

[vaɪ] **v**

1. подлый, низкий; гнусный

vile insinuation - гнусная инсинуация

sycophant's vile practices - низкопоклонство; низкое угодничество

vile language - сквернословие

vile sin - тяжкий грех

the vile trade of an informer - гнусное ремесло доносчика

fled from this vile world, with vilest worms to dwell (*Shakespeare*) - этот низкий свет я променял на низший мир червей

2. отталкивающий, отвратительный

vile rags - отвратительные лохмотья

to be vile to the senses - оскорблять зрение или обоняние

3. **эмоц.-усил.** мерзкий, ужасный

vile weather - отвратительная/мерзкая/ погода

a perfectly vile hat - ≅ не шляпа, а ужас какой-то

very vile phrase - нелепое выражение

4. **преим. поэт.** грешный

vile body - грешное тело

this vile body - **библ.** уничиженное тело наше

'Tis better to be vile than vile esteemed (*Shakespeare*) - уж лучше грешным быть, чем грешным слыть

5. **амер.** ничтожный, малоценный

6. **в грам. знач. сущ.:**

the vilest of mankind - подонки, отребье человеческое

vile

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vile [vɪl vɪlɪr vɪlest] **BrE** [vaɪ] ^ˈ **NAmE** [vaɪ] ^ˈ **adjective** (**viler**, **vil-est**)

1. (**informal**) extremely unpleasant or bad

Syn: ↑disgusting

• a vile smell

• The weather was really vile most of the time.

• He was in a vile mood.

2. (**formal**) morally bad; completely unacceptable

Syn: ↑wicked

• the vile practice of taking hostages

Derived Words ↑vilely ▪ ↑vileness

Word Origin:

Middle English: via Old French from Latin **vilis** 'of low value'.

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. ◇▪ 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:

• a pretty vile thing to do

• a really vile smell

• It was a vile business from beginning to end.

• There was a vile smell coming from the locked room.

vile

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vile /vaɪ/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **adjective**

[**Date:** 1200-1300; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** vil, from Latin vilis 'worthless']

1. **informal** extremely unpleasant or bad **SYN** **horrible**:

- " This coffee tastes really vile.
- " a vile smell
- " She has a vile temper.

2. evil or immoral:

- " a vile act of betrayal

—vilely *adverb*

—vileness *noun* [uncountable]

vile

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