terrible Apresyan (En-Ru)

### ['terəb(ə)l] a

1. страшный, ужасный; внушающий страх, ужас

terrible news - страшная весть

terrible weapons of warfare - внушающие ужас орудия войны

to die in terrible agonies - умереть в страшных мучениях

terrible in anger - страшный в гневе

Ivanthe Terrible - Иван Грозный

2. эмоц.-усил.

### 1) необыкновенный кошмарный, жуткий

terrible frost [heat] - необыкновенный/страшный/ мороз [-ая жара]

at a terrible speed - на чудовищной скорости

he is a terrible bore - он невыносимо скучен

- 2) амер. замечательный превосходный
- 3. в грам. знач. сущ. обыкн. pl разг. человек или вещь, внушающие страх
- 4. в грам. знач. нареч. разг. см. terribly

# terrible

ter-rible BrE ['terəbl] \* NAmE ['terəbl] \* adjective

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

- 1. very unpleasant; making you feel very unhappy, upset or frightened
  - · a terrible experience
  - · What terrible news!
  - · I'vejust had a terrible thought.
  - It was a terrible thing to happen to someone so young.
  - That's a terrible thing to say!
- 2. causing great harm or injury; very serious
  - · a terrible accident
  - · He had suffered terrible injuries.
  - I'll have to stay with her— she's in a terrible state.
- 3. not before noun unhappy or ill/sick
  - I feel terrible- I think I'll go to bed.
  - You look terrible, you'd better sit down.
- 4. (informal) of very bad quality; very bad
  - a terrible meal
  - Your driving is terrible!
- 5. only before noun used to show the great extent or degree of sth bad
- a terrible mistake
- to be in terrible pain
- The room was in a terrible mess.
- (informal) I had a terrible job (= it was very difficult) to persuade her to come.
- You'll be in terrible trouble if you're late again.

## Word Origin:

[terrible] late Middle English (in the sense 'causing terror'): via French from Latin terribilis, from terrere 'frighten'.

### Synonyms:

#### terrible

awful • horrible • dreadful • vile • horrendous

These words all describe sth that is very unpleasant.

**terrible** • very bad or unpleasant; making you feel unhappy, frightened, upset, ill, guilty or disapproving ■ What terrible news! ◇■ That's a terrible thing to say!

**awful** • (rather informal) very bad or unpleasant; used to describe sth that you do not like or that makes you feel depressed, ill, guilty or disapproving • That's an awful colour.  $\diamond$ • The weather last summer was awful.

horrible • (rather informal) very unpleasant; used to describe sth that you do not like: • The coffee tasted horrible.

dreadful • (rather informal, especially BrE) very bad or unpleasant; used to describe sth that you do not like or that you

disapprove of: ■ What dreadful weather!

vile • (informal) extremely bad or unpleasant: ■ There was a vile smell coming from the room. ♦ He was in a vile mood.

horrendous • (rather informal) extremely unpleasant and unacceptable: ■ The traffic around the city was horrendous.

terrible/awful/horrible/dreadful for sb

- a(n) terrible/awful/horrible/dreadful/vile thing
- a(n) terrible/awful/horrible/vile smell

terrible/awful/horrible/dreadful/vile/horrendous conditions

terrible/awful/horrible/dreadful/vile weather

terrible/awful/dreadful news

## Example Bank:

- I thought something really terrible had happened.
- It must have been terrible for the survivors
- · Nothing very terrible happened.

- He's had a terrible shock.
- How terrible for you!
- I feel terrible— I think I'll go to bed.
- I feel terrible: it could so easily have ended in tragedy and I just didn't think.
- I had a terrible job to persuade her to come.
- I have a terrible memory for names.
- I'll have to stay with her— she's in a terrible state.
- I'm afraid there's been a terrible mistake.
- I'vejust had a terrible thought.
- It was the night of that terrible storm.
- · She was involvedin a terrible accident when she was a child.
- That's a terrible thing to say!
- · We had a terrible meal at that restaurant.
- You'll be in terrible trouble if you're late again.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

ter ri ble S1 W3 /'terəbəl, 'terɪbəl/ BrE \* AmE \* adjective

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin terribilis, from terrere 'to frighten']

- 1. extremely severe in a way that causes harm or damage SYN horrible, awful:
  - Their son had been injured in a terrible accident.
  - We're worried that something terrible might have happened to Greg.
  - a terrible storm
- 2. very bad SYN awful:
  - The hotel was absolutely terrible.
  - I'd better write this down; I have a terrible memory.
- 3. making you feel afraid or shocked:
  - There was a terrible noise and the roof caved in.
  - She wept when she heard the terrible news.
- 4. to a very great degree SYN grave:
  - You're making a terrible mistake.

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### THESAURUS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

- terrible/awful (also dreadful especially British English) very bad: The journey was terrible it took six hours. | The food was good but we had terrible service. | It's such an awful programme! How can you watch it? | He looked dreadful.
- horrible very bad and unpleasant used especially when something has a strong effect on you and you feel shocked, annoyed, or sick: This soup tastes horrible. | I got a horrible shock when I saw the bill. | a horrible accident | a horrible thing to say to someone
- appalling terrible especially in a way that is shocking. Appalling is stronger and a little more formal than terrible or horrible: The refugees are living in appalling conditions. | The teacher said my handwriting was appalling.
- disgusting terrible used about a taste, smell, habit etc, often one that makes you feel sick: The smell was disgusting and I had to go out. | Do you have to bite your nails? It's a disgusting habit.
- lousy informal terrible used especially to express annoyance: I've had a lousy day at the office. | This area is a lousy place to live.
- hopeless very bad and difficult used when there is no chance of success or improvement: We were trying to pay off our debts but it was a hopeless situation. | He was given the almost hopeless task of trying to negotiate a ceasefire.
- diabolical British English extremely bad used to express great disapproval of an action or event: The prices are diabolical. | a diabolical waste of money | McAndrew gave a diabolical performance on Saturday.

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