/antibiotics

treat sb for cancer/depression/shock

have/undergo an examination/an operation/surgery/a kidney transplant/therapy/chemotherapy/treatment for cancer

have/be given an injection/(BrE) a flu jab/(NAme) a flu shot/a blood transfusion/a scan/an X-ray

cure a disease/an ailment/cancer/a headache/a patient

prevent the spread of disease/further outbreaks/damage to the lungs

be vaccinated against the flu/(BrE) flu/the measles/(BrE) measles/polio/smallpox

enhance/boost/confer/build immunity to a disease

Synonyms:

disease

illness • disorder • infection • condition • ailment • bug

These are all words for a medical problem.

disease • a medical problem affecting humans, animals or plants, often caused by infection: ▪ He suffers from a rare blood disease.

illness • a medical problem, or a period of suffering from one: ▪ She died after a long illness.

disease or illness?

Disease is used to talk about more severe physical medical problems, especially those that affect the organs. **Illness** is used to talk about both more severe and more minor medical problems, and those that affect mental health: heart/kidney/liver illness ◇ mental disease. **Disease** is not used about a period of illness: she died after a long disease

disorder • (rather formal) an illness that causes a part of the body to stop functioning correctly: ▪ a rare disorder of the liver.

A **disorder** is generally not infectious. **Disorder** is used most frequently with words relating to mental problems, for example **psychiatric**, **personality**, **mental** and **eating**. When it is used to talk about physical problems, it is most often used with **blood**, **bowel** and **kidney**, and these are commonly **serious**, **severe** or **rare**.

infection • an illness that is caused by bacteria or a virus and that affects one part of the body: ▪ a throat infection

condition • a medical problem that you have for a long time because it is not possible to cure it: ▪ a heart condition

ailment • (rather formal) an illness that is not very serious: ▪ childhood ailments

bug • (informal) an infectious illness that is usually fairly mild: ▪ a nasty flu bug

to **have/suffer from** a(n) disease/illness/disorder/infection/condition/ailment/bug

to **catch/contract/get/pick up** a(n) disease/illness/infection/bug

Example Bank:

- Children are still dying in their millions from preventable diseases.
- Drugs can slow down the progression of the disease, but not cure it altogether.
- He has a serious lung disease.
- He suffered from coronary heart disease
- It's better to prevent disease by ensuring a clean water supply.
- She got a rare liver disease when she was only twenty.
- Such unhygienic practices spread disease.
- Sufferers from Alzheimer's disease can't cope at home.
- The disease has been eradicated from the world.
- The disease has killed 500 people so far this year.
- The disease is transmitted by mosquitoes.
- The government must take action to fight this deadly disease.
- They want to stop the disease from spreading.
- Tobacco lowers the body's resistance to disease.
- You can't catch the disease just from physical contact.
- a disease caused by a vitamin deficiency
- a disease of the digestive system
- childhood diseases such as mumps and chicken pox
- fears of a new killer disease
- fears of an outbreak of Legionnaire's disease
- measures to prevent the spread of the disease
- new drugs which help to control the disease
- patients suffering from venereal disease
- the number of people with this disease
- the overall incidence of disease in the world
- the risk of coronary heart disease
- the ticks that carry the disease
- He talked about controlling pests and disease with organic gardening methods.
- Measures have been taken to prevent the spread of disease.
- The problem was finally diagnosed as heart disease.
- This is an extremely infectious disease.

disease

disease **S3 W1** /dɪ'zi:z BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: *desaise*, from *aise* 'relaxed feeling, comfort']

1. [uncountable and countable] an illness which affects a person, animal, or plant

disease of

- " She suffers from a rare disease of the brain.
- " His father died of heart disease.
- " She contracted the disease while she was abroad on holiday.

2. [countable] something that is seriously wrong with society or with someone's mind, behaviour etc:

- " Loneliness is a disease of our urban communities.

—diseased *adjective*:

- " diseased muscles
- " a diseased plant

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **have a disease** How long have you had the disease?
- **suffer from a disease** About three million people suffer from the disease.
- **catch/get a disease** (also **contract a disease formal**) He caught the disease while travelling in Africa.
- **develop a disease** A few years ago, she developed a serious lung disease.
- **pass on a disease** (also **transmit a disease formal**) They may pass the disease on to their children.
- **cause a disease** Smoking is probably the major factor causing heart disease.
- **prevent a disease** It has been claimed that fibre in the diet could help prevent many serious diseases.
- **treat a disease** The disease can be treated with antibiotics.
- **cure a disease** The plant was believed to cure diseases in humans and cattle.
- **fight (a) disease** (=try to stop it continuing) Some bacteria help the human body fight disease.
- **a disease spreads** The government have no idea how far the disease has spread.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + disease

- **common** common childhood diseases
- **rare** She suffers from a rare bone disease.
- **serious** vaccines against serious diseases like hepatitis and meningitis
- **fatal/deadly** (=that causes death) If left untreated, the disease can be fatal. | Thousands of children are struck down by this deadly disease every year.
- **incurable** (=that cannot be cured) Diseases that were once thought incurable can be treated with antibiotics.
- **infectious/contagious** (=that spreads quickly from one person to another) The disease is highly contagious.
- **a skin/brain/lung etc disease** The fumes have caused skin diseases among the villagers.
- **heart/liver/kidney disease** He is being treated for kidney disease.
- **a hereditary/inherited disease** (=that is passed from parent to child) Parents are offered screening for some hereditary diseases.
- **a sexually-transmitted disease** (=that is spread by having sex) There was a worrying rise in the number of sexually-transmitted diseases.
- **a degenerative disease** (=that gradually gets worse) She was suffering from a degenerative disease that confined her to a wheelchair.
- **a chronic disease** (=continuing for a long time and not possible to cure) Chronic disease is sometimes seen as an inevitable part of being old.

■ phrases

- **a cure for a disease** There is no known cure for this disease.
- **an outbreak of a disease** (=when a disease appears in a number of people or animals) There has been an outbreak of the disease in Wales.
- **the spread of a disease** Knowing the facts about AIDS can prevent the spread of the disease.
- **the symptoms of a disease** (=physical signs that someone has a disease) To begin with, there are often no symptoms of the disease.

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- **illness** something wrong with your health which makes you feel ill: Her husband was in hospital for six months with a serious illness.
- **disease** a particular illness, especially one that spreads to other people easily or that affects one part of your body: childhood diseases such as measles and chickenpox | heart disease
- **infection** an illness that is caused by ↑bacteria or a ↑virus: His cough got worse and worse and became a chest infection.
- **condition** a health problem that affects you permanently or for a long time: a medical condition such as asthma | a heart condition
- **problem** [usually after a noun] something that is wrong with a particular part of your body or your health in general: a serious back problem | health problems
- **trouble** [singular, only after a noun] illness or pain that affects a particular part of your body: I've had a bit of stomach trouble.
- **disorder formal** an illness that prevents a particular organ of your body from working properly, or affects the way you behave: a liver disorder | a blood disorder | Anorexia nervosa is an eating disorder.

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