

wretch[retʃ] *n*

1. несчастный, жалкий человек
poor wretch - бедняга
 2. негодяй, подлец; бессовестный тип
 3. *шутл.* негодник, бесстыдник (*часто о ребёнке*)
don't do that, you little wretch - перестань, негодник
- ◇ a wretch of - отъявленный
a wretch of a pedant - закоренелый педант

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

wretch [wretch wretches] *BrE* [retʃ] ^ˈ *NAmE* [retʃ] ^ˈ *noun*

1. a person that you feel sympathy or pity for
 - a poor wretch
2. (*often humorous*) an evil, unpleasant or annoying person

Word Origin:

Old English wrecca (also in the sense 'banished person'), of West Germanic origin; related to German *Recke* 'warrior, hero', also to the verb **↑wreak**.

Example Bank:

- The little wretches have splashed water all over the bathroom.
- The poor wretch has lost his mother.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

wretch /retʃ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable][*Language*: Old English; *Origin*: wrecca 'person driven out']

1. someone that you feel sorry for:
 - ^ˈ He was a lonely, miserable wretch.
2. someone you are annoyed with:
 - ^ˈ Stop pulling my hair, you wretch!

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