

lunatic**1.** [ˈluːnətɪk] *n*

1. душевнобольной, ненормальный

criminal lunatic - *юр.* невменяемый преступник, лицо, совершившее преступление в состоянии невменяемости2. безумец; человек, способный на всё, *часто* экстремист**2.** [ˈluːnətɪk] *a*

1. сумасшедший, безумный, помешанный

2. безумный; противоречащий здравому смыслу

lunatic policy - безрассудная политика

◇ lunatic fringe - наиболее ревностные сторонники, фанатичные приверженцы, экстремисты, «бешеные»

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lu·na·tic [ˈlʌnətɪk] *noun, adjective* *BrE* [ˈluːnətɪk] *NAmE* [ˈluːnətɪk]**noun**

1. a person who does crazy things that are often dangerous

Syn: ↑ **maniac**

• This lunatic in a white van pulled out right in front of me!

2. (*old-fashioned*) a person who is severely mentally ill (the use of this word is now offensive) Originally from the Latin lunaticus (luna = moon), because people believed that the changes in the moon made people go mad temporarily.| **idiom** ↑ **lunatic fringe****adjective**

crazy, ridiculous or extremely stupid

- lunatic ideas
- a lunatic smile

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1. someone who behaves in a crazy or very stupid way – often used humorously:

* This hotel is run by a lunatic!

2. *old-fashioned* a very offensive word for someone who is mentally ill:

* a dangerous lunatic

3. **the lunatic fringe** *British English* the small group of people in a political group or organization who have the most extreme opinions or ideas—**lunatic** *adjective* [only before noun]:

* lunatic behaviour

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