

catastrophe

[kə'tæstrəfi] *n*

1. катастрофа бедствие; несчастье; беда
nuclear catastrophe - ядерная катастрофа
2. гибель; трагический исход
3. *геол.* катаклизм
4. переворот; крутой перелом (*в ходе событий и т. п.*)
5. *книжн.* развязка (*драмы и т. п.*)
6. *мат.* катастрофа разрыв непрерывности
catastrophe theory - теория катастроф

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ca-tas-trophe [catastrophe catastrophes] *BrE* [kə'tæstrəfi] *AmE*

[kə'tæstrəfi] *noun*

1. a sudden event that causes many people to suffer

Syn: ↑disaster

- Early warnings of rising water levels prevented another major catastrophe.
- 2. an event that causes one person or a group of people personal suffering, or that makes difficulties
- The attempt to expand the business was a catastrophe for the firm.
- We've had a few catastrophes with the food for the party.

Derived Words ↑catastrophic ▪ ↑catastrophically

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (in the sense 'denouement'): from Latin *catastrophā*, from Greek *katastrophē* 'overturning, sudden turn', from *kata-* 'down' + *strophē* 'turning' (from *strephein* 'to turn').

Example Bank:

- The country is on the brink of a humanitarian catastrophe.
- These policies could lead the country to environmental catastrophe.
- We had a few catastrophes with the food for the party.
- moves to avert a national catastrophe
- It wouldn't be a catastrophe if he didn't turn up.
- The verdict of this hearing is a personal and professional catastrophe for her.

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[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Greek; Origin: *katastrophein* 'to turn upside down', from *kata-* (⇒ ↑cataclysm) + *strephein* 'to turn']

1. [uncountable and countable] a terrible event in which there is a lot of destruction, suffering, or death **SYN disaster**
environmental/nuclear/economic etc catastrophe

▪ The Black Sea is facing ecological catastrophe as a result of pollution.

prevent/avert a catastrophe

▪ Sudan requires food immediately to avert a humanitarian catastrophe.

2. [countable] an event which is very bad for the people involved **SYN disaster**
catastrophe for

▪ If the contract is cancelled, it'll be a catastrophe for everyone concerned.

—**catastrophic** /,kætə'strɒfɪk/ *adjective*:

▪ a catastrophic fall in the price of rice

▪ The failure of the talks could have catastrophic consequences.

—**catastrophically** /-kli/ *adverb*

THESAURUS

- **disaster** a sudden event such as an accident, or a natural event such as a flood or storm, which causes great damage or suffering: 200 people died in the train disaster. | The earthquake was the worst natural disaster to hit India for over 50 years.
- **catastrophe** a terrible event in which there is a lot of destruction, damage, suffering, or death over a wide area of the world: A large comet hitting the earth would be a catastrophe. | We don't want another nuclear catastrophe like Chernobyl. | Scientists say that the oil spill is an ecological catastrophe.
- **tragedy** a very sad event, that shocks people because it involves death: It was a tragedy that he died so young. | the AIDS tragedy in Africa
- **debacle** an event or situation that is a complete failure and is very embarrassing: The opening ceremony turned into a debacle. | The team is hoping to do better this game, after last week's debacle against the Chicago Bears.

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