

tragedy

['trædzɪdi] *n*

1. трагедия

Greek tragedy - греческая трагедия

tragedy and comedy - трагедия и комедия

tragedy king - актёр, исполняющий в трагедии роль короля; главный трагик труппы

tragedy queen - трагическая актриса

to stage a Shakespeare tragedy - ставить на сцене трагедию Шекспира

2. 1) трагическая ситуация

he didn't realize the whole tragedy of the situation - он не понимал всей трагичности положения

the tragedy is that ... - трагедия в том, что ...

the tragedy of his life - трагедия его жизни

2) трагическое событие

his father's death was a real tragedy for him - смерть отца была для него настоящей трагедией

to make a tragedy out of smth., to treat smth. as a tragedy - делать из чего-л. трагедию

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tra-gedy [tragedy tragedies] *BrE* ['trædzədi] ^m *NAmE* ['trædzədi] ^m *noun*

countable, uncountable (pl. tra-gedies)

1. a very sad event or situation, especially one that involves death

• **It's a tragedy** that she died so young.

• **Tragedy struck** the family when their son was hit by a car and killed.

• The whole affair **ended in tragedy**.

• Investigators are searching the wreckage of the plane to try to find the cause of the tragedy.

2. a serious play with a sad ending, especially one in which the main character dies; plays of this type

• Shakespeare's tragedies

• Greek tragedy

compare ↑comedy

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French *tragedie*, via Latin from Greek *tragōidia*, apparently from *tragos* 'goat' (the reason remains unexplained) + *ōidē* 'song, ode'. Compare with ↑tragic.

Example Bank:

• She had seen the tragedy unfold.

• The closure of the factory is a tragedy for the whole community.

• Tragedy struck when their 8-year-old daughter was knocked down by a car.

• We don't know what caused the tragedy.

• In Greek tragedy the main character usually identifies himself upon entering the stage.

• It's a tragedy that she died so young.

• Revenge tragedies were very popular in Elizabethan England.

• The whole affair ended in tragedy.

• Tragedy struck the family when their three-year-old son was hit by a car and killed.

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: tragedie, from Latin, from Greek *tragoidia*, probably from *tragos* 'goat' + *aeidein* 'to sing']

1. [uncountable and countable] a very sad event, that shocks people because it involves death:

• The tragedy happened as they were returning home from a night out.

• Tragedy struck the family when their two-year-old son was killed in an accident.

2. [countable] informal something that seems very sad and unnecessary because something will be wasted, lost, or harmed:

• It's a tragedy to see so much talent going to waste.

3.

a) [countable] a serious play or book that ends sadly, especially with the death of the main character ⇒ **comedy**:

• 'Hamlet' is one of Shakespeare's best known tragedies.

b) [uncountable] this type of play or book:

• an actor specializing in tragedy

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

• **a terrible/great tragedy** His death is a terrible tragedy for his family.

• **an awful/appalling tragedy** (=very unpleasant and shocking) This is an appalling tragedy which will haunt us for the rest of our lives.

• **a personal tragedy** He suffered a great personal tragedy two years ago when his son died suddenly.

• **a human tragedy** The UN wants to see an end to the conflict and the human tragedy involved.

■ verbs

• **a tragedy happens/occurs** The tragedy happened shortly before 5pm on Saturday.

• **a tragedy unfolds** When you visit the country, you begin to appreciate the size of the tragedy that is unfolding.

▪ **tragedy strikes** (=happens suddenly) Just when it looked as though everything would turn out right, tragedy struck and Jenny developed a fatal illness.

▪ **end in tragedy** The all-night fishing trip ended in tragedy for the four men after their boat ran aground.

▪ **avert/avoid a tragedy** (=prevent it from happening) The owners could have done something to avert the tragedy.

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▪ **disaster** a sudden event such as an accident, or a natural event such as a flood or storm, which causes great damage or suffering: 200 people died in the train disaster. | The earthquake was the worst natural disaster to hit India for over 50 years.

▪ **catastrophe** a terrible event in which there is a lot of destruction, damage, suffering, or death over a wide area of the world: A large comet hitting the earth would be a catastrophe. | We don't want another nuclear catastrophe like Chernobyl. | Scientists say that the oil spill is an ecological catastrophe.

▪ **tragedy** a very sad event, that shocks people because it involves death: It was a tragedy that he died so young. | the AIDS tragedy in Africa

▪ **debacle** an event or situation that is a complete failure and is very embarrassing: The opening ceremony turned into a debacle. | The team is hoping to do better this game, after last week's debacle against the Chicago Bears.

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