

psychotic1. [saɪˈkɒtɪk] *n*

психически больной человек, психотик

2. [saɪˈkɒtɪk] *a*

психически больной, психотический

psychotic

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▪ **I.** **psych·ot·ic** [psychotic psychotics] *BrE* [saɪˈkɒtɪk] ^ˈ *NAmE* [saɪˈkɑːtɪk] ^ˈ**noun** (medical)

a person suffering from severe mental illness

see also ↑**psychosis**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 suffered a psychotic episode two years ago.
- Most psychotic patients are on several types of medication.
- a young mother with a psychotic illness

▪ **II.** **psych·ot·ic** **adjective**

- a psychotic disorder/illness
- a psychotic patient

Main entry: ↑**psychotic** ^{derived}**psychotic**

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psychot·ic /saɪˈkɒtɪk \$ -ˈkɑːtɪk/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **adjective**

suffering from or caused by psychosis:

▪ psychotic patients

▪ psychotic illness

—**psychotic** **noun** [countable]:

▪ Like most psychotics, she was very dependent on others.

—**psychotically** /-kli/ **adverb**

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THESAURUS

- **mentally ill** having an illness that affects your mind and your behaviour: Many mentally ill people are treated in the community. | He was declared mentally ill and unfit to stand trial.
- **crazy** *informal* mentally ill: I couldn't think straight. I felt like I was **going crazy** (=becoming crazy).
- **mad** *old-fashioned* mentally ill. This word is now usually considered offensive, and is usually used in a different meaning, when you think that someone's ideas are not sensible: Swift himself **went mad** (=became mad) later in life. | a mad old woman
- **insane** [not before noun] *old-fashioned* having a serious and permanent mental illness: She **went insane** after her two young sons were murdered. | a hospital for the criminally insane
- **disturbed** not behaving in a normal way because of mental or emotional problems, especially problems that are caused by bad experiences: She teaches **emotionally disturbed** children. | Her experiences left her deeply disturbed.
- **unstable** having an emotional state that often changes very suddenly: Her mother was **mentally unstable**. | He lived in a small Putney flat with his ageing Aunt Bunny, and his **emotionally unstable** sister, Nancy. | He was too unstable to be a leader.
- **deranged** behaving in a crazy or dangerous way, usually because of being mentally ill: A deranged young woman entered the

school and took the life of one young boy.

- **psychopathic** having a serious and permanent mental illness that causes violent or criminal behaviour: The film is about a psychopathic killer.
- **psychotic** suffering from or caused by a serious mental illness that changes your character and makes you unable to behave in a normal way: psychiatric services for chronic psychotic patients. | There is a tendency for psychotic illnesses to be inherited.
- **neurotic** relating to or suffering from a mental illness that makes you unreasonably worried or frightened: His mother was neurotic and insecure. | She's neurotic about her weight. | A bored or lonely horse may become so neurotic that it chases itself around in circles.

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