# horrible

## **1.** ['hɒrəb(ə)l] n

1) роман ужасов

halfpenny horribles - бульварная литература романы ужасов; книжонки со страшными рассказами

2) редк. нечто ужасное; ужасный человек; ужасная вещь

## 2. ['hprəb(ə)l] a

- 1. страшный, ужасающий, вселяющий ужас
  - horrible cruelty [disaster] ужасающая жестокость [катастрофа]
  - horrible devastation [threats] страшные разрушения [угрозы]
  - horrible disease страшное заболевание
  - horrible wrong ужасная несправедливость; страшная обида
  - it was horrible to see видеть это было ужасно
- эмоц.-усил. ужасный, отвратительный противный horrible weather - отвратительнаяпогода
  - horrible din страшный шум
  - a horrible bore скучнейшая личность
  - that was horrible of him это было возмутительно /очень некрасиво/ с его стороны
  - horrible to the ear режет слух

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# hor·rible BrE ['hprəbl] NAmE ['hoorəb] NAmE ['haorəb] adjective

- 1. (informal) very bad or unpleasant; used to describe sth that you do not like
- horrible weather/children/shoes
- The coffee tasted horrible.
- I'vegot a horrible feeling she lied to us.
- It was horrible sitting there all on my own.
- 2. making you feel very shocked and frightened

#### Syn: <sup>†</sup>terrible

- a horrible crime/nightmare
- 3. (informal) (of people or their behaviour) unfriendly, unpleasant or unkind

## Syn: †nasty, Syn: †obnoxious

- a horrible man
- My sister was being horrible to me all day.
- What a horrible thing to say!

## Derived Word <sup>†</sup>horribly

### Word Origin:

[horrible horribly] Middle English: via Old French from Latin horribilis, from horrere 'tremble, shudder'.

### Synonyms:

#### terrible

awful • horrible • dreadful • vile • horrendous

These words all describe sth that is very unpleasant.

terrible • very bad or unpleasant; making you feel unhappy, frightened, upset, ill, guilty or disapproving = What terrible news! That's a terrible thing to say!

awful • (rather informal) very bad or unpleasant; used to describe sth that you do not like or that makes you feel depressed, ill, guilty or disapproving = That's an awful colour.  $\Rightarrow$  The weather last summer was awful.

**horrible** • (rather informal) very unpleasant; used to describe sth that you do not like: = The coffee tasted horrible. **dreadful** • (rather informal, *especially BrE*) very bad or unpleasant; used to describe sth that you do not like or that you disapprove of: = What dreadful weather!

vile • (informal) extremely bad or unpleasant: = There was a vile smell coming from the room. horrendous • (rather informal) extremely unpleasant and unacceptable: = The traffic around the city was horrendous.

terrible/awful/horrible/dreadful for sb a(n) terrible/awful/horrible/dreadful/vile thing

a(n) terrible/awful/horrible/vile **smell** 

- terrible/awful/horrible/dreadful/vile/horrendous conditions
- terrible/awful/horrible/dreadful/vile weather
- terrible/awful/dreadful news

### Example Bank:

- My sister has always been horrible to me.
- That was a really horrible thing to say!
- a pretty horrible experience
- a truly horrible sight
- I'vegot a horrible feeling she lied to us.
- She woke from a horrible nightmare.
- · What a horrible child.

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#### hor rible S2 /'hprəbəl, 'hprɪbəl \$ 'hɔ□-,'hɑ□/- BrE AmE adjective

- 1. very bad used, for example, about things you see, taste, or smell, or about the weather:
- The weather has been really horrible all week.
  - a horrible smell
  - <sup>\*</sup> The food looked horrible, but it tasted OK.

#### 2. very unpleasant and often frightening, worrying, or upsetting:

- a horrible dream
- <u>I have a horrible feeling that</u> we're going to miss the plane.
- 3. rude and unfriendly:
  - She's a horrible person.
  - What a horrible thing to say!

#### be horrible to somebody

Why are you so horrible to me?

#### -horribly adverb:

- Her face was horribly scarred.
- The plan had gone horribly wrong.

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#### taste/smell

• horrible very bad and unpleasant: What's that horrible smell? | This fish tastes horrible.

 disgusting/revolting horrible, especially in a way that makes you feel slightly sick: I had to take two spoons of some disgusting medicine. | The stench in the room was revolting.

• nasty very unpleasant – often used about a taste that stays in your mouth: Cheap wine sometimes leaves a nasty taste in your mouth. | the nasty smell of bad eggs

■ nauseating /'no□zie□t□rsi-\$ 'np□zi-,-ji-/ horrible and making you feel that you are going to <sup>1</sup>vomit – used especially about a smell: the nauseating smell of stale beer and cigarette smoke

• foul /faul/ horrible – used especially when there is decay or waste: There was a foul smell coming from the water. | Whatever it was in that cup, it tasted foul.

#### experience, situation, event

• horrible/terrible/awful/dreadful very bad and unpleasant: For one horrible moment, I thought I was going to fall. | The refugees were living in dreadful conditions. | It must have been a terrible worry for them. | Thousands of people lost their jobs – it was awful.

• nasty very unpleasant and shocking – used especially about events where people are hurt: There's been a nasty accident on the motorway. | a nasty cut | The news came as a nasty shock.

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