

**pessimist**  
**pes-sim-i-st** [pessimist pessimists] *BrE* ['pesimist] *NAmE* ['pesimist] *noun*  
a person who always expects bad things to happen  
• You don't have to be a pessimist to realize that we're in trouble.  
**Opp:** ↑optimist

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**pes si mist** /'pesəmɪst, 'pesimɪst/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]  
someone who always expects that bad things will happen **OPP optimist**:  
Don't be such a pessimist!

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