

insane

1. [ɪnˈseɪn] *n*
душевнобольной, психически ненормальный человек
2. [ɪnˈseɪn] *a*
 - 1) душевнобольной, психически ненормальный, сумасшедший, безумный
insane person - психически ненормальное лицо
he went insane - он лишился рассудка
 - 2) безумный, безрассудный, абсурдный
insane attempt [plan] - безумная /абсурдная/ попытка [-ый план]
an insane passion for smth. - безумная /безрассудная/ страсть к чему-л.
 - 3) для душевнобольных
insane asylum - психиатрическая больница

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in·sane *BrE* [ɪnˈseɪn] * *NAmE* [ɪnˈseɪn] * **adjective**

1. seriously mentally ill and unable to live in normal society
 - Doctors certified him as insane.
 - The prisoners were slowly **going insane** .

Opp: †sane

2. **the insane** **noun plural** people who are **insane**
 - a hospital for the insane
3. (*informal*) very stupid, crazy or dangerous
 - I must have been insane to agree to the idea.
 - This job is **driving me insane** (= making me feel very angry) .

see also †insanityDerived Word †insanelyWord Origin:[**insane insanely**] mid 16th cent.: from Latin *insanus*, from *in-* 'not' + *sanus* 'healthy' .Synonyms:**mentally ill**

insane • neurotic • psychotic • disturbed • unstable

These words all describe sb who is suffering from a mental illness.

mentally ill • suffering from an illness of the mind, especially in a way that affects the way you think and behave**insane** • [not usually before noun] (*rather formal*) suffering from a serious mental illness and unable to live in normal society: ▫ The question is, was the man insane when he committed the crime?In informal English **insane** can describe sb who is not suffering from a mental illness, but whose mind does not work normally, especially because they are under pressure. This meaning is used especially in the phrases *go insane* and *drive sb insane*.**neurotic** • (*medical*) suffering from or connected with neurosis (= a mental illness in which a person suffers strong feelings of fear and worry): ▫ the treatment of anxiety in neurotic patientsIn informal English **neurotic** is also used to describe sb who is not suffering from a mental illness, but is not behaving in a calm way because they are worried about sth: ▫ She became neurotic about keeping the house clean.**psychotic** • (*medical*) suffering from or connected with psychosis (= a serious mental illness in which thought and emotions lose connection with external reality). In informal English **psychotic** is sometimes used to describe anyone suffering from a mental illness, but in correct medical usage it only describes people who have difficulty relating to external reality. It contrasts with**neurotic** which describes people who are less seriously mentally ill and are still able to distinguish what is real from what is not.**disturbed** • mentally ill, especially because of very unhappy or shocking experiences: ▫ He works with emotionally disturbed children.**unstable** • having emotions and behaviour that are likely to change suddenly and unexpectedlyneurotic/psychotic/disturbed/unstable **behaviour**neurotic/psychotic **illnesses/disorders/symptoms/patients****seriously** mentally ill/neurotic/psychotic/disturbed**emotionally/mentally** disturbed/unstableExample Bank:

- He is criminally insane, unable to stop himself attacking women.
- He later became insane and was confined to an asylum.
- He was clearly insane.
- He went almost insane when he heard that his daughter had died.
- In 1975 she was certified clinically insane and sent to a mental hospital.
- It seems insane to cut the budget now.
- She claimed she was temporarily insane during the attack.
- The whole idea is quite insane.
- You're driving me nearly insane with that noise.
- Doctors certified her as insane.
- It was an insane risk to take.
- She was driving me insane with her constant chatter.
- The question is, was the man insane when he committed the crime?

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in'sane /In'seɪn/ BrE " AmE " adjective

1. **informal** completely stupid or crazy, often in a way that is dangerous:

- " That's an insane risk.
- " The whole idea sounds absolutely insane to me.
- " Why did you do that? Have you gone insane?

2. someone who is insane is permanently and seriously mentally ill so that they cannot live in normal society:

- " The killer was declared criminally insane.

3. **the insane** people who are mentally ill:

- " a hospital for the insane

4. **drive somebody insane** *informal* to make someone feel more and more annoyed or angry, usually over a long period of time**SYN drive somebody mad:**

- " My little brother's been driving me insane all weekend.

—insanely *adverb:*

- " insanely jealous
- " She giggled insanely.

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