monster Apresyan (En-Ru)

['mɒnstə] n

1. урод

2. 1) чудовище; монстр

the monsters of the deep - морские чудовища /чудища/

2) изверг, чудовище

a monster of cruelty - изверг

he is a monster of ingratitude - он чудовищно неблагодарен

3. что-л. громадное

monster ship [cabbage] - громадный /огромный/ корабль [кочан капусты] these apples are regular monsters - это не яблоки, а громадины какие-то a monster of a plum - огромная слива

4. воен. жарг. атомная или водородная бомба

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

mon-ster [monster monsters] noun, adjective BrE ['monstə(r)] ** NAmE ['ma nstə)**

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- 1. (in stories) an imaginary creature that is very large, ugly and frightening
 - · a monster with three heads
 - · prehistoric monsters
- 2. an animal or a thing that is very large or ugly
 - Their dog's an absolute monster!
- 3. a person who is very cruel and evil
- 4. (humorous) a child who behaves badly

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French monstre, from Latin monstrum 'portent or monster', from monere 'warn'.

Example Bank:

- He wanted to fight the monster of poverty.
- I wanted to fight these monsters: I didn't want to go on living with them.
- The government has created a bureaucratic monster.
- The tabloid papers labelled him 'an evil sex monster'.
- · What sort of inhuman monster could do such a thing?
- a barren wilderness inhabited by monsters
- · cheap sci-fi films with bug-eyed monsters
- The man is a monster; he terrifies me.

adjective only before noun (informal)

unusually large **Syn:** †giant

monster mushrooms

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I. mon ster¹ /'mønstə \$ 'ma□nstə/t BrE * AmE * noun [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: French; Origin: monstre, from Latin monstrum 'warning, monster', from monere 'to warn]

- 1. IN STORIES an imaginary or ancient creature that is large, ugly, and frightening:
 - the remains of a prehistoric monster
 - the search for the Loch Ness Monster
- 2. CRUEL PERSON someone who is very cruel and evil:
 - Only a monster could kill all those women.
- 3. CHILD a small child, especially one who is behaving badly used humorously:
 - I've got to get home and feed this little monster.
- 4. SOMETHING LARGE informal an object, animal etc that is unusually large:
 - Did you see the fish Dad caught? It was a monster!
 - There's a monster of a spider in the bath!
- **5. DANGEROUS PROBLEM** a dangerous or threatening problem, especially one that develops gradually and is difficult to manage **II. monster**² *BrE* * *AmE* * *adjective* [only before noun]

informal unusually large SYN giant:

- a monster cat
- The song was a monster hit.

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