despicable Apresyan (En-Ru) [dı'spıkəbl,'despıkəbl] a вызывающий презрение, презренный; жалкий despicable Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed. de-spic-able BrE [dɪ'spɪkəbl] rarely ['despikəbl] NAmE [dɪˈspɪkəbl] NAmE ['despikəbl] adjective (formal) very unpleasant or evil • a despicable act/crime • I hate you! You're despicable. Word Origin: mid 16th cent.: from late Latin despicabilis, from despicari 'look down on'. despicable [despicable] adj. (formal) · a despicable act cheap • • worthless • |BrE dishonourable • |AmE dishonorable • |formal contemptible • |written feckless • Opp: admirable despicable/dishonourable of sb despicable/dishonourable conduct a despicable/worthless/contemptible/feckless man/woman Example Bank: • Police have condemned the theft from an elderly widow as despicable. To fail was considered despicable. What I find particularly despicable is their neglect of old people. • I hate you! You're despicable. · That was a despicable act. Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En) despicable despicable /dɪ'spɪkəbəl, 'despɪ-/ BrE ** AmE adjective [Date: 1500-1600; Language: Late Latin; Origin: despicabilis, from Latin despicari 'to look down on'] extremely bad, immoral, or cruel: It's despicable the way he treats those kids.

- a despicable act of terrorism
- a despicable crime

—despicably adverb

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