

pity1. ['pɪtɪ] *n*

1. жалость, сострадание, сожаление

for pity's sake! - умоляю вас!, помилуйте!

to have/to take/ pity on /upon/ smb. - сжалиться над кем-л.

have pity on us! - пожалейте нас!, сжальтесь над нами!

to feel pity for smb. - испытывать к кому-л. чувство жалости

to move smb. to pity - растрогать кого-л.

to do smth. out of pity for smb. - сделать что-л. из жалости к кому-л.

to excite pity - вызывать сочувствие /жалость/

2. печальный факт, факт, достойный сожаления

it is a pity - жаль

it is a thousand pities - *разг.* очень, очень жаль

more's the pity - к сожалению, к несчастью

what a pity!, the pity of it! - как жалко!

what a pity I didn't know of it! - какая жалость, что я не знал об этом!

2. ['pɪtɪ] *v*

жалеть, соболезновать

he is to be pitied - его надо пожалеть

he is in no mood to be pitied - он не хочет, чтобы его жалели

pity

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pity [pɪtɪ pɪtɪz pɪtɪd pɪtɪŋ] *noun, verb* *BrE* ['pɪtɪ] ^o *NAmE* ['pɪtɪ] ^o

noun1. **uncountable** ~ (for sb/sth) a feeling of sympathy and sadness caused by the suffering and troubles of others

• I could only feel pity for what they were enduring.

• He had no pity for her.

• a **look/feeling/surge of pity**

• I **took pity on** her and lent her the money.

• (formal) I beg you to **have pity on** him.

• I don't want your pity.

2. **singular** used to show that you are disappointed about sth

Syn: ↑shame

• a ~ (that...) **It's a pity** that you can't stay longer.

• 'I've lost it!' 'Oh, **what a pity**.'

• What a pity that she didn't tell me earlier.

• a ~ (to do sth) It **seems a pity** to waste this food.

• This dress is really nice. Pity it's so expensive.

• Oh, **that's a pity**.

• It would be a **great pity** if you gave up now.

Word Origin:

Middle English (also in the sense 'clemency, mildness'): from Old French **pite** 'compassion', from Latin **pietas** 'piety'; compare with ↑piety.

Thesaurus:

pity *noun*

1. **U**

• She was full of pity for the unfortunate young man.

compassion • • **sympathy** •

pity/compassion/sympathy **for** sb/sth

feel/be full of pity/compassion/sympathy

have pity/compassion/sympathy (for sb/sth)

Pity or compassion? **Compassion** is a warm, kind feeling that suggests that you understand what sb is suffering. If you feel pity you do not necessarily have this understanding.

2. **a pity** *sing.* (especially spoken)

• It's a pity that you can't stay longer.

unfortunate • |especially spoken **a shame** • • **too bad** • |formal **regrettable** •

It's a pity/a shame/too bad **about** sb/sth.

a pity/unfortunate/a shame/too bad/regrettable **that...**

a **great/real/terrible** pity/shame

What a pity/shame!

Word Family:

pity *noun verb*

pitiful *adjective*

pitiless *adjective*

pitiable *adjective*

piteous *adjective*

Example Bank:

- I threw the child some money out of pity.
- I took pity on him and allowed him to stay.
- She was full of pity for him.
- That would be rather a pity, wouldn't it?
- The place was great, but it was a pity about the weather.
- We begged him to have pity on us.
- What a pity you didn't tell me earlier!
- a cruel leader without pity
- an unfortunate man who inspires pity
- 'I've lost it!' 'Oh, what a pity.'
- 'Was the bicycle insured?' 'No, more's the pity!'
- I don't want your pity!
- It's a pity that you can't stay longer.
- Oh, that's a pity.
- She experienced a sudden feeling of pity for the young man.
- This dress is really nice. Pity it's so expensive.

Idiom: ↑more's the pity

verb (**pit-ies**, **pit-ied**, **pit-ied**) (not used in the progressive tenses)
to feel sorry for sb because of their situation; to feel pity for sb

- ~ **sb** He pitied people who were stuck in dead-end jobs.
- Compulsive gamblers are more **to be pitied** than condemned.
- ~ **sb doing sth** I pity her having to work such long hours.

Verb forms: verb forms

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|------------------------------|----------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | pity |
| | BrE / 'pɪti/ |
| | NAme / 'pɪti/ |
| he / she / it | pities |
| | BrE / 'pɪtɪz/ |
| | NAme / 'pɪtɪz/ |
| past simple, past participle | pitied |
| | BrE / 'pɪtɪd/ |
| | NAme / 'pɪtɪd/ |

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1. **pity**¹ **S3** /'pɪti/ BrE " AmE " noun

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: pité, from Latin pietas 'piety, pity', from pius; ⇒ ↑pious]

1. **a pity** *spoken* used to show that you are disappointed about something and you wish things could happen differently **SYN** shame (it's a) pity (that)

- " It's a pity that he didn't accept the job.
- " It's a great pity Joyce wasn't invited.
- " I like Charlie. Pity he had to marry that awful woman.
- " A pity we can't find the guy who did it.

what/that's a pity

- " 'Are you married?' 'No.' 'What a pity.'

it's a pity to do something

- " It would be a pity to give up now – you've nearly finished.

2. [**uncountable**] sympathy for a person or animal who is suffering or unhappy ⇒ **piteous**, **pitiable**, **pitiful**, **pitiless**

pity for

- " He looked exhausted, but Marie felt no pity for him.
- " I listened to Jason's story with pity.
- " I hated the thought of being an object of pity (=someone who other people feel sorry for).

take/have pity on somebody (=feel sorry for someone and treat them with sympathy)

He sounded so upset that Leah started to take pity on him.

3. **for pity's sake** *British English spoken* used to show that you are very annoyed and impatient:

" For pity's sake just shut up and let me drive!

4. **more's the pity** *especially British English spoken* used after describing a situation, to show that you wish it was not true:

" Sue's not coming, more's the pity.
...
...

COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ verbs

- **feel pity (for somebody)** No one can look at these photographs and not feel pity.
- **take/have pity (on somebody)** (=feel sorry for someone and treat them with sympathy) He was expecting a prison sentence but the judge took pity on him.

■ phrases

- **be filled with pity/full of pity** His heart was filled with pity for them.
- **a feeling/sense of pity** Annie experienced a sudden feeling of pity for the young man.
- **a wave/surge of pity** The woman looked so dejected that a wave of pity washed over me.
- **a twinge/stab of pity** (=a small feeling of pity) Charles even felt a twinge of pity for Mrs Sweet.
- **an object of pity** (=someone who people feel sorry for) He was a proud man and he didn't want to be treated as an object of pity.

II. **pity**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb* (past tense and past participle **pitied**, present participle **pitying**, third person singular **pities**)
[transitive not usually in progressive]

to feel sorry for someone because they are in a very bad situation:

- " I pity anyone who has to feed a family on such a low income.
- " Sam pitied his grandmother there alone, never going out.
- " Pity the poor teachers who have to deal with these kids.

REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say that they **feel sorry for** someone rather than **pity** them:

- I feel sorry for his wife.
...
...

THESAURUS

- **sympathize** (also **sympathise** *British English*) /'sɪmpəθaɪz/ to feel sad for someone because you understand their problems: It must be awful for you – I do sympathize. | He told me how difficult it was dealing with his parents, and I sympathized with him.
- **feel sorry for somebody** to feel sad for someone because they have had bad luck or are in a difficult situation: I felt really sorry for him when he lost his job. | It's his wife I feel sorry for – on her own with four kids.
- **understand** to realize how someone feels and why they behave the way they do, and be kind to them: I'm sure if you talk to him, he'll understand. | It's important to try and understand teenagers.
- **pity** to feel sad for someone because they are in a very difficult situation: The man paled when they found him guilty, and I pitied him. | I pity anyone who has to feed a family on such a low income.

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