

# useless

[ˈjuːslɪs] *a*

- бесполезный, тщетный  
useless attempts - тщетные попытки  
protest is useless - протест бесполезен  
useless regrets - напрасные сожаления
- непригодный, куда негодный  
a useless gadget - негодные приспособления  
a useless person - никчёмный человек
- разг.* нездоровый, ни на что не способный  
I am feeling useless - я чувствую себя отвратительно

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**useless** [useless uselessly uselessness] *BrE* [ˈjuːsləʃ] *NAmE* [ˈjuːsləʃ]

*adjective*

- not useful; not doing or achieving what is needed or wanted
  - This pen is useless.
  - ~ **(to do sth)** He knew it was useless to protest.
  - ~ **(doing sth)** It's useless worrying about it.
  - The quality ranged from acceptable to worse than useless.
  - She tried to work, but it was useless (= she wasn't able to) .
- ~ **(at sth/at doing sth)** (*informal*) not very good at sth; not able to do things well
  - I'm useless at French.
  - Don't ask her to help. She's useless.

Derived Words ↑uselessly ▪ ↑uselessness

### Example Bank:

- A computer program with too many icons is worse than useless.
- Her efforts to avoid him proved useless.
- I'm pretty useless at this job.
- The condition rendered her legs virtually useless.
- The information was useless to him.
- The land is useless for cattle.
- There are two manuals, both of them equally useless.
- They rejected the designs as useless.
- This drug is useless in the treatment of patients with AIDS.
- Critics argued that the space programme was a useless waste of money.
- Don't ask her to help. She's useless.
- It's useless worrying about it.
- The letter is useless as evidence.
- useless at football/your job/remembering names

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**useless** /ˈjuːsləʃ *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*

[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑usage, ↑use, ↑disuse, ↑misuse, ↑reuse, ↑usefulness ≠ ↑uselessness, ↑user; **adjective**: ↑reusable, used ≠ ↑unused, ↑disused, ↑useful ≠ ↑useless, ↑usable ≠ ↑unusable; **verb**: ↑use, ↑misuse, ↑reuse; **adverb**: ↑usefully ≠ ↑uselessly]

- not useful or effective in any way **OPP** useful:
  - The doctor concluded that further treatment would be useless.
  - a website full of useless information

**virtually/completely/totally etc useless**

  - Water had got into the radio, and now it was completely useless.

**useless for**

  - The land is useless for growing crops.

**it is useless to do something**

  - It was useless to complain.

**worse than useless** (=not useful and in fact causing harm or problems)

  - The map was so out-of-date it was worse than useless.
- informal** unable or unwilling to do anything properly:
  - Don't ask Tim to fix it. He's completely useless.

—**uselessly** *adverb*

—**uselessness** *noun* [uncountable]

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### COLLOCATIONS

#### ■ adverbs

- completely/totally/absolutely useless** The treatment is completely useless.
- wholly/entirely useless** From his point of view qualifications are wholly useless.
- virtually/almost/practically useless** These flaws could make the software virtually useless in a business environment.
- quite useless** *British English* (=completely useless) The vehicle proved quite useless on rocky ground.
- pretty/fairly useless** The book is pretty useless for today's students.

## verbs

- **render something useless** She has a debilitating condition which renders her legs virtually useless.
- **make something useless** Salt water flooded into the land making it useless for farming.
- **prove useless** Police checkpoints proved useless at stopping the suicide bombers.

## phrases

- **worse than useless** (=not useful, and causing harm or problems) It would be worse than useless to try and complain about him.

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## THESAURUS

- **pointless** not likely to have a useful result: She knew it would be pointless to argue with him. | The meeting was a pointless exercise.
- **futile** completely pointless because there is no chance at all of being successful: She shut the door in a futile attempt to keep the smell out. | Their efforts proved futile (=did not have any success).
- **useless** not useful or effective in any way: I knew it was useless to try to explain to him what had happened. | The map we had been given was useless.
- **hopeless** having no hope of being successful or effective: It was a hopeless task. | He was jumping up and down in a hopeless attempt to keep warm.
- **be a waste of time/money/effort** to be not worth the time, money etc that you use because you do not achieve anything: The whole process was a complete waste of time. | The scheme was a waste of money.

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