

nightmare[ˈnaɪtmɛə] *n*

1. 1) кошмар; страшный сон

he had a nightmare - его мучил кошмар, он увидел страшный сон

2) кошмар, ужас

the nightmare of war - ужасы войны

2. (*тж.* Nightmare) *фольк.* мара, ведьма, душащая спящих3. *в грам. знач. глагола редк.* мучить как кошмар; душить во сне**nightmare**

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night-mare [nightmare nightmares] *BrE* [ˈnaɪtmɛə(r)] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˈnaɪtmɛr] ^ˈ**noun**

1. a dream that is very frightening or unpleasant

• He still has nightmares about the accident.

• She has a recurring nightmare about being stuck in a lift.

2. ~ (for sb) an experience that is very frightening and unpleasant, or very difficult to deal with

• The trip turned into a nightmare when they both got sick.

• (*informal*) Nobody knows what's going on— **it's a nightmare** !• (*informal*) Filling in all those forms was a nightmare.• Losing a child is most people's **worst nightmare** .• If it goes ahead, it will be the **nightmare scenario** (= the worst thing that could happen) .

• a nightmare situation

Derived Word ↑nightmarishWord Origin:

Middle English (denoting a female evil spirit who was thought to lie upon and suffocate sleepers): from ↑night + Old English mære 'incubus'.

Thesaurus:**nightmare** *noun* C

• Losing a child is most people's worst nightmare.

horror • • **hell** • • **ordeal** • • **trauma** •a nightmare/ordeal/trauma **for sb****suffer** a/an nightmare/horror/ordeal/trauma**survive** a/an nightmare/ordeal/traumaExample Bank:

• Losing a child is my worst nightmare.

• The faces of all the people he had killed haunted his nightmares.

• The film gave me nightmares.

• The refugees had survived a living nightmare.

• The writer evokes a nightmare vision of a future on a polluted planet.

• Their dream of living in the country turned into a nightmare when they both fell seriously ill.

• the nightmare scenario of mass unemployment

• Horror films always give me nightmares.

• If it goes ahead it will be the nightmare scenario.

• Losing a child is most people's worst nightmare.

• Nobody knows what's going on— it's a nightmare!

• She has spoken about it to help others get over the nightmare of addiction.

• The nightmare began last Wednesday afternoon.

• These new regulations will be an administrative nightmare.

• This has been an absolute nightmare for me and my family.

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nightmare /ˈnaɪtmɛə \$ -mer/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable][*Date:* 1200-1300; *Origin:* night + mare 'evil spirit' (11-18 centuries) (from Old English)]

1. a very frightening dream

nightmare about• Years after the accident I still have nightmares about it.• a recurring nightmare (=one which you have again and again)2. [*usually singular*] a very difficult, unpleasant, or frightening experience or situation:

• Traffic was a nightmare.

nightmare for

• This has been an absolute nightmare for me and my family.

nightmare of (doing) something

• the nightmare of going through divorce

• It was every teacher's worst nightmare (=the worst thing which could have happened).

• a nightmare journey

3. something terrible that you fear may happen in the future

nightmare of

the nightmare of a nuclear war

nightmare scenario (=the worst or most frightening situation that you can imagine)

—nightmarish adjective

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ adjectives

- **an absolute/complete nightmare** The whole day was an absolute nightmare.
- **a real nightmare** The situation with our neighbours is a real nightmare!
- **the ultimate nightmare** (=the worst possible situation) The ultimate nightmare for any parent is to suffer the loss of a child.
- **somebody's worst nightmare** (=the worst possible situation) The outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease was farming's worst nightmare.
- **a long nightmare** How can we bring an end to the long nightmare in the Middle East?
- **a living/waking nightmare** (=something extremely bad that happens in your life) Being told I had cancer was a waking nightmare.
- **a logistical nightmare** (=something that is very complicated and difficult to organize) Arranging childcare during the summer can be a logistical nightmare.
- **an administrative/bureaucratic nightmare** (=something that is very complicated and difficult to keep accurate records of) Dealing with so many new applications for asylum is an administrative nightmare.
- **a personal/private nightmare** (=a very bad situation that affects only one person) His personal nightmare began when he was arrested for murder.

■ verbs

- **be a nightmare** The whole holiday was a nightmare.
- **become/turn into a nightmare** Their honeymoon turned into a nightmare when they were involved in a car accident.
- **a nightmare begins** The nightmare began when her mother fell ill.
- **a nightmare ends** We just want this nightmare to end!
- **end a nightmare** He longed for something to end the nightmare.
- **a nightmare comes true** (=something bad that someone fears actually happens) The company's worst financial nightmare has now come true.

■ nightmare + NOUN

- **the nightmare scenario** (=the worst possible situation) Emergency planners are trying to prepare for this nightmare scenario.
- **a nightmare vision** (=a very bad situation that might happen) The book gives us a nightmare vision of a family destroyed by one man's secrets.
- **a nightmare world** (=a situation in which everything is bad and there is nothing good) It's hard to understand how people survived the nightmare world of the concentration camps.
- **a nightmare journey/trip** (=an extremely unpleasant journey) Commuters are facing a nightmare journey to work due to the tube drivers strike.

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THESAURUS

■ when you are sleeping

- **dream** the thoughts, images, and feelings that go through your mind while you are asleep: I had a strange dream last night -- you and I were in some sort of forest.
- **nightmare** a very unpleasant and frightening dream: She still has terrible nightmares about the accident.
- **daydream** a series of pleasant thoughts that go through your mind when you are awake, so that you do not notice what is happening around you: Neil was in a daydream, and didn't hear the teacher call his name.
- **reverie** *formal* a state of imagining or thinking about pleasant things, that is like dreaming: The doorbell rang, shaking her from her reverie.

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