

1. [bæd] *n*

## 1. плохое, дурное

to take the bad with the good - стойко переносить превратности судьбы; ≅ в жизни всякое бывает

## 2. плохое состояние, качество

to exchange the bad for better - поправить свои дела

his health went from bad to worse - ему становилось всё хуже и хуже

I am with you for bad or worse - я готов разделить с тобой все невзгоды

bad is the best - впереди ничего хорошего не предвидится

3. (the bad) *собир.* злодеи4. *фин. проф.* дефицит

500 pounds to the bad - долг в 500 фунтов стерлингов

◇ to be in bad - а) быть в беде; б) (with smb.) не нравиться (кому-л.); быть в немилости (у кого-л.)

he is in bad with his mother-in-law - тёща его не жалуёт

to go to the bad - а) сбиться с пути (истинного); плохо кончить; she wept at seeing her son go to the bad - она обливалась

слезами, видя, что её сын всё больше опускается; б) пропасть, погибнуть

2. [bæd] *a* (*worse; worst*)

## 1. 1) плохой, дурной; скверный

bad action [handwriting, novel, reputation, habit, food, manners, housing] - скверный поступок [почерк, роман, -ая репутация, привычка, пища, -ые манеры, жилищные условия]

bad visibility - плохая /слабая/ видимость

bad luck - неудача, невезение

bad news - неприятная /тяжёлая/ весть; дурные вести

bad man - а) дурной человек; б) *амер.* бандит

bad taste - плохой вкус, безвкусица [см. *тж.* 7]

the remark was in bad taste - (это было) очень неуместное /бестактно/ замечание

in the bad sense of the word - в плохом смысле этого слова

to feel bad - чувствовать себя неловко [см. *тж.* 5 и ◇]

to be in a bad temper - быть в плохом настроении /раздражённым/

be is a bad correspondent - он не любит отвечать на письма

the light is bad - мало света

the machine was in bad condition - машина была неисправна

he is in bad shape - а) *разг.* он в плохом состоянии; б) *спорт.* он не в форме

it is bad to tell lies - лгать нехорошо

it is very bad of you - это очень нехорошо /дурно/ с вашей стороны

2) с *отрицанием, преим. разг.* неплохой, недурной

not a bad fellow - неплохой парень

he is not a bad player - он недурно играет

not a bad idea - неплохая мысль, недурная идея; ≅ я не возражаю

not half /so, too/ bad - отлично, здорово

## 2. 1) безнравственный, развращённый; порочный

bad woman - развратная женщина

children should not have access to bad books - детям нельзя давать безнравственные книги

## 2) непристойный, неприличный

bad language - сквернословие

bad word - непристойное слово, ругательство

to call smb. bad names - обзывать кого-л.

## 3. гнилой; испорченный, недоброкачественный

bad fish - тухлая рыба

bad air - испорченный /загрязнённый/ воздух

bad water - плохая /непригодная (для питья)/ вода

to go bad - гнить, разлагаться

fish soon goes bad in hot weather - в жаркую погоду рыба быстро портится

## 4. неполноценный, некачественный, с дефектами

bad heating - ≅ плохо топят

## 5. больной

bad tooth - больной /гнилой/ зуб

bad leg - а) повреждённая нога; б) нарыв на ноге

bad eyes - слабое зрение

to feel bad - плохо себя чувствовать [см. *тж.* 1, 1) и ◇]

to be bad with fever - болеть лихорадкой

he is in bad health - он нездоров, у него слабое здоровье

it is so bad with him - он так сильно болен

she was taken bad - ей стало плохо [см. *тж.* ◇]

## 6. неискренний; нечестный

to act in bad faith - поступать нечестно /недобросовестно/; заведомо обманывать

## 7. неприятный, противный

bad smell - неприятный запах

bad taste - неприятный вкус; неприятный привкус (во рту) [см. тж. 1, 1)]

**8. (часто for) неблагоприятный, неподходящий; вредный**

bad environment - плохое /неподходящее/ окружение, неблагоприятная обстановка

bad food for the young - неподходящая пища для детей

smoking [tension] is bad for you - курение [напряжение] вам вредно

small print is bad for the eyes - от мелкого шрифта портятся глаза

the weather is bad for tennis - погода неблагоприятна для тенниса

it was a bad time /moment/ to let her know - ей рассказали об этом в неподходящий момент

**9. фальшивый, поддельный; недействительный**

bad coin - фальшивая монета

bad passport - а) фальшивый /поддельный/ паспорт; б) недействительный /просроченный/ паспорт

bad will - завещание, не имеющее законной силы

bad insurance claim - ложный /необоснованный/ страховой иск

**10. неверный, ложный; неправильный, неточный, ошибочный**

bad spelling - неправильное /ошибочное/ написание

bad grammar - а) грамматическая ошибка; б) неграмотная речь

bad guess - неверная догадка

bad laws - несправедливые законы

to speak bad French - говорить на ломаном французском языке

to see smth. in a bad light - видеть что-л. в превратном свете

to put a bad construction on smth. - ложно /превратно/ толковать что-л.; видеть или изображать что-л. в ложном свете

**11. неудачный**

bad try - неудачная попытка

bad excuse - слабое оправдание

bad crop - неурожай

bad picture - кино фотографический брак, неудовлетворительное качество изображения

bad ticket - сл. неудачная ставка (на бегах)

bad bet - проигранное пари

bad buy - невыгодная покупка

**12. (at) неумелый, неспособный**

bad at figures - плохо считающий; неспособный к арифметике

to be bad at tennis - плохо играть в теннис

**13. разг. сильный, острый; большой; интенсивный**

bad cold - сильный насморк; сильная простуда

bad pain - резкая боль

is the pain very bad? - очень больно?

a bad attack of gout - острый приступ подагры

bad bruise - сильный ушиб, большой синяк

bad blunder - непростительный промах

bad crime - тяжкое преступление

to suffer bad losses - понести большие потери

to have a bad temperature - иметь высокую температуру

he has a bad fall - он упал и сильно расшибся

**14. злой, злобный, зловецкий**

the bad fairy - злая фея

bad omen - дурное предзнаменование

to give smb. a bad look - злобно посмотреть на кого-л.

**15. непослушный**

Johnnie has been a bad boy today - Джонни сегодня плохо себя вёл /не слушался/

**16. амер. сл. отличный, превосходный; первоклассный**

he is a bad man on drums - он мастак играть на барабанах

◇ a bad character /egg, hat, lot, penny, sort/ - а) мерзкая личность, негодяй; б) непутёвый человек

bad disease - дурная болезнь (сифилис)

a bad case - а) тяжёлый случай; б) тяжёлый больной; в) (of) резкое проявление (чего-л.)

bad blood - вражда; ссора

to make bad blood between people - ссорить друг с другом, восстанавливать друг против друга

bad form - невоспитанность, вульгарность, плохие манеры

this is bad form - порядочные люди так не делают

too bad - очень жаль

it's too bad! - как жаль!

to keep bad hours - вести неправильный образ жизни; поздно ложиться и поздно вставать

to be in a bad way - быть в тяжёлом положении (физически, морально и т. п.)

he is in a bad way - а) ему очень плохо, он очень плох; он сильно болен; б) ему плохо приходится, дела его плохи

to feel bad about smth. - беспокоиться о чём-л., испытывать угрызения совести; сожалеть (о сделанном и т. п.) [ср. тж. 1, 1) и 5]

to give smb. a bad time - мучить кого-л., издеваться над кем-л.

to be taken /to have it/ bad - а) тяжело заболеть; б) сильно переживать (что-л.); в) сильно увлечься (чем-л.)

to have a bad time - переживать тяжёлое время

to have a bad time doing smth. - с большим трудом делать что-л.

to give smth. up as a bad job - отказаться от чего-л. как от безнадежного /обречённого на провал/ дела  
to turn up like a bad penny - возвращаться к владельцу против его желания; появляться снова вопреки (чьему-л.) желанию  
to be in smb.'s bad books - быть у кого-л. на плохом счету  
I am in his bad books - он меня недолюбливает

3. [bæd] *разг. см. badly II*

II

[bæd] *апр. past om bid II*

## bad

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**bad** [bad worse worst] *adjective, noun, adverb* *BrE* [bæd] <sup>m</sup> *NAme* [bæd] <sup>m</sup>  
*adjective* (*worse* *BrE* [wɜːrʃ] <sup>m</sup> ; *NAme* [wɜːrʃ] <sup>m</sup> *worst* *BrE* [wɜːst] <sup>m</sup> ; *NAme* [wɜːrst] <sup>m</sup> )

### UNPLEASANT

1. unpleasant; full of problems

- bad news/weather/dreams/habits
- I'm having a really bad day.
- It was the worst experience of her life.
- Smoking gives you bad breath.
- Things are **bad enough** without our own guns shelling us.

### POOR QUALITY

2. of poor quality; below an acceptable standard

- bad conditions/driving
- a bad copy/diet
- I thought it was a very bad article.
- This isn't as bad as I thought.
- That's not a bad idea.

### NOT GOOD AT STH

3. ~ **at sth/at doing sth** (*of a person*) not able to do sth well or in an acceptable way

**Syn:** ↑poor

- a bad teacher
- You're a bad liar!
- He's a bad loser (= he complains when he loses a game).
- She is so bad at keeping secrets.

### SERIOUS

4. serious; severe

- You're heading for a bad attack of sunburn.
- The engagement was a bad mistake.
- My headache is getting worse.

### NOT APPROPRIATE

5. **only before noun** not appropriate in a particular situation

- I know that this is a bad time to ask for help.
- He now realized that it had been a bad decision on his part.

### WICKED

6. morally unacceptable

- The hero gets to shoot all the bad guys.
- He said I must have done something bad to deserve it.

### CHILDREN

7. **usually before noun** (*especially of children*) not behaving well

**Syn:** ↑naughty

- Have you been a bad boy?

### HARMFUL

8. **not before noun ~ for sb/sth** harmful; causing or likely to cause damage

- Those shoes are bad for her feet.
- Weather like this is bad for business.
- Too much work is bad for your health.

### PAINFUL

9. **usually before noun** (*of parts of the body*) not healthy; painful

- I've got a bad back.

### FOOD

10. not safe to eat because it has decayed

- Put the meat in the fridge so it doesn't **go bad** .

## TEMPER/MOOD

**11. ~ temper/mood** the state of feeling annoyed or angry

- It put me in a bad mood for the rest of the day.

## GUILTY/SORRY

**12. feel ~** to feel guilty or sorry about sth

- She felt bad about leaving him.
- Why should I want to make you feel bad?

## ILL/SICK

**13. feel/look ~** to feel or look ill/sick

- I'm afraid I'm feeling pretty bad.

## EXCELLENT

**14. (bad-der, bad-dest)** (slang, especially NAmE) good; excellent

**Rem:** Most idioms containing bad are at the entries for the nouns and verbs in the idioms, for example be bad news (for sb/sth) is at news.

### Word Origin:

Middle English: perhaps from Old English bæƿddel 'hermaphrodite, womanish man'.

### Thesaurus:

**bad** adj.

1.

- I'm having a really bad day.

**unpleasant** • **nasty** • **grim** • **terrible** • |especially spoken **awful** • **horrible** • |informal **lousy** • **ghastly** • **vile** • |written **wretched** • |especially BrE, especially spoken **dreadful** •

**Opp: good**

a/an bad/unpleasant/nasty/terrible/awful/ghastly/dreadful **experience /feeling**

a/an bad/grim/terrible/awful/lousy/wretched/dreadful **day/night/time**

bad/unpleasant/nasty/grim/terrible/awful/lousy/ghastly/vile/wretched/dreadful **weather**

bad/grim/terrible/awful/ghastly/dreadful **news**

2.

- It was a bad time for her.

**hard** • **difficult** • **tough** • **rough** • **adverse** • |formal **disadvantageous** • |BrE, formal **unfavourable** • |AmE, formal **unfavorable** •

bad/hard/difficult/tough/disadvantageous/unfavourable**for sb**

a/an bad/hard/difficult/tough/rough/unfavourable**situation**

bad/hard/difficult/tough/rough/adverse/unfavourable**conditions**

a bad/hard/difficult//tough/rough **time/day/week /year**

3.

- I thought it was a very bad article.

**poor** • **cheap** • **second-rate** • **low** • **inferior** • |informal **dismal** • |BrE, informal **hopeless** • |BrE, taboo, slang **crap** • **shit** • |AmE, taboo, slang **crappy** • **shitty** •

**Opp: good**

a/an bad/poor/cheap/second-rate/inferior **copy/imitation**

a/an bad/poor/inferior/dismal/crap/shit/crappy/shitty **performance**

a bad/cheap/second-rate/crap/shit/crappy/shitty **product**

bad/poor/second-rate/low/inferior **quality**

**Bad or poor?** **Bad** is used more in informal spoken English; **poor** is more frequent in written English. Some words do not collocate with both:

- a poor standard of living

✗ a bad standard of living:

- I don't think it's a bad school.

✗ I don't think it's a poor school.

4. (especially spoken)

- I've always been bad at maths.

**poor** • **incompetent** • **inept** • |informal **useless** • **rotten** •

**Opp: good**

bad/poor/inept/useless/rotten **at sth**

a/an bad/poor/incompetent/useless/rotten **teacher/driver**

a/an bad/useless/rotten **mother/father/parent**

5. (informal, especially spoken)

- Their engagement was a bad mistake.

**serious** • **severe** • |formal **grave** •

a bad/serious/severe/grave **problem/injury**

a bad/serious/severe **attack/bout**

a bad/serious/grave **mistake**  
a bad/severe **weather**

6. **only before noun**

- a bad time to ask for help

**awkward** • • **inconvenient** • • **wrong** • • **inappropriate** •

**Opp:** good

a bad/an awkward/an inconvenient/the wrong/an inappropriate **time**

7.

- The hero gets to shoot all the bad guys.

**wicked** • • **evil** • |formal **sinful** •

**Opp:** good

a/an bad/wicked/evil/sinful **man/woman/person/life/act/deed/thought**

a bad/wicked **child**

a bad/evil **omen/influence**

**Wicked or evil?** These are very strong words to describe people or actions that are very bad. **Evil** is stronger than **wicked** and is often connected with the Devil. **Spirits, forces, monsters, killers** and **masterminds** are **evil**. **Children, witches** and **stepmothers** are **wicked**, especially in children's stories.

8. **usually before noun**

- I will not tolerate this bad behaviour.

**naughty** • • **disobedient** • • **rebellious** • • **defiant** •

**Opp:** good

a bad/naughty/disobedient/rebellious/defiant **child**

a bad/naughty/disobedient **boy/girl**

a bad/rebellious/defiant **attitude**

9. (especially spoken)

- Sugary drinks are bad for your teeth.

**damaging** • • **negative** • • **unhealthy** • |formal **harmful** •

**Opp:** good

bad/damaging/harmful **for sth**

(a) bad/damaging/negative/harmful **effect/influence/publicity**

a bad/an unhealthy **diet**

10. **usually before noun**

- complaints about bad language

**offensive** • • **abusive** • • **filthy** • • **foul** • • **insulting** • |especially BrE **rude** •

bad/offensive/abusive/filthy/foul/rude/insulting **language**

11.

- The meat had gone bad.

**rotten** • • **off** • • **sour** • • **rancid** • • **stale** • |BrE **mouldy** • |AmE **moldy** •

bad/rotten **eggs**

stale/mouldy **bread**

**go** bad/off/rotten/sour/rancid/stale/mouldy

Vocabulary Building:

**Bad and very bad**

Instead of saying that something is **bad** or **very bad**, try to use more precise and interesting adjectives to describe things:

an **unpleasant** /a **foul** /a **disgusting** smell

**appalling** /**dreadful** /**severe** weather

an **unpleasant** /a **frightening** /a **traumatic** experience

**poor** /**weak** eyesight

a **terrible** /**serious** /**horrific** accident

a **wicked** /an **evil** /an **immoral** person

an **awkward** /an **embarrassing** /a **difficult** situation

We were working in **difficult** /**appalling** conditions.

To refer to your health, you can say: ▪ I feel ▪ unwell ▪ / ▪ sick ▪ / ▪ terrible ◊ ▪ I don't feel ▪ (very) well ▪.

In conversation, words like **terrible**, **horrible**, **awful** and **dreadful** can be used in most situations to mean 'very bad'.

Example Bank:

- He is particularly bad at remembering names.
- He's really bad at languages.
- I feel bad enough without you constantly telling me how it was all my fault!
- I saw him yesterday, and he wasn't looking half bad.
- Jim was a notoriously bad driver.
- John's in a pretty bad mood this morning.
- She felt pretty bad about leaving him.
- Smoking is very bad for you.
- The problem is equally bad in many other countries.
- The sausages tasted bad.
- The service was laughably bad.
- The weather got very bad later in the day.

- This meat has gone bad.
- Watching television is not inherently bad for children.
- All those sugary drinks are bad for your teeth.
- Bad diet and lack of exercise can lead to serious health problems.
- Eating too much salt is bad for you.
- He realized it had been a bad decision.
- He's a bad loser.
- I think it was probably a bad time to ask him.
- I was always the 'bad boy' at school.
- I was forced to turn back due to bad weather.
- I will not tolerate this bad behaviour.
- I would be a really bad teacher— I've no patience.
- I'd rather not drive in such bad conditions.
- I'm afraid I've got some bad news.
- I'm having a really bad day.
- I've got a bad back.
- Inspectors are looking into the problem of bad prison conditions.
- It was a very bad winter that year.
- It's bad for you to eat too much salt.
- Most of the complaints received were about bad language.
- On the last day the weather turned bad.
- Sunbeds have received a lot of bad publicity in recent years. Are they safe?
- That girl's a bad influence on Tom.
- That's not a bad idea.
- The meat had gone bad.
- The picnic was cancelled due to bad weather.
- The situation couldn't get any worse.
- There was a smell of bad eggs.
- Things were bad enough without her interfering.
- This isn't as bad as I thought.
- You're heading for a bad case of sunburn.

Idioms: ↑can't be bad ▪ ↑go to the bad ▪ ↑have got it bad ▪ ↑my bad ▪ ↑not bad ▪ ↑take the bad with the good ▪ ↑the bad ▪ ↑too bad

### noun the bad uncountable

bad people, things, or events

- You will always have the bad as well as the good in the world.

#### Word Origin:

Middle English: perhaps from Old English bæddel 'hermaphrodite, womanish man'.

### adverb (NAmE, informal)

badly

- She wanted it real bad.
- Are you hurt bad?

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## bad

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I. **bad**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /bæd/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> **adjective** (comparative **worse** /wɜːs/\$ wɜːr/\$, superlative **worst** /wɜːst/\$ wɜːrst/)

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Perhaps from Old English bæddel 'male homosexual']

### 1. NOT GOOD unpleasant or likely to cause problems **OPP** good:

- " I have some bad news for you.
- " I thought things couldn't possibly get any worse.
- " The plane was delayed for several hours by bad weather.
- " It's difficult to break bad habits.
- " a bad smell

### 2. LOW QUALITY low in quality or below an acceptable standard **OPP** good:

- " The failure of the company was due to bad management.
- " Your handwriting is so bad I can hardly read it.
- " That was the worst movie I've ever seen.

### 3. NOT SENSIBLE [usually before noun] not sensible, or not suitable in a particular situation **OPP** good:

- " Cutting spending at this time is a bad idea.
- " Making big changes in your diet all at once is a bad thing to do.

### 4. MORALLY WRONG morally wrong or evil **OPP** good:

- " He's a bad man – keep away from him. ⇨ ↑bad guy

5. **WRONG BEHAVIOUR** *spoken* doing something you should not do, or behaving in a wrong way – used especially about children or pets **SYN naughty**:

▪ Katie was very bad today!

**bad girl/dog etc**

▪ Bad cat! Get off the table!

6. **SERIOUS** serious or severe:

▪ He was in a bad accident.

▪ The pain in my side is worse than it was yesterday.

7. **a bad time/moment etc** a time that is not suitable or causes problems:

▪ It's a bad time to have to borrow money, with interest rates so high.

▪ You've come at the worst possible moment. I have a meeting in five minutes.

8. **HARMFUL** damaging or harmful:

▪ Pollution is having a bad effect on fish stocks.

**bad for**

▪ Smoking is bad for your health.

▪ Too much salt can be bad for you.

▪ It is bad for kids to be on their own so much.

9. **FOOD** food that is bad is not safe to eat because it has decayed:

▪ bad fish

▪ This milk has gone bad.

10. **NO SKILL** having no skill or ability in a particular activity

**bad at (doing) something**

▪ I'm really bad at chess.

▪ They have got to be the worst band on the planet.

11. **bad heart/leg/back etc** a heart, leg etc that is injured or does not work correctly:

▪ I haven't been able to do much because of my bad back.

12. **LANGUAGE** bad language is rude or offensive:

▪ We were shocked to hear the little boy using bad language in front of his mother.

▪ Jacky said a bad word!

13. **be in a bad mood** (*also be in a bad temper British English*) to feel annoyed or angry:

▪ The boss is in a bad mood.

14. **feel bad**

a) to feel ashamed or sorry about something

**feel bad about (doing) something**

▪ I felt bad about not being able to come last night.

**feel bad for**

▪ I feel bad for Ann – she studied so hard for that test and she still didn't pass.

b) to feel ill

15. **not bad spoken** used to say that something is good, or better than you expected:

▪ 'How are you?' 'Oh, not bad.'

▪ That's not a bad idea.

16. **not too/so bad spoken** used to say that something is not as bad as expected:

▪ The exams weren't so bad.

17. **too bad spoken**

a) used to say that you do not care that something bad happens to someone:

▪ 'I'm going to be late now!' 'Too bad – you should have gotten up earlier.'

b) used to say that you are sorry that something bad has happened to someone:

▪ It's too bad that you couldn't come to the party last night.

18. **go from bad to worse** to become even more unpleasant or difficult:

▪ The schools have gone from bad to worse in this area.

19. **be in a bad way** *informal* to be very ill, unhappy, or injured, or not in a good condition:

▪ She was in a bad way after the funeral.

20. **a bad name** if something has a bad name, people do not respect or trust it

**have/get a bad name**

▪ The bar had a bad name and was avoided by all the locals.

**give somebody/something a bad name**

▪ These annoying tourists give all Americans a bad name.

21. **bad lot/sort/type** *British English old-fashioned* someone who is morally bad or cannot be trusted

22. **bad penny** *British English* someone or something that causes trouble and is difficult to avoid:

▪ Sure enough, Steve turned up like the proverbial bad penny (=suddenly appeared).

23. **be taken bad** *British English informal* to become ill:

▪ He was taken bad in the middle of the night.

24. **in bad faith** if someone does something in bad faith, they are behaving dishonestly and have no intention of keeping a promise:

▪ In order to sue, you have to prove that the company was acting in bad faith.

25. **bad news** *spoken informal* someone or something that always causes trouble:

▪ I'd avoid her if I were you. She's bad news.

26. **bad form** *British English old-fashioned* socially unacceptable behaviour:

▪ It's bad form to argue with the umpire.

27. **bad blood** angry or bitter feelings between people

**bad blood between**

There's too much bad blood between them.

28. **not have a bad word to say about/against somebody** if no one has a bad word to say about a particular person, everyone likes and respects that person

29. **it's bad enough ... spoken** used to say that you already have one problem, so that you do not want to worry about or deal with another one:

It's bad enough having to bring up three kids on your own, without having to worry about money as well!

30. **something can't be bad spoken** used to persuade someone that something is good or worth doing:

You only pay £10 deposit and no interest – that can't be bad, can it?

31. (*comparative badder, superlative baddest*) *especially American English spoken informal*

a) used when you think something is very good:

Now that's a bad car!

b) someone who is bad is very determined and does not always obey rules – used to show approval

—**badness noun** [uncountable]

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## THESAURUS

• **bad** not good: a bad idea | His behaviour is getting worse.

• **poor** not as good as it could be or should be: A poor diet can lead to ill health. | his poor performance at school

• **not very good** not good – often used instead of saying directly that something was 'bad', especially when you were disappointed by it: The film wasn't very good.

• **disappointing** not as good as you hoped or expected: Her exam results were disappointing. | a disappointing start to the campaign

• **negative** bad – used when talking about the bad result or effect of something: All the publicity had a negative impact on sales. | the negative effects of climate change

• **undesirable formal** bad and not wanted: The policy had some undesirable consequences. | drug abuse and other undesirable behaviour

• **unfavourable formal** unfavourable conditions are not good for doing something: The boat race was cancelled because of unfavourable weather.

### very bad

• **awful/terrible/dreadful especially British English** very bad: The movie was awful. | Her house is in a terrible state. | a dreadful crime

• **horrible** very bad, especially in a way that shocks or upsets you: He describes prison as 'a horrible place'. | It was a horrible experience.

• **disgusting** smelling or tasting very bad: The food was disgusting. | The fish smelled disgusting.

• **lousy** /'laʊzi/ *informal* very bad or disappointing: The weather has been lousy all week. | I'm fed up with this lousy job.

• **ghastly** /'gɑːstli/ *British English informal* very bad: I've had a ghastly day. | a ghastly mistake

• **severe** severe problems, injuries, illnesses etc are very bad and serious: The country faces severe economic problems. | severe delays | He suffered severe head injuries in a car crash.

• **atrocious/appalling/horrendous** extremely bad in a way that is shocking: Her behaviour has been absolutely atrocious. | The country has an appalling human rights record.

• **abysmal** /ə'bizmə/ very bad and of a very low standard: The team's performance was abysmal. | the abysmal conditions in some prisons

## II. bad<sup>2</sup> BrE AmE noun

1. **to the bad** *British English informal* if you are a particular amount to the bad, you are that much poorer or you owe that much:

Thanks to your mistake, I'm £500 to the bad!

2. **my bad!** *American English spoken informal* used to say that you have made a mistake or that something is your fault

3. **go to the bad** *British English old-fashioned* to begin living in a wrong or immoral way

## III. bad<sup>3</sup> BrE AmE adverb spoken

a word used to mean 'badly' that many people think is incorrect:

I need that money bad.

## bad

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