abhor

abhor [abhor abhors abhorred abhorring] BrE [ab'ho]) verb (-rr-)(not used in the progressive tenses) ~ sth (formal)

to hate sth, for example a way of behaving or thinking, especially for moral reasons

Syn: [†]detest, Syn: [†]loathe

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	abhor
	BrE /ab 'hɔ:(r)/
	NAmE /əb 'hə:r/
he / she /it	abhors
	BrE /əb 'hɔ:z/
	NAME /eb 'ho:rz/
past simple, past participle	abhorred
	BrE /əb 'hɔ:d/
	NAmE /ab 'ho:rd/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin abhorrere, from ab- 'away from' + horrere 'to shudder'.

Example Bank:

- Most decent people abhor corruption in government
- · She abhors any form of cruelty towards animals.

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ab hor /əb'hɔ \$ əb'hɔ r,æb-/ BrE AmE [®] verb (past tense and past participle abhorred, present participle abhorring) [transitive not in progressive] formal

[Date: 1400-1500 Language: Latin; Origin: abhorrere, from ab- 'away' + horrere 'to shake in fear]

to hate a kind of behaviouror way of thinking, especially because you think it is morally wrong:

I abhor discrimination of any kind.

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• hate verb [transitive not in progressive] to dislike someone or something very much: Billy hated his stepfather. | He hated the fact that his wife was more successful than he was. I She hates people being late.

- can't stand/can't bear to hate someone or something. Can't stand is less formal than hate, and is very common in everyday English: She's OK, but I can't stand her husband. | He couldn't bear the thought of life without Nicole. | She can't stand being on her own.

Ioathe /|อบo \$ |ouo//detest verb [transitive not in progressive] to hate something or someone very much. Loathe and detest are a little more formal than hate: He loathed housework. | Greg had detested his brother for as long as he could remember. | She evidently loathes her ex-husband.

- despise verb [transitive not in progressive] to hate someone or something very much and have no respect for them: He despised the man and could never forgive him for what he had done. They despised the wealth and consumerism of the West.

• abhor /əb'hɔ \$= abhor / b'hɔ \$= ab'hɔ read to hate something because you think it is morally wrong: He abhorred violence. We abhor racism in any form.

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