

grotesque

1. [grəv'tesk] *n*
 1. гротеск, произведение в гротескной манере
 2. фантастический орнамент (в виде фигур людей и животных, переплетённых растениями)
 3. *полигр.* гротеск (*шрифт*)
2. [grəv'tesk] *a*
 1. гротескный; гротесковый
in a grotesque manner - в гротескной манере
 2. нелепый, абсурдный
grotesque appearance - нелепый вид
grotesque dream - нелепый /фантастический сон
 3. 1) фантастический причудливый
grotesque drawings of imaginary creatures - (фантастические) картины, на которых изображены невиданные звери
2) с фантастическим орнаментом [*см. тж.* grotesque | 2]
3. [grəv'tesk] *v*
создавать гротеск; изображать в карикатурном виде

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gro-tesque [grotesque grotesques] *adjective, noun* *BrE* [grəʊ'tesk] ^ˈ *NAmE*

[grəʊ'tesk] ^ˈ

adjective

1. strange in a way that is unpleasant or offensive
 - a grotesque distortion of the truth
 - The story was too grotesque to believe.
 - It's grotesque to expect a person of her experience to work for so little money.
2. extremely ugly in a strange way that is often frightening or amusing
 - a grotesque figure
 - tribal dancers wearing grotesque masks

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (as noun): from French *crottesque* (the earliest form in English), from Italian *grottesca*, from *opera* or *pittura grottesca* 'work or painting resembling that found in a grotto'; "grotto" here probably denoted the rooms of ancient buildings in Rome which had been revealed by excavations, and which contained murals in the grotesque style.

Example Bank:

- The whole situation was really grotesque.
- It was a grotesque figure with a snarling beast's head.
- She was frightened by the grotesque appearance of the mime artists.

Derived Word ↑grotesquely

noun

1. *countable* a person who is extremely ugly in a strange way, especially in a book or painting
2. **the grotesque** *singular* a style of art using ↑grotesque figures and designs

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[*Date:* 1500-1600; *Language:* French; *Origin:* Old Italian (pittura) grottesca 'cave painting', from grotta; ⇨ ↑grotto]

1. unpleasant, shocking, and offensive:
 - It's grotesque to portray peace campaigners as unpatriotic.
 - By modern standards, the treatment of prisoners was grotesque.
2. extremely ugly in a strange or unnatural way:
 - a grotesque figure with a huge head

—grotesquely *adverb*

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THESAURUS

■ **extremely ugly**

- **hideous** extremely ugly: His hideous face twisted into a smile. | a hideous concrete shopping centre | a hideous monster
- **repulsive** extremely ugly, especially in a way that makes you want to look away: His appearance was so repulsive he had to wear a mask.
- **grotesque** extremely ugly in a strange or unnatural way: A grotesque figure appeared out of the darkness.
- **an eyesore** (*also* **a blot on the landscape**) *noun* [*singular*] something that is so ugly that it spoils the appearance of an area: Local residents regard the new office building as an eyesore. | I think wind turbines are a blot on the landscape - why can't people just use less electricity?

ii. grotesque² BrE² AmE² noun

1. [countable] a picture, [↑]sculpture etc of someone who is strangely ugly
2. **the grotesque** a grotesque style in art

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