

**unbelievable**  
 [ˌʌnbɪˈliːvəb(ə)] *a*  
 невероятный

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**un·be·liev·a·ble** [unbelievable unbelievably] *BrE* [ˌʌnbɪˈliːvəbəl] *NAmE*

[ˌʌnbɪˈliːvəbəl] *adjective*

1. (informal) used to emphasize how good, bad or extreme sth is

**Syn:** †incredible

- We had an unbelievable (= very good) time in Paris.
- Conditions in the prison camp were unbelievable (= very bad).
- We get through an unbelievable amount of food each week.
- The cold was unbelievable (= it was extremely cold).
- **It's unbelievable that** (= very shocking) they have permitted this trial to go ahead.

2. very difficult to believe and unlikely to be true

**Syn:** †incredible

- I found the whole story bizarre, not to say unbelievable

**Derived Word** †unbelievably

**Example Bank:**

- I find this quite unbelievable
- It's simply unbelievable to me.
- I found the ending of the novel a bit unbelievable
- I've had three unbelievable years with the team.
- It seemed unbelievable, but it was true.
- It whizzed through the air at an unbelievable speed.
- It's all so unbelievable
- It's an unbelievable place to spend the summer.
- It's unbelievable that he was allowed to escape.
- The collapse of the company would have been thought completely unbelievable only a few months ago.
- The murders were carried out with unbelievable brutality.
- The pain was unbelievable
- The stress on the family is unbelievable
- Unbelievable or not, it happened.

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**un·be·liev·a·ble** **S3** /ˌʌnbɪˈliːvəbəl, ˌʌnbɪˈliːvəbəl/ *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*

[**Word Family:** **noun:** †belief, †disbelief, †believer; **adjective:** †believable ≠ †unbelievable, †disbelieving; **verb:** †believe ≠ †disbelieve; **adverb:** †unbelievably]

1. very good, successful, or impressive **SYN amazing** :

- The opportunities are unbelievable.
- an unbelievable talent

2. very bad or shocking **SYN terrible** :

- The pain was unbelievable.
- acts of unbelievable cruelty
- It was unbelievable that we were expected to pay twice.

3. so extreme that it hardly seems possible:

- He's so lazy it's unbelievable.
- an unbelievable speed

4. very difficult to believe and therefore probably untrue:

- Yvonne's excuse for being late was totally unbelievable.

**—unbelievably** *adverb:*

- an unbelievably bad movie
- . . .

**THESAURUS**

- **surprising** making you feel surprised: It's surprising how quickly you get used to it. | We got some very surprising results.
- **astonishing/astounding** very surprising. **Astounding** sounds a little more formal and a little stronger than **astonishing**: The results of the tests were astounding. | Things are changing at an **astonishing** speed.
- **extraordinary** very unusual and surprising: It is extraordinary that such a young boy should be so good at maths.
- **amazing** very surprising – used especially about good or impressive things: an amazing achievement | It's amazing what you can do when you really try.
- **staggering** very surprising, especially by being so large: The project cost a staggering \$8 million.
- **unbelievable** (also **incredible**) so surprising that you can hardly believe it: It is unbelievable that she is only the same age as me. | The incredible thing is that he thinks he is ugly.

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