

**neurotic**

1. [njv'ɾɒtɪk] *n*  
невротик, нервнобольной, неврастеник, невропат

2. [njv'ɾɒtɪk] *a*  
невротический, невропатический, нервный  
neurotic fears - нервные страхи

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**neur·ot·ic** [**neurotic neurotics**] **adjective, noun** *BrE* [njʊə'ɾɒtɪk] <sup>o</sup> *NAmE*

[nɜː'ɒtɪk]

**adjective**

- caused by or suffering from ↑**neurosis**
  - neurotic obsessions
- not behaving in a reasonable, calm way, because you are worried about sth
  - She became neurotic about keeping the house clean.
  - a brilliant but neurotic actor

Synonyms:**mentally ill**

**insane** • **neurotic** • **psychotic** • **disturbed** • **unstable**

These words all describe sb who is suffering from a mental illness.

**mentally ill** • suffering from an illness of the mind, especially in a way that affects the way you think and behave

**insane** • [not usually before noun] (**rather formal**) suffering from a serious mental illness and unable to live in normal society: ▫ The question is, was the man insane when he committed the crime?

In informal English **insane** can describe sb who is not suffering from a mental illness, but whose mind does not work normally, especially because they are under pressure. This meaning is used especially in the phrases **go insane** and **drive sb insane**.

**neurotic** • (**medical**) suffering from or connected with neurosis (= a mental illness in which a person suffers strong feelings of fear and worry): ▫ the treatment of anxiety in neurotic patients

In informal English **neurotic** is also used to describe sb who is not suffering from a mental illness, but is not behaving in a calm way because they are worried about sth: ▫ She became neurotic about keeping the house clean.

**psychotic** • (**medical**) suffering from or connected with psychosis (= a serious mental illness in which thought and emotions lose connection with external reality). In informal English **psychotic** is sometimes used to describe anyone suffering from a mental illness, but in correct medical usage it only describes people who have difficulty relating to external reality. It contrasts with **neurotic** which describes people who are less seriously mentally ill and are still able to distinguish what is real from what is not.

**disturbed** • mentally ill, especially because of very unhappy or shocking experiences: ▫ He works with emotionally disturbed children.

**unstable** • having emotions and behaviour that are likely to change suddenly and unexpectedly

neurotic/psychotic/disturbed/unstable **behaviour**

neurotic/psychotic **illnesses/disorders/symptoms/patients**

**seriously** mentally ill/neurotic/psychotic/disturbed

**emotionally/mentally** disturbed/unstable

Synonyms:**nervous**

**neurotic** • **on edge** • **jittery**

These words all describe people who are easily frightened or are behaving in a frightened way.

**nervous** • easily worried or frightened: ▫ She was ▫ of a nervous disposition ▫.

See also the entry for **worried**.

**neurotic** • not behaving in a reasonable, calm way, because you are worried about sth: ▫ She became neurotic about keeping the house clean.

**on edge** • nervous or bad-tempered: ▫ She was always on edge before an interview.

**jittery** • (**informal**) anxious and nervous ▫ All this talk of job losses was making him jittery.

a nervous/neurotic **man/woman/girl**

to **feel** nervous/on edge/jittery

**a bit** nervous/on edge/jittery

Example Bank:

- What makes a person neurotic?
- a seriously neurotic person in need of help
- Freud did not believe that neurotic symptoms always had a sexual cause.
- He's a brilliant but neurotic actor.
- You're being neurotic.
- the treatment of anxiety in neurotic patients

Derived Word ↑**neurotically**

**noun** a ↑**neurotic** person

**neurotic**

**neu** **rotic** /njʊˈrɒtɪk \$ nʊˈrɑː-/ *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*

1. unreasonably anxious or afraid:

" He seemed a neurotic, self-obsessed man.

2. *technical* relating to or affected by neurosis:

" neurotic disorders

—**neurotic** *noun* [countable]:

" She accused him of being a neurotic.

—**neurotically** /-kli/ *adverb*

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