

**reality**[rɪˈæləti] *n*

1. действительность, реальность; реальное существование  
objective reality - *филос.* объективная действительность/реальность/  
in reality - в действительности, фактически, на самом деле
2. нечто реальное; факт  
the grim realities of war - ужасы войны  
we must stick to the realities - давайте придерживаться фактов
3. 1) истинность, подлинная сущность (*чезо-л.*)  
the reality of our experience - истинность нашего опыта  
2) подлинность, неподдельность  
belief in the reality of miracles - вера в чудеса
4. реалистичность, реализм  
reproduced with startling reality - изображённый с потрясающим реализмом

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**reality** [reality realities] *BrE* [rɪˈæləti] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [rɪˈæləti] <sup>u</sup> **noun** (pl. **real-ities**)

1. **uncountable** the true situation and the problems that actually exist in life, in contrast to how you would like life to be
    - She refuses to **face reality** .
    - You're **out of touch with reality** .
    - The reality is that there is not enough money to pay for this project.
    - They seemed to have the perfect marriage but the reality was very different
  2. **countable** a thing that is actually experienced or seen, in contrast to what people might imagine
    - the **harsh realities of** life
    - This decision reflects the realities of the political situation.
    - The paperless office is still far from being a reality.
    - Will time travel ever **become a reality** ?
  3. **uncountable** ~ television/TV/shows/series/contestants television/shows, etc. that use real people (not actors) in real situations, presented as entertainment
    - a reality TV star
    - the reality show 'Big Brother'
- see also** ↑virtual reality  
| idiom ↑in reality

Word Origin:late 15th cent.: via French from medieval Latin *realitas*, from late Latin *realis* 'relating to things', from Latin *res* 'thing'.Thesaurus:**reality** **noun** **U**

• Outwardly she seemed confident but in reality was very nervous.

• **fact** • • **the truth** • • **real life** • • **the real world** •**Opp:** *fantasy***in** reality/fact/real life/the real world**face/accept/ignore** reality/the fact/the truthExample Bank:

- He has a rather tenuous grasp of reality.
- He has no illusions about the underlying reality of army life.
- Her parents always tried to shield her from the realities of the world.
- I don't think he understands the reality of the situation.
- I don't think you have quite grasped the realities of our situation!
- I t's our task to make the proposals a reality.
- I t's time for a reality check: are these goals really achievable?
- Most comedy relies on distorting reality.
- Most people's ideas of the disease do not have much to do with the reality.
- One day her dream will become a reality.
- Painters at the time were largely concerned with reproducing external reality.
- She will have to face reality sooner or later.
- The director creates a believable, gritty reality.
- The media portray her as happy and successful, but in reality she has a difficult life.
- The movie portrays a kind of alternate reality.
- The novel describes the harsh realities of racism and life on the road.
- They are out of touch with the realities of modern warfare.
- We were faced with the awful reality of having nowhere to live.
- a book that captures the reality of life during wartime
- the harsh economic realities of life as a student
- the practical realities of running a children's home

- the use of virtual reality in computer games
- She refuses to face reality.
- You're out of touch with reality.

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[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑realism, ↑realist, ↑reality, ↑unreality, ↑realization; **adverb** ↑real, ↑really, ↑realistically ≠ ↑unrealistically; **adjective**: ↑real, ↑unreal, ↑realistic ≠ ↑unrealistic; **verb**: ↑realize]

1. [**uncountable and countable**] what actually happens or is true, not what is imagined or thought:

- " the distinction between fantasy and reality
- " TV is used as an escape from reality.
- " I think the government has lost touch with reality (=no longer understands what is real or true).
- " political realities

**harsh/grim/stark reality**

- " Millions of people live with the harsh realities of unemployment.

**the reality is that**

- " The reality is that young people will not go into teaching until salaries are higher.
- " The paperless office may one day become a reality.

2. **in reality** used to say that something is different from what people think:

- " I reality, violent crimes are still extremely rare.

3. [**uncountable**] the fact that something exists or is happening:

- " She had never accepted the reality of her pregnancy.

⇒ ↑virtual reality

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**COLLOCATIONS**

■ **adjectives**

- **the harsh/grim/stark reality** (=conditions that are really very bad) We want to protect our children from the harsh reality of our violent world.
- **political/social/economic realities** He's ignoring political realities.

■ **verbs**

- **face reality** (=accept it) I t'painful, but you have to face reality.
- **confront a reality** (=consider or deal with it) They had to confront some unpleasant realities about themselves.
- **ignore a reality** They are ignoring the reality of Arab politics.
- **wake up to reality** (=realize what is happening or real) Well, they need to wake up to reality.
- **lose touch with reality** (=no longer know about ordinary things or what is possible) I ðll you have is the show-business world, you kind of lose touch with reality.
- **escape from reality** The programmes help viewers escape from reality.
- **bring somebody back to reality** (=make them realize what is happening around them or true) She was brought back to reality by the pain in her ankle.
- **become a reality** (=really happen, after being hoped for, feared, etc by someone) Last June, her longed-for baby finally became a reality.
- **reflect reality** (=match or show what is really happening or true) Do these novels accurately reflect contemporary reality?
- **bear no relation to reality** (=not match what is really happening or true) His vision of European politics bears no relation to reality.
- **be divorced from reality** (=not connected in any way to what is really happening) His ideas are completely divorced from reality.

■ **phrases**

- **a dose of reality** (=an experience of what things are really like) I got my first dose of reality when I reported to work at my new job.
- **somebody's grasp of reality** (=their understanding of reality) They portrayed her as a sick woman with only a tenuous grasp of reality.

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