

**rife**

- [raɪf] *a predic*
- обычный, частый, распространённый  
to grow rife - распространяться, делаться обычным  
superstition is still rife in country districts - суеверие ещё бытует в сельской местности
  - (with) изобилующий; кишаский (*чем-л.*)  
rife with error - пестрящий ошибками  
language rife with maxims - язык, насыщенный изречениями  
the country was rife with rumours of war - страна была полна слухов о войне

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**rife** BrE [raɪf] <sup>u</sup> NAmE [raɪf] <sup>u</sup> *adjective not before noun*

- if sth bad or unpleasant is rife in a place, it is very common there  
**Syn:** ↑widespread
  - It is a country where corruption is rife.
  - Rumours are rife that he is going to resign.
- ~ (with sth) full of sth bad or unpleasant
  - Los Angeles is rife with gossip about the stars' private lives.

Word Origin:

[rife] late Old English ryfe, probably from Old Norse rīfr 'acceptable' .

Example Bank:

- Cheating remains rife.
- Speculation was rife among the students.
- Corruption was rife in the south of the country.
- Racism was rife among the colonials.
- Rumours have been rife in media circles all summer.
- Speculation is rife that the company is about to be sold.
- Temperatures were extreme and epidemics rife.

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**rife** /raɪf/ BrE <sup>u</sup> AmE <sup>u</sup> *adjective*

[Language: Old English; Origin: ryfe]

- [not before noun] if something bad or unpleasant is rife, it is very common:
  - Violent crime is rife in our inner cities.
- rife with something** full of something bad or unpleasant:
  - The crowded factories are rife with disease.
- run rife** to spread quickly in an uncontrolled way:
  - No one knew exactly what he had done, but speculation ran rife.

**THESAURUS**

- common** if something is common, there are a lot of them: Jones is a very common name in Great Britain. | Foxes are common in the area. | Personal computers are nearly as common in American homes as televisions.
- widespread** happening in a lot of places or done by a lot of people: Racism is much more widespread than people imagine. | The report claimed that the problem of police brutality was widespread. | the widespread availability of antibiotics
- commonplace** [not before noun] *especially written* common in a particular place or time – used especially when saying that this seems surprising or unusual: Crimes such as robbery are commonplace in big cities. | Expensive foreign cars are commonplace in this Chicago suburb.
- prevalent** *formal* common in a place or among a group of people – used especially about illnesses, problems, or ideas: Flu is most prevalent during the winter months. | Depression remains one of the most prevalent health disorders in the US. | This belief is more prevalent among men than women.
- rife** /raɪf/ [not before noun] very common – used about illnesses or problems: AIDS is rife in some parts of the world.
- ubiquitous** /juːˈbɪkwətəs/ *formal* very common and seen in many different places – often used humorously in written descriptions: He was carrying the ubiquitous MP3 player. | In Britain, CCTV cameras are ubiquitous.
- something is everywhere** *especially spoken* used when saying that you can see something a lot in many different places: Images of the dictator were everywhere. | Microchips seem to be everywhere these days – even in washing machines. | One of the first things you notice in Amsterdam are the bicycles – they're everywhere.

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