

desperate**1. ['desp(ə)rɪt] a**

1. отчаянный, доведённый до отчаяния; безрассудный

desperate attempt - отчаянная попытка

desperate daring - безумная отвага

desperate energy - энергия отчаяния

desperate resistance - отчаянное сопротивление

they were desperate - они были готовы на всё

desperate to blot out the memory of defeat - отчаянно пытающийся искоренить /истребить/ саму память о поражении

2. безнадежный, безвыходный

desperate condition - безнадежное положение /состояние/

desperate woe - безутешная /безысходная/ скорбь

desperate disease - неизлечимая болезнь

3. **эмоц.-усил.**

1) ужасный; отъявленный закоренелый

desperate villain - закоренелый негодяй

desperate gambler - отчаянный/заядлый/ картёжник

desperate fool - страшный /беспросветный/ дурак

2) отвратительный гнусный

desperate weather - мерзкая погода

3) очень сильный

desperate thirst - страшная /безумная/ жажда

2. ['desp(ə)rɪt] adv эмоц.-усил.

крайне, очень, ужасно, отчаянно, страшно

desperate bad - никуда негодный

desperate

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des-per-ate BrE ['despərət] [ⓘ] NAmE ['despəret] [ⓘ] adjective

1. feeling or showing that you have little hope and are ready to do anything without worrying about danger to yourself or others

- The prisoners grew increasingly desperate.
- Stores are getting desperate after two years of poor sales.
- Somewhere out there was a desperate man, cold, hungry, hunted.
- I heard sounds of a desperate struggle in the next room.

2. **usually before noun** (of an action) giving little hope of success; tried when everything else has failed

- a **desperate bid** for freedom
- She clung to the edge **in a desperate attempt** to save herself.
- His increasing financial difficulties forced him to take **desperate measures**.
- Doctors were fighting a **desperate battle** to save the little girl's life.

3. **not usually before noun** needing or wanting sth very much

- ~ **(for sth)** He was so desperate for a job he would have done anything.
- (informal) I'm desperate for a cigarette.
- ~ **(to do sth)** I was absolutely desperate to see her.

4. (of a situation) extremely serious or dangerous

- The children are **in desperate need** of love and attention.
- They face a desperate shortage of clean water.

Derived Word ↑ **desperately**Word Origin:late Middle English (in the sense 'in despair'): from Latin **desperatus** 'deprived of hope', past participle of **desperare**, from **de-** 'down from' + **sperare** 'to hope'.Thesaurus:**desperate** [**desperate desperately**] adj.

1.

- I felt desperate about my future.

in despair • • **hopeless** • • **suicidal** • |written **despairing** •**Opp:** **hopeful**desperate/in despair/despairing **about** stha desperate/despairing **cry/look****feel** desperate/hopeless/suicidal

2.

- The villagers are in desperate need of clean water.

extreme • • **severe** • • **serious** • • **acute** • |formal **grave** • |especially BrE, formal **dire** •a/an desperate/extreme/severe/serious/acute/dire **shortage**a/an desperate/extreme/serious/acute/dire **need**desperate/extreme/severe/serious/acute/dire **poverty**a/an desperate/severe/serious/acute/grave **problem**Example Bank:

- I was starting to get desperate.
- She felt utterly desperate.
- The sudden loss of his money had made him desperate.
- Doctors were fighting a desperate battle to save the little girl's life.
- He made a desperate bid for freedom.
- His increasing financial difficulties forced him to take desperate measures.
- I heard sounds of a desperate struggle.

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desperate **S3 W3** /'despəreɪt, 'despɜːrɪt/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: desperatus, past participle of desperare; ⇨ †despair²]

1. willing to do anything to change a very bad situation, and not caring about danger:

- I had no money left and was desperate.
- Time was running out and we were getting desperate.
- the missing teenager's desperate parents

desperate with

- She was desperate with fear.

2. needing or wanting something very much

desperate for

- The team is desperate for a win.
- I was desperate for a cigarette.

desperate to do something

- He was desperate to get a job.

3. a desperate situation is very bad or serious:

- a desperate shortage of doctors
- We're in desperate need of help.

4. a desperate action is something that you only do because you are in a very bad situation

desperate attempt/bid/effort

- a desperate attempt to escape
- We resorted to desperate measures.

desperate battle/struggle/fight

- a desperate struggle to rescue the men

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 4)

nouns

- **a desperate attempt** Brian's parents agreed to the treatment in a desperate attempt to save his life.
- **a desperate bid (=attempt)** He was standing in the middle of the road in a desperate bid to get help.
- **a desperate effort** A desperate effort was made to reach an agreement.
- **a desperate struggle/battle/fight** The climbers faced a desperate struggle to reach safety.
- **desperate measures (=extreme things you do to stop a problem or bad situation)** They had to take desperate measures to stop the spread of the disease.
- **a desperate search** The female bear has left her young in a desperate search for food.

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THESAURUS

very bad

- **serious** very bad – used about problems, accidents, illnesses, or crimes: Violent crime is a serious problem in and around the capital. | The boy was taken to hospital with serious head injuries. | Fortunately, the damage to the car was not serious.
- **severe** very serious – used about problems, injuries, and illnesses: He suffered severe injuries in a car crash. | The problem became so severe that they had to bring water in from other countries. | severe epilepsy
- **grave** used about a situation that is very serious and worrying, especially because it is dangerous or seems likely to get worse: A thick fog descended and I knew that we were in grave danger. | The situation is grave – war now seems inevitable.
- **acute** used about an illness, problem, or situation that has become very serious or dangerous, and needs to be dealt with quickly: She was taken to the hospital suffering from acute appendicitis. | In San Diego, the shortage of skilled workers is acute.
- **desperate** used about a situation or problem that is very serious or dangerous, especially because a lot of people need urgent help: The situation is desperate – people here need aid before the harsh winter sets in. | The hospital is full of people in desperate need of medical attention.
- **critical** used about a situation that is very serious and dangerous and might get worse suddenly: In 1991, the food supply situation became critical. | Eight people were killed and four are still in a critical condition.
- **life-threatening** used about a situation, illness, or condition in which someone could die: Her child had a potentially life-threatening illness. | The situation was not life-threatening, but it was very worrying.
- **be a matter of life and death** *spoken* to be extremely serious – used when a situation is very urgent or important: For people living with HIV, getting the right treatment is literally a matter of life and death.

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