

desolate

1. ['desələt, 'dezələt] *a*

- 1. заброшенный, запущенный; разрушенный
desolate wilderness - бесплодная пустыня
- 2. необитаемый пустынный; безлюдный
desolate region - безлюдный район, безлюдное место
desolate territory - безлюдные пространства
desolate of inhabitants - безлюдный
- 3. 1) покинутый, оставленный всеми, одинокий
desolate heart /soul/ - одинокая душа
desolate death - одинокая смерть
- 2) несчастный, неутешный
desolate craving - неутешная скорбь

2. ['desəleɪt, 'dezəleɪt] *v*

- 1. обезлюдить
to desolate a home /a hearth/ - **возвыш.** покинуть домашний очаг
the city was desolated by the plague - чума унесла почти всё население города
- 2. опустошать, разорять; приводить в запустение
to desolate a country - опустошать страну
to desolate the houses - разграбить дома
- 3. 1) оставлять, покидать
- 2) делать несчастным, приводить в отчаяние
to desolate a heart - наполнить душу скорбью
- 4. **амер. разг.** вызывать сожаление
I am desolated to have you go - как жаль, что вы не можете остаться

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

deso-late [desolate desolates desolated desolating] **adjective, verb**

adjective *BrE* ['desələt] ^m ; *NAmE* ['desələt] ^m

- 1. (of a place) empty and without people, making you feel sad or frightened
 - a bleak and desolate landscape
- 2. very lonely and unhappy

Syn: †forlorn

- The thought that her husband did not want the baby made her feel utterly desolate.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin **desolatus** 'abandoned', past participle of **desolare**, from **de-** 'thoroughly' + **solus** 'alone'.

Example Bank:

- Her voice sounded a little desolate.
- She was utterly desolate after losing her baby.
- The house stands desolate and empty.
- The land was left desolate.
- The landscape was completely desolate.
- a rather desolate place
- It was difficult to imagine a more desolate place.
- The forest was now a desolate wasteland of charred tree stumps.
- There stretched out before them miles of utterly wild and desolate terrain.
- They looked out on a bleak and desolate landscape.
- They were far from their families, desolate and frightened.

verb *BrE* ['desəleɪt] ^m ; *NAmE* ['desəleɪt] ^m **usually passive ~ sb** (literary)

to make sb feel sad and without hope

- She had been desolated by the death of her friend.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	desolate
	<i>BrE</i> / 'desəleɪt/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'desəleɪt/
he / she / it	desolates
	<i>BrE</i> / 'desəleɪts/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'desəleɪts/
past simple, past participle	desolated
	<i>BrE</i> / 'desəleɪtɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'desəleɪtɪd/
-ing form	desolating
	<i>BrE</i> / 'desəleɪtɪŋ/
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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: *desolatus*, from *solus* 'alone']

1. a place that is desolate is empty and looks sad because there are no people there:

ˈ a desolate landscape

2. someone who is desolate feels very sad and lonely

—**desolately** *adverb*

—**desolation** /,desə'leɪʃən/ *noun* [uncountable]

II. **desolate**² /'desələɪt/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [transitive usually passive] *literary*

to make someone feel very sad and lonely **SYN** *devastate*:

ˈ David was desolated by his wife's death.

—**desolated** *adjective*

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