

degenerate**1. [dɪ'dʒen(ə)rɪt] n**

дегенерат, выронок

2. [dɪ'dʒen(ə)rɪt] a

1) дегенеративный, выродившийся

2) ухудшившийся

2. испорченный, развращённый

degenerate age - развращённый век, упадок нравов

3. *мат., физ.* вырожденный**3. [dɪ'dʒenəreɪt] v**

1) вырождаться

2) ухудшаться, становиться хуже

to degenerate into a story-teller - превратиться в заурядного сочинителя

liberty sometimes degenerates into lawlessness - свобода иногда оборачивается беззаконием

2. *арх.*

1) вызывать вырождение

2) обнаруживать признаки вырождения

degenerate

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de-gen-er-ate [degenerate degenerates degenerated degenerating] **verb,****adjective, noun****verb** *BrE* [dɪ'dʒenəreɪt] ^ˈ; *NAmE* [dɪ'dʒenəreɪt] ^ˈ **intransitive**

to become worse, for example by becoming lower in quality or weaker

Syn: ↑deteriorate

• Her health degenerated quickly.

• ~ **into sth** The march degenerated into a riot.**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	degenerate
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'dʒenəreɪt/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'dʒenəreɪt/
he / she / it	degenerates
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'dʒenəreɪts/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'dʒenəreɪts/
past simple, past participle	degenerated
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'dʒenəreɪtɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'dʒenəreɪtɪd/
-ing form	degenerating
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'dʒenəreɪtɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'dʒenəreɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:late 15th cent.: from Latin **degeneratus** 'no longer of its kind', from the verb **degenerare**, from **degener** 'debased', from **de-** 'away from' + **genus, gener-** 'race, kind'.**Example Bank:**

• The march rapidly degenerated into a riot.

Derived Word ↑degeneracy**adjective** *BrE* [dɪ'dʒenərətɪ] ^ˈ; *NAmE* [dɪ'dʒenərətɪ] ^ˈ**1.** having moral standards that have fallen to a level that is very low and unacceptable to most people

• a degenerate popular culture

2. (technical) having returned to a simple structure; lacking sth that is usually present**Word Origin:**late 15th cent.: from Latin **degeneratus** 'no longer of its kind', from the verb **degenerare**, from **degener** 'debased', from **de-** 'away from' + **genus, gener-** 'race, kind'.**noun** *BrE* [dɪ'dʒenərətɪ] ^ˈ; *NAmE* [dɪ'dʒenərətɪ] ^ˈ

a person whose behaviour shows moral standards that have fallen to a very low level

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1. de **gen** **erate** ¹ /dɪ'dʒenəreɪt/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **verb** [intransitive]

to become worse

degenerate into

The conference degenerated into a complete fiasco.

—degeneration /di,dʒene'reiʃən/ noun [uncountable]

THESAURUS

- **deteriorate** to become worse: Air quality is rapidly deteriorating in our cities. | Living conditions here have deteriorated in the past few years.
- **get worse** to become worse. **Get worse** is less formal and more common than **deteriorate** in everyday English: My eyesight seems to be getting worse. | He's never been well-behaved, but he's getting even worse.
- **go down** to become gradually worse – used especially about the standard of something: The hotel's gone down since its management changed. | Nick's teachers say that his work has gone down recently.
- **go downhill** to become much worse and be in a very bad condition, especially after a particular time or event: During the recession the business began to go downhill. | Her health went downhill rapidly after Christmas.
- **decline** *especially written* to become gradually worse – used especially about standards of living, education, health etc: After the war, the standard of living declined. | Over the years, the standard of public transport has declined.
- **degenerate** *formal* to become worse, or to become something bad instead of something good: Relations between the two countries have degenerated. | The debate degenerated into an argument between the two sides.
- **escalate** to become much worse very quickly – used especially about fighting, violence, or a bad situation: Further violence could escalate into a full-scale armed conflict. | The political crisis escalated.
- **spiral out of control** to become worse in a way that cannot be controlled and is extremely serious and worrying: Police say that the violence has spiralled out of control. | Scientists are worried that global warming could soon spiral out of control. | Costs have been spiralling out of control.

II. **degenerate**² /di'dʒenərət, di'dʒenərɪt/ BrE^u AmE^u adjective

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: degeneratus, from genus 'type, kind, race']

formal morally unacceptable:

"The painting was condemned as 'degenerate'."

III. **degenerate**³ BrE^u AmE^u noun [countable]

someone whose behaviour is considered to be morally unacceptable

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