

# enormity

[i'no:miti] *n*

1. чудовищность, гнусность  
the enormity of his offences - чудовищность его преступлений
2. чудовищное преступление  
the bombing of the defenceless population was an enormity beyond belief - бомбёжка беззащитного населения была преступлением невероятной жестокости
3. огромность, громадность  
the enormity of this task - грандиозность этой задачи

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**enor-mity** **AW** [enormity enormities] **BrE** [i'no:məʃi] **NAmE** [i'no:rməʃi]

**noun** (pl. **enor-mities**)

1. **uncountable** **the ~ of sth** (of a problem, etc.) the very great size, effect, etc. of sth; the fact of sth being very serious
  - the enormity of the task
  - People are still coming to terms with the enormity of the disaster.
  - The full enormity of the crime has not yet been revealed
2. **countable, usually plural** (formal) a very serious crime
  - the enormities of the Hitler regime

### Word Origin:

late Middle English: via Old French from Latin **enormitas**, from **enormis**, from **e-** (variant of **ex-**) 'out of' + **norma** 'pattern, standard'. The word originally meant 'deviation from legal or moral rectitude' and 'transgression'. Current senses have been influenced by **↑enormous**.

### Example Bank:

- It took time for the full enormity of the attack to sink in.
- It's difficult to grasp the sheer enormity of the tragedy.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**enor-mi-ty** **AC** /i'no:məti, i'no:məʃi-**BrE** **AmE** **noun** (plural **enormities**)

[**Word Family**: **noun**: **↑enormity**; **adverb**: **↑enormously**; **adjective**: **↑enormous**]

1. [**singular**] the great size, seriousness, or difficulty of a situation, problem, event etc  
**enormity of**
  - Even now, the full enormity of his crimes has not been exposed.
  - the enormity of the task
2. [**countable usually plural**] **formal** a very evil and cruel act **SYN** **atrocitiy**

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