

misery['mɪz(ə)rɪ] *n*

1. 1) страдание; горе, мучение
to put smb. out of misery - положить конец чьим-л. страданиям /мучениям/, убить кого-л. из милосердия
- 2) *pl* невзгоды, несчастья; бедствия; напасти
- 3) физическая боль, страдание
general misery - общее недомогание
to suffer /to be in/ misery from toothache - страдать от зубной боли
2. нищета, бедность
to live in misery and want - жить в безысходной нищете
to reduce smb. to misery - принести кого-л. к нищете
3. *разг. см.* misère
4. *разг.* зануда, нытик

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mis-ery ['mɪzəri] *BrE* ['mɪzəri] *AmE* *noun* (pl. **mis-eries**)

1. **uncountable** great suffering of the mind or body

Syn: ↑distress

- Fame brought her nothing but misery.

2. **uncountable** very poor living conditions

Syn: ↑poverty

- The vast majority of the population lives in utter misery.

3. **countable** something that causes great suffering of mind or body

- the miseries of unemployment

4. **countable** (*BrE, informal*) a person who is always unhappy and complaining

- Don't be such an old misery!

- Old **misery guts** here doesn't want to go out.

Idioms: ↑make somebody's life a misery ▪ put an animal/a bird out of its misery ▪ ↑put somebody out of their misery**Word Origin:**late Middle English: from Old French **miserie**, from Latin **miseria**, from **miser** 'wretched'.**Example Bank:**

- He was too wrapped in misery to reply.
- Her misery was made complete when she was separated from her children.
- His constant criticism made her life a misery.
- I sank deeper into my misery.
- In the end we asked the vet to put the creature out of its misery= kill it humanely.
- In the end we asked the vet to put the poor creature out of its misery.
- Oh, put her out of her misery— tell her who won.
- The giant-killers heaped more misery on the home team.
- The money brought him nothing but misery.
- This financial blow heaps more misery on the community.
- This phobia can cause untold misery for the sufferer.
- War has now added to the misery of these starving people.
- men who suffer the misery of unemployment
- the country's economic misery
- the sheer misery of homelessness
- ways to alleviate human misery
- My old boss used to make my life a misery.
- The bad news had plunged him into abject misery.

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1. [**uncountable and countable**] great suffering that is caused for example by being very poor or very sick:

- What we are witnessing here is human misery on a vast scale.
- the misery of unemployment
- the miseries of war

2. [**uncountable and countable**] great unhappiness:

- She looked away so that Tom wouldn't see her misery.
- His face was a picture of **sheer misery**. (=great unhappiness, with no other emotion)
- The news plunged him into **abject misery**. (=extreme unhappiness).

3. **make sb's life a misery** *British English* to cause so much trouble for someone that they cannot enjoy their life:

- Competitive mothers can make their daughters' lives a misery.

4. **put something/somebody out of their misery**

- a) *informal* to make someone stop feeling worried, especially by telling them something they are waiting to hear:

- Go on, put them out of their misery and announce the winner.

- b) to kill a sick or injured animal in order to end its suffering **SYN put down:**

I think you should put the poor creature out of its misery.

5. [countable] *British English spoken* someone who is always complaining and never enjoys anything:

Don't be such a misery.

What's the matter with you, misery guts (=a name for someone like this)?

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- **sadness** a sad feeling, caused especially when a happy time is ending, or when you feel sorry about someone else's unhappiness: Charles felt a great sense of sadness and loss. | I noticed a little sadness in her eyes.
- **unhappiness** the unhappy feeling you have when you are in a very difficult or unpleasant situation, especially when this lasts for a long time: After years of unhappiness, she finally decided to leave him. | She was a tense, nervous young woman, whose deep unhappiness was obvious to all those around her. | You do not know how much pain and unhappiness you have caused.
- **sorrow** *written* the feeling of being very sad, especially because someone has died or because terrible things have happened to you: There seemed to be nowhere to go to be alone with her sorrow. | His heart was filled with great sorrow after her death.
- **misery** great unhappiness, caused especially by living or working in very bad conditions: The cold weather is with us again and the misery of the homeless is increasing. | Thousands of families were destined to a life of misery. | The misery and pain he caused were, for him, merely a measure of his success.
- **despair** a feeling of great unhappiness, because very bad things have happened and you have no hope that anything will change: At the end of the month, she still had no job and was tired, frustrated, and close to despair.
- **grief** great sadness that you feel when someone you love has died: He was overcome with grief when his wife died.
- **heartache** a strong feeling of great sadness, especially because you miss someone you love: She remembered the heartache of the first Christmas spent away from her sons.
- **depression** a mental illness that makes someone feel so unhappy that they have no energy or hope for the future, and they cannot live a normal life: He slipped into a depression in which he hardly ate or even left his room.
- **despondency** *formal* a feeling of being very unhappy and without hope: She felt useless, and this contributed to her despondency.
- **melancholy** *literary* a feeling of sadness, that you feel even though there is no particular reason for it: Modigliani expressed his melancholy through his painting.

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