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Main Entry: **ir·re·li·gious**

Pronunciation: -'rē-lyəs

Function: *adjective*

Date: 15th century

1 : neglectful of religion : lacking religious emotions, doctrines, or practices irreligious that they exploit popular religion for professional purposes -- G. B. Shaw >

2 : indicating lack of religion

- **ir·re·li·gious·ly** *adverb*

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* generally or often considered vulgar

|| usage restricted; consult a dictionary for more information

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Dictionary Pronunciation Key

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| • \&\ as a and u in abut | • \e\ as e in bet | • \o\ as aw in law |
| • \& as e in kitten | • \E\ as ea in easy | • \oi\ as oy in boy |
| • \&r\ as ur and er in further | • \g\ as g in go | • \th\ as th in thin |
| • \a\ as a in ash | • \i\ as i in hit | • \th\ as th in the |
| • \A\ as a in ace | • \I\ as i in ice | • \ū\ as oo in loot |
| • \ä\ as o in mop | • \j\ as j in job | • \u\ as oo in foot |
| • \au\ as ou in out | • \[ng]\ as ng in sing | • \y\ as y in yet |
| • \ch\ as ch in chin | • \O\ as o in go | • \zh\ as si in vision |

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·ir·re·li·gion·ist /- 'lɪ-ʒən-ɪst, - 'lɪ-ʒə-/ *noun*

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irreligious

Part of speech: **adjective**
Syllables: **ir-re-li-gious**
Pronunciation: **I r E l I - E s**
Definition: **1. not practicing or believing in any religion; not motivated by religious considerations or precepts.**
Definition: **2. marked by an absence of, or indifference or hostility toward, religion or religious considerations.**
Synonyms: **skeptical (1; 3), cynical (1), freethinking {freethinker}, godless, faithless (3), infidel, }, agnostic (adj)**
Similar Words: **doubtful, unbelieving, incredulous, disbelieving {disbelieve (vi)}, atheistic {atheist}, irreverent**
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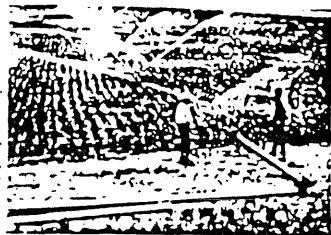
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irrigate
Irrigation of a barley field
in Wyoming

who is not a member of a regular military force. —ir-regu-lar-ly adv.

ir-regu-lar-ity (ir-eg'yu-lar-i-ti) *n.* *pl.* -ities. 1. The quality or state of being irregular. 2. Something irregular. 3. Constipation.

ir-re-lat-ive (ir-rel-a-tiv) *adj.* 1. Having no correlative relationship. 2. Irrelevant. —ir-re-lat-ive-ly *adv.*

ir-re-l-ev-ance (ir-rel-a-vans) *n.* 1. The quality or state of being unrelated to the matter at hand. 2. Something unrelated to the matter at hand.

ir-re-l-ev-ant (ir-rel-a-vant) *adj.* Unrelated to the matter at hand. —ir-re-l-ev-ant-ly *adv.*

SYNONYMS: irrelevant, extraneous, immaterial, impertinent. The central meaning shared by these adjectives is not pertinent to the subject under consideration: an irrelevant comment; a question extraneous to the discussion; an objection that is immaterial after the fact; mentioned several impertinent facts before finally coming to the point.

ANTONYM: relevant

ir-re-lig-ion (ir-rel-i-jan) *n.* Hostility or indifference to religion.

ir-re-lig-i-ous (ir-rel-i-jas) *adj.* Hostile or indifferent to religion. —ir-re-lig-i-ous-ly *adv.* —ir-re-lig-i-ous-ness *n.*

ir-re-m-e-a-ble (ir-rel-mé-a-bal) *adj.* Archaic. Affording no possibility of return. [Latin *irremediabilis* (ir-, not; see *IN-*) + *remere*, to return (*re-*, to; see *RE-*) in *Appendix*].

ir-re-m-e-di-a-ble (ir-rel-mér-di-a-bal) *adj.* Impossible to remedy, correct, or repair; incurable or irreparable. —ir-re-m-e-di-a-bly *adv.*

ir-re-mis-si-ble (ir-rel-mis-si-bal) *adj.* Not remissible; unpardonable. —ir-re-mis-si-ble-ness *n.* —ir-re-mis-si-bly *adv.*

ir-re-mov-a-ble (ir-rel-móv-a-bal) *adj.* Impossible to remove; irremovable. —ir-re-mov-a-bly *adv.*

ir-re-pa-ra-ble (ir-rel-par-a-bal) *adj.* Impossible to repair, rectify, or amend; irreparable. —ir-re-pa-ra-bly *adv.*

ir-re-peal-a-ble (ir-rel-pé-a-bal) *adj.* Impossible to repeal. —ir-re-peal-a-bly *adv.*

ir-re-place-a-ble (ir-rel-plá-sa-bal) *adj.* Impossible to replace; irreplaceable. —ir-re-place-a-bly *adv.*

ir-re-press-i-ble (ir-rel-prés-a-bal) *adj.* Difficult or impossible to control or restrain; irrepressible. —ir-re-press-i-bly *adv.*

ir-re-proach-a-ble (ir-rel-pró-cha-bal) *adj.* Perfect or blameless in every respect; faultless; irreproachable. —ir-re-proach-a-bly *adv.*

ir-re-sis-ti-ble (ir-rel-zis-ti-bal) *adj.* 1. Impossible to resist; irresistible. 2. Having an overpowering appeal; irresistible. —ir-re-sis-ti-bly *adv.*

ir-re-sol-u-ble (ir-rel-zól-u-bal) *adj.* Impossible to resolve; irresolvable. —ir-re-sol-u-bly *adv.*

ir-reso-lute (ir-réz-a-lút) *adj.* 1. Unsure of how to act or proceed; undecided. 2. Lacking in resolution; indecisive. —ir-reso-lute-ly *adv.* —ir-reso-lute-ness *n.*

ir-re-sol-v-a-ble (ir-rel-zól-v-a-bal) *adj.* 1. Irresolvable. 2. Impossible to separate into component parts; irreducible.

ir-re-spec-tive (ir-rel-spék-tiv) *adj.* Archaic. Characterized by disregard; heedless. —ir-re-spec-tive-ly *adv.*

ir-respec-tive of *prep.* Without consideration of; regardless of.

ir-res-pi-ra-ble (ir-rés-par-a-bal, ir-rel-spir-a-bal) *adj.* Not fit for breathing; not respirable.

ir-re-spon-si-ble (ir-rel-spón-sa-bal) *adj.* 1. Marked by a lack of responsibility; irresponsible. 2. Lacking a sense of responsibility; unreliable or untrustworthy. 3. Law. Not mentally or financially fit to assume responsibility. 4. Not liable to be called to account by a higher authority. —ir-respon-si-bly *adv.*

ir-re-spon-sive (ir-rel-spón-siv) *adj.* 1. Not responsive, as to treatment or stimuli. 2. Not responding or answering readily. —ir-re-spon-sive-ly *adv.* —ir-re-spon-sive-ness *n.*

ir-re-triev-a-ble (ir-rel-tré-v-a-bal) *adj.* Difficult or impossible to retrieve or recover; when the diamond fell into the lake, it was virtually irretrievable. —ir-re-triev-a-bly *adv.*

ir-re-ver-ence (ir-rév-an-s) *n.* 1. Lack of reverence or due respect.

ir-re-ver-ent (ir-rév-an-s) *adj.* 1. Lacking or exhibiting a lack of reverence; disrespectful. 2. Critical of what is generally accepted or respected; satirical; irreverent humor. —ir-re-ver-ent-ly *adv.*

ir-re-ver-si-ble (ir-rév-er-sa-bal) *adj.* Impossible to reverse; irreversible. —ir-re-ver-si-bly *adv.*

ir-rev-o-ca-ble (ir-rév-á-ka-bal) *adj.* Impossible to retract; irrevocable. —ir-rev-o-ca-bly *adv.*

ir-ri-ga-ble (ir-rel-ga-bal) *adj.* That can be irrigated; irrigable.

ir-ri-gate (ir-rel-gat) *v.* -gated, -gating, -gates. —ir-ri-gate *adj.* To supply (dry land) with water by means of ditches, pipes, or streams; water artificially. 2. To wash out a body cavity (wound) with water or a medicated fluid. 3. To make fertile as if by watering. —ir-ri-gation *n.* —ir-ri-gation-ally *adv.*

ir-ri-ta-bil-ity (ir-rel-ta-bil-i-ti) *n.* *pl.* -ities. 1. The quality or state of being irritable; testiness or petulance. 2. Pathology. Abnormal or excessive sensitivity of a body organ or part to stimulus. 3. Physiology. The capacity to respond to stimuli.

ir-ri-ta-ble (ir-rel-ta-bal) *adj.* 1. Easily irritated or annoyed. 2. Pathology. Abnormally sensitive to a stimulus. 3. Physiology. Capable of responding to stimuli. —ir-ri-ta-bly *adv.*

ir-ri-tant (ir-rel-tant) *adj.* Causing irritation, especially physical irritation. —ir-ri-tant *n.* A source of irritation. —ir-ri-tant-ly *adv.*

ir-ri-tate (ir-rel-tat) *v.* -tated, -tating, -tates. —ir-ri-tate *adj.* To cause to irritate; annoy. —ir-ri-tation *n.* —ir-ri-tat-ive *adj.* —ir-ri-tat-ive-ly *adv.*

ir-ri-ta-tion (ir-rel-ta-shan) *n.* 1. The act of irritating. 2. The condition of being irritated; vexation. —ir-ri-tat-ed *adj.* —ir-ri-tat-ing *adj.* —ir-ri-tat-ive *adj.* —ir-ri-tat-ive-ly *adv.*

ir-ri-ta-tive (ir-rel-tat-iv) *adj.* Involving irritation.

ir-ro-ta-tion-al (ir-ró-ta-shan-al) *adj.* Not rotating or causing rotation.

ir-rupt (ir-rupt) *v.* -rupted, -rupting, -rupts. 1. To break or burst in. 2. Ecology. To increase rapidly and interrupt in number. —ir-rupt-ly *adv.*

ir-rupt-ive (ir-rupt-iv) *adj.* 1. Interrupting or tending to interrupt. 2. Geology. Intrusive.

IRS *abbr.* Internal Revenue Service

Ir-tish (ir-tish) *n.* A river of northwest China, northern Kazakhstan, and central Russia flowing about 2,314 to 2,650 mi. generally northwest to the Ob River.

Ir-vine (ir-vin) *n.* A city of southern California southeast of Santa Ana. A branch of the University of California is located here. Population: 62,134.

Irving (ir-ving) *n.* A town of northeast Texas, an industrial suburb of Dallas. Population: 109,943.

Irving, Sir Henry 1838–1905. British Shakespearean actor whose productions won him the first knighthood awarded to a member of his profession (1895).

Irving, John Born 1942. American writer. His darkly humorous novels include *The World According to Garp* (1978).

Irving, Washington 1833–1859. American writer remembered for the stories "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," contained in *The Sketch Book* (1819–1820).

Ir-ving-ton (ir-ving-ton) *n.* A town of northeast New Jersey, a residential and industrial suburb of Newark. It was settled in 1812 as Camptown and renamed in 1852 in honor of Washington Irving. Population: 61,493.

is (iz) *v.* Third person singular present indicative of *be*. (Old English, from Old English. See *es* in Appendix.)

is. or **Is.** *abbr.* Island.

Is. *abbr.* Bible. Isaiah.

is- *pref.* Variant of *iso-*.

Isa. *abbr.* Bible. Isaiah.

Isaac (iz-zak). In the Old Testament, the son of Abraham who was offered as a sacrifice to God. The sacrifice was prevented at the last moment by divine intervention.

Is-a-bel-la I (iz-a-bel-a) *n.* Known as "Isabella the Catholic" (1451–1504). Queen of Castile (1474–1504). Her marriage to Ferdinand V of Castile and Leon (later Ferdinand II of Aragon) marked the beginning of a unified Spanish state. Isabella sponsored the voyages of Christopher Columbus.



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ir- = more as REPARABLE; not reparable: impossible to make good; undo (repair, or remedy) : UNREPAIRABLE (an ~ loss) (~ charm) (= tissue changes)
Ir-reparableness \'- +\ adj n -əs | the quality or state of being irreparable
Ir-reparably \'- +\ adv | in an irreparable manner or to an irreparable degree
Ir-repa-ri-able \\'(r)p(ə)r(i)-'reɪbəl /hɑː-, -fē-/ n -s | (fr. + reparare + -ible) : a person who cannot be repaired using political reasons
Ir-responsible \\'I,r,-|s+\\ n | the quality or state of being irresponsible
Ir-responsible \\' +\ adj ('fr. + responsible) : not capable of being repaid : impossible to revoke (~ provisions of the statute)
Ir-repentance \\' +\ n ('fr. + repentance) : IMPENITENCE
Ir-replaceable \\' +\ adj ('fr. + replaceable) : not replaceable ~ Ir-replaceableness \\' +\ n -ls ~ Ir-replaceably \\' +\ adv
Ir-replevable \\' +\ adj ('fr. + replevis + -able) : not substitutable
Ir-replevisable \\' +\ adj ('fr. + replevisable) : UNREPLEVABLE
Ir-reprehensible \\'(l), s,|r,-|s+\\ adj [ME, fr. LL *Irreprehensibilis*, fr. L *ir-* 'in- + reprehensio (past part. of reprehendere to reprehend) + -ibilis -ible = more as reprehendo] : not reprehensible ; free from blame or reproach (conduct in all respects ~)
Ir-reproachable \\' +\ adj ('fr. + representable) : not representable
Ir-repressibility \\'I,r,-|s+\\ n -s | the quality or state of being irrevocable (this context ~)
Ir-repressible \\' +\ adj ('fr. + repress + -able) : impossible to repress, restrain, or control (~ joy) (~ conflict) (as ~ character)
Irrepressible \\' +\ n -s | an irrepresible person
Ir-repressibleness \\' +\ n -es | IRREPRESSIBILITY
Ir-repressibly \\' +\ adv | in an irrepresible manner | so as to be irrevocable (~ say)
Ir-repressive \\' +\ adj ('fr. + repressive) : DAREPRESSIVE
Ir-reproachability \\' +\ n | the quality or state of being unreplicable
Ir-reproachable \\' +\ adj ('fr. + reproachable) : not subject to act of reproach : BLAMELESS FAULTLESS IMPECCABLE (~ manners) (as ~ character)
Ir-reproachableness \\' +\ n -es | DAREPROACHABILITY
Ir-reproachably \\' +\ adv | so as to be beyond reproach ; in an irreplicable manner
Ir-reproducible \\'(l), s,|r,-|s+\\ adj ('fr. + reproducible) : not reproducible | impossible to duplicate
Ir-reprovable \\'I,r,-|s+\\ adj ('fr. + reprovable) | 1 : DAREPROACHABLE 2 obs : INDISPUTABLE
Ir-ruption \\'I'r'eʃən/ n -s | (LL *irruptio*, *irrupte*, fr. *irruptus* (past part. of *irrupte* to creep in, fr. *in-* 'in- + *rumpere* to break through) : more as eruptive | an act or instance of entering by stealth or inadvertence (the ~ of pseudoclassical plurals in technical language)
Ir-rupt-u-ous \\'I'r'eʃ(u)'shəs/ adj [L *irruptus* + B -(t)uous] : marked by or resulting from irruption (as ~ error in transliterating ~ words in a text)
Ir-resistance \\'I,r,-|s+\\ n ('fr. + resistance) | lack of resistance : SUBMISSIVENESS
Ir-resistibility \\' +\ n | the quality or state of being irresistible
Ir-resistible or **ir-resistant** \\' +\ adj ('fr. + resist + -ible, -able) : impossible to successfully resist ; superior to opposition (to attraction)
Ir-resistible \\' +\ n -s | an irresistible person or thing
Ir-resistibleness \\' +\ n : RESISTIBILITY
Ir-resistibly \\' +\ adv | to an irresistible extent or degree | so as to be irresistible
Ir-resistless \\' +\ adj (blend of *irresistible* and *resistless*) archaic : IRRESISTIBLE
Ir-resolvable \\'(l), \\'I,r,-|s+\\ adj [L *Irresolvibilis*, fr. *in-* 'in- + *resolvere* to resolve + -ibilis -ible = more as RESOLVE] 1 archaic : incapable of being dissolved or resolved into parts 2 *INSOLUBLE* 2 archaic : incapable of being solved or dissolved 3 : incapable of being solved | impossible to make open, clear, or simple (the question is ~ on the evidence at hand)
Ir-resolute \\'(l), s, \\'I,r,-|s+\\ adj ('fr. + resolute) | 1 obs : not resolved or solved | UNDETERMINED 2 a : uncertain how to act or proceed (stood ~ waiting for some insurance) b : lacking strength of purpose or decisiveness of character : weak and vacillating (a kindly man but very ~)
Ir-resolutely \\' +\ adv | in an irresolute manner ; so as to be or appear irresolute
Ir-resoluteness \\' +\ n | the quality or state of being irresolute
Ir-resolution \\'(l), s, \\'I,r,-|s+\\ a (prob. fr. MF, fr. *in-* 'in- + resolution = more as RESOLUTION) | 1 obs : the quality or state of not having formed a decided opinion : DOUBT, UNCERTAINTY 2 : lack of resolution : a fluctuation of mind (as in doubt or between hope and fear) : HESITATION, VACILLATION
Ir-resolvable \\'I,r,-|s+\\ adj ('fr. + resolvable) : incapable of being resolved ; esp | impossible to separate into component parts
Ir-resolved \\' +\ adj ('fr. + resolved) : not resolved | lacking in certainty, assurance, or decision (a troubled and ~ heart)
Ir-respective \\' +\ adj ('fr. + respective) | 1 obs : lacking respect | DISRESPECTFUL 2 archaic : functioning without or having no regard for persons, conditions, circumstances, or consequences (oversteps in his ~ zeal every decency and every right ~ S.T. Coleridge)
Ir-respectively \\' +\ adv, obs | in an irrespective manner
Irrespective of also **irrespective** | irrespective of prep | without respect or regard to ; independent or regardless of (values his friends *irrespective* of what he may have to gain from them) (his payment is made *irrespective* of any settlement the court may award)
Ir-respirable \\' +\ : \\'(l), s, \\'I,r,-|s+\\ adj (F, fr. LL *Irrespirabilis*, fr. L *ir-* 'in- + *respire* to breathe, respire + -abilis -able = more as ASPIRABLE) : unfit for breathing (as ~ vapor)
Ir-responsibility \\'I,r,-|s+\\ n | the quality or state of being irresponsible
Ir-responsible \\' +\ adj ('fr. + responsible) : not responsible : a : not required to answer to some higher authority : not liable to be called to question | subject to one's oversight (shall the planner be done by some ~ dictatorship or by democratic representatives whose acts are subject to discussion and criticism ~ M.R.Cohen) (the state is ~ and exempt from all ordinary controls) b : not based on sound reasoned considerations (~ opiumism) (~ dreams);

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piety, religious belief, re
ed, credo, dogma, canon
uth, declaration of faith
sm; manifesto, doctrine
ology

usibility, trustworthiness

ster, faithful, conform

conformist; trusting person, innocent, naïf; lamb to
the slaughter, sucker (Inf)

ADJECTIVES

1 **believing**, assured, confident, convinced, sure, certain,
positive, opinionated, dogmatic; faithful, conformist,
orthodox, converted, born-again; trusting, trustful,
unhesitating, unquestioning, undoubting, unsuspect
ing, credulous; gullible, innocent, naïve, green, wet be
hind the ears

► Religion 81; Naïveté 821; Certainty 840

1 **believable**, credible, creditable, tenable, plausible,
reasonable, realistic, possible, probable, likely, con
vincing, persuasive, impressive, commanding, reliable,
trustworthy

► Possibility 836; Probability 838

1 **believed**, undisputed, unquestioned, authoritative,
accredited, doctrinal, creedal, received, accepted, main
tained; putative, supposed, alleged, hypothetical

VERBS

1 **believe**, have faith in, put one's faith in, have no
doubts about, credit, accept, be led to believe, take
someone's word for, accept on faith, take on trust,
trust, swallow; confide in, rely on, depend on, count
on, bank on, swear by, take for granted, rest assured,
know, maintain, hold, declare, affirm, profess, con
fess; (Inf): fall for, buy, swallow or fall for hook, line,
and sinker

► Affirmation 189; Knowledge 348

10 **be of the opinion**, opine, presume, assume, surmise,
guess, suppose, think, suspect, understand, be under
the impression, get it into one's head, have in mind,
have the opinion, imagine, fancy, regard, consider,
deem, esteem

► Thought 317; Supposition 359

11 **make someone believe**, assure, convince, persuade,
influence, convert, win over, evangelize, proselytize,
propagandize, spread the word, indoctrinate, brain
wash, deceive, dupe, take in

► Religion 81; Deception 193; Influence 512

ADVERBS

12 **believingly**, confidently, positively, dogmatically,
trustfully, unhesitatingly, unsuspectingly, faithfully,
credulously, gullibly, naïvely

13 **believably**, credibly, plausibly, reasonably, convinc
ingly, persuasively, supposedly, allegedly, hypothetically

88 Disbelief

NOUNS

1 **disbelief**, doubt, doubtfulness, dubiousness, dubiety,
uncertainty, hesitancy, hesitation, distrust, mistrust,

misgiving, qualm, scruple, reservation, skepticism,
scorn, suspiciousness, suspicion; disagreement, dis
sent, demur, demurral

► Dissent 347; Derision 369; Disagreement 463; Uncer
tainty 841

2 **unbelievability**, incredibility, impossibility, improba
bility, implausibility, untenability

► Impossibility 837; Improbability 839

3 **incredulity**, amazement, bewilderment, bafflement,
perplexity, nonbelief, discredit, rejection, denial

► Negation 190; Surprise 292

4 **unbelief**, agnosticism, atheism, irreligion, loss of faith;
infidelity, paganism, heathenism, misbelief

► Religion 81

5 **disbeliever**, unbeliever, nonbeliever, heretic, pagan,
heathen, infidel, agnostic, atheist; doubter, doubting
Thomas, apostate, dissenter, dissident, nonconformist,
skeptic, mocker, detractor, irreligionist, secularist, ra
tionalist, freethinker, materialist

► Religion 81; Freedom 829

ADJECTIVES

6 **disbelieving**, unbelieving, incredulous, skeptical,
scornful, doubtful, doubting, dubious, demurring; un
certain, hesitant, distrustful, mistrustful, suspicious,
dissenting; agnostic, atheistic, irreligious, faithless, un
faithful; pagan, heathen, misbelieving

► Religion 81; Dissent 347; Uncertainty 841

7 **disbelieved**, unbelieved, discredited, exploded, un
believable, incredible, beyond belief, impossible, im
probable, implausible, untenable, hard to believe, far
fetched, unreliable, suspect, suspected, suspicious,
so-called, self-styled, questionable, disputable

► Ridiculousness 368; Impossibility 837; Improbability
839

VERBS

8 **disbelieve**, refuse to believe, dissent, disagree, scorn,
ridicule, mock, scoff at, deny, negate; challenge, dis
pute, discredit, question, doubt, have doubts about,
hesitate, waver, half-believe, have reservations, dis
trust, mistrust, suspect, smell a rat, take with a pinch
or grain of salt, apostatize, lapse

► Negation 190; Question 333; Dissent 347; Derision 369

9 **cause disbelief**, cast doubt, call into question, dis
credit, raise suspicions, amaze, stagger

► Surprise 292; Question 333

ADVERBS

10 **disbelievingly**, unbelievingly, incredulously, skepti
cally, doubtfully, dubiously, uncertainly, hesitantly,
distrustfully, mistrustfully, suspiciously

11 **unbelievably**, incredibly, implausibly, unreliably,
questionably, disputably

448 Wickedness

NOUNS

- 1 **wickedness**, badness, unrighteousness, sin, sinfulness, evilness, wrong; wicked or bad behavior, evildoing, wrongdoing; wicked or bad ways, bad character, sinful or immoral or evil ways; rankness, foulness, nefariousness, shameful, flagitiousness, infamousness; villainousness, fiendishness, delinquency, criminality, villainy, knavery, roguery; malevolence, enormity, atrociousness, heinousness, viciousness, cruelty, inhumanity; notoriety, notoriousness, scandalousness, infamy, flagrantcy
 ▶ *Malevolence 306; Wrong 430; Evil 446*
- 2 **depravity**, unvirtuousness, impurity, corruption, vitiation, loss of innocence; vice, obscenity, indecency, lust, vulgarity, carnality, debauchery, vileness, baseness; degradation, perversion, degeneration, degeneracy; disrepute, fallen nature, recidivism, backsliding, deterioration; profligacy, turpitude, moral turpitude, shamelessness; immorality, amorality, amoralism, no morals, loose morals, moral weakness, weakness of the flesh; weak point, laxity, lack of principle
 ▶ *Disrepute 371; Immorality 432; Deterioration 808*
- 3 **iniquity**, wicked deed, peccability, transgression, trespass, improbity, dishonesty; flaw, fatal flaw, failing, frailty, infirmity, fault, defect, demerit; sin, venial sin, original sin, capital sin, carnal sin, mortal sin, deadly sin; seven deadly sins; pride, covetousness or avarice, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, sloth
 ▶ *Religion 81; Desire 288; Pride 297; Envy 314; Immorality 432; Weakness 517*
- 4 **impiety**, ungodliness, godlessness, blasphemy, sacrilege, desecration, profaneness, profanity, idolatry, devilry, devil worship, Satanism, diabolism, witchcraft, sorcery
 ▶ *Occultism 86; Evil 446*
- 5 **villain**, blackguard, criminal, lawbreaker, crook, malefactor, outlaw, desperado, culprit, offender, roughneck, hooligan, hoodlum; felon, cheat, thief, robber, tough, mugger; rapist, child abuser, pedophile; drug peddler or dealer, racketeer, gangster, mobster, mafioso; killer, murderer, hired killer, assassin, hatchet man, terrorist, bomber, suicide bomber; wrongdoer, evildoer, transgressor, sinner, black sheep; traitor, betrayer, quisling, Judas, snake, snake in the grass, swine, swindler; pimp, nasty type, thug, bully, brute, savage, sadist, ogre; scum, scum of the earth, dregs of society; criminal world, underworld, gangland, organized crime, syndicate, Mafia, the Mob, Cosa Nostra, Black Hand; [Inf]: the rackets, hood, con man, hit man
 ▶ *Malevolence 306; Immorality 432; Evil 446*
- 6 **miscreant**, renegade, recreant, troublemaker, good-for-nothing, ne'er-do-well; scamp, rake, knave, rogue,

rascal, scoundrel, rascalion, reprobate, wastrel, degenerate, lecher, pervert; ugly customer, egg, baddie or baddy, bad lot, lowlife; [Inf]: bad ten apple, bastard, rat, skunk, polecat, bitch, wrong un, son of a bitch or S.O.B., bad news, rotter [Brit]

- 7 **wicked act**, criminal act, criminal offense, punishable offense, hanging offense, guilty act, foul play; unlawful act, lawbreaking, misdemeanor, shoplifting, delinquency, juvenile delinquency; crime, white-collar crime, felony, drug peddling or dealing, racketeering, robbery, rape, assault, assault and battery, assault with a deadly weapon; murder, assassination, terrorism, bombing, capital crime, deadly crime, career of crime
 ▶ *Killing 30; Substance Abuse 121; Guilt 450*
- 8 **wicked place**, sewer, gutter, pit, sink, sink of corruption, sinkhole, hole; den, den of iniquity or vice, fleshpot, brothel, bordello, house of prostitution, cathouse [Inf], drug house, opium den, gambling den, road to hell, hell, hellhole
 ▶ *Substance Abuse 121; Immorality 432*

ADJECTIVES

- 9 **wicked**, bad, unrighteous, sinful, sinning, evil; behaving badly, evildoing, wrong, wrongdoing; rank, foul, arrant, nefarious, disreputable, disgraced, shameful, flagitious, infamous; fiendish, delinquent, criminal, villainous, knavish, roguish; malevolent, atrocious, heinous, vicious, cruel, inhuman; notorious, scandalous, flagrant
- 10 **depraved**, unvirtuous, virtueless, scarlet, impure, chaste, corrupt, debased; rotten, rotten to the core, steeped in vice, obscene, indecent, lustful, vulgar, carnal, debauched, vile, base; degrading, degraded, perverting, perverted, perverse, degenerate, degenerating, degenerative, profligate; disreputed, fallen, recidivistic, recidivous, slipping, sliding, backsliding, deteriorating, deteriorated; shameless; without moral, immoral, amoral, morally weak, lax, unprincipled
 ▶ *Immorality 432*
- 11 **impious**, irreligious, ungodly, godless, godforsaken, blasphemous, sacrilegious, desecrating, profane, devilish, Satanic, diabolic; flawed, failing, frail, infirm, faulted, defected; proud, covetous, avaricious, lustful, angry, gluttonous, envious, shiftless, lazy
 ▶ *Evil 446*
- 12 **villainous**, illegal, unlawful, lawbreaking, outlaw, desperate, offensive; culpable, accusable, blameworthy, guilty; felonious, cheating, thieving, abusive; murderous, terrorist; traitorous, Judas-like, snakelike, recalcant; troublesome, scampish, rascally, lowdown [Inf], crooked, stinking, rotten

VERBS

- 13 **be wicked**, act wickedly, be bad, stray, stray from the path of righteousness, sin, commit sin, wrong, do wrong, fall from grace; have one's foibles, have one's

robate, waste;
ugly custom;
[Inf]: bad
neat, bitch;
bad news;
offense, pun
foul play;
shoplifting;
crime, white
ealing, racket
battery, assault
ssination, terror
ime, career of
Guilt 450
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dless, godforsake
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ss, lazy
vbreaking, outl
sable, blameworth
e, abusive; murder
e, snakelike, ree
tly, lowdown [Inf]
trav, stray from the
mit sin, wrong, do
s loibles, have one's

ADVERBS

- 1 **wickedly**, badly, unrighteously, sinfully, evilly, with evil intentions, wrongly; foully, arrantly, nefariously, disgracefully, shamefully, flagitiously, infamously; villainously, fiendishly, delinquently, criminally, knavishly; malevolently, atrociously, heinously, viciously, cruelly, inhumanely; notoriously, scandalously, flagranly
- 2 **unvirtuously**, impurely, corruptly, obscenely, in an obscene manner, indecently, lustfully, vulgarly, carnally, vilely, basely; degradingly, to one's discredit, perverly, degeneratively; disreputably, recidivatingly; shamelessly, immorally, amorally, without morals; iniquitously, dishonestly, unscrupulously
- 3 **impiously**, ungodly, irreligiously, blasphemously, sacrilegiously, profanely, devilishly, diabolically, satanically
- 4 **villainously**, criminally, illegally, unlawfully, culpably, offensively, with offense, feloniously, guiltily, murderously

449 Innocence

No, it is not only our fate but our business to lose innocence, and once we have lost that, it is futile to attempt a picnic in Eden. — ELIZABETH BOWEN

NOUNS

- 1 **Innocence**, virtue, goodness; morality, uprightness, probity; purity, virginity, chastity; purity of heart, saintliness, state of grace, perfection; immaculacy, cleanliness, cleanliness, spotlessness, stainlessness, whiteness; playfulness, harmlessness, inoffensiveness
 - ▷ *Cleanliness 111; Modesty 403; Virtue 447*
- 2 **Incorruption**, incorruptibility, incorruptedness, sinlessness; freedom from sin, guiltlessness, inculpability, clear conscience, clean hands, faultlessness, impeccability; blamelessness, freedom from blame, irreproachability, nothing to confess, nothing to declare; innocent intentions, pure motives
 - ▷ *Cleanliness 111, Morality 431*
- 3 **legal innocence**, verdict of innocence, finding of in-

nocence; acquittal, exoneration, exculpation, absolution

▷ *Law 53; Litigation 54*

- 4 **naivete**, ingenuousness, guilelessness, artlessness; unsophistication, inexperience, immaturity; callowness, greenness, unworldliness; naturalness, simplicity, credulousness; childhood, days of innocence, golden age, salad days
 - ▷ *Youth 26; Ignorance 349; Naivete 821*
- 5 **Innocent person**, innocent party, innocent; beginner, ingenue, virgin, newcomer, greenhorn, tenderfoot; infant, child, babe, newborn babe, babe in the woods or wood; good person, saint, lamb, dove, angel; goody two shoes, goody-goody

ADJECTIVES

- 6 **Innocent**, virtuous, good, upright; pure, virginal, chaste; pure of heart, saintly, perfect, angelic; immaculate, unblemished, untainted; stainless, spotless, unspotted; unsullied, undefiled, unsoiled; clean, pristine, white; prelapsarian, untouched by evil, unerring, innocent as a lamb, lamblike, innocent as a dove, dove-like, gentle; inoffensive, harmless, innocuous, safe; playful, holier than thou, goody-goody
- 7 **Incorrupt**, incorruptible, sinless, free from sin; guiltless, inculpable, faultless, impeccable; blameless, unblamable, unblameworthy; irreprehensible, reproachless, irreproachable, above suspicion; not guilty, cleared, in the clear; with clean hands, clean-handed; uncorrupt, uncorruptible, uncorrupted
- 8 **declared innocent**, found innocent, found not guilty; cleared, acquitted, exonerated, exculpated, absolved
- 9 **naive**, ingenuous, guileless, artless; unsophisticated, credulous; inexperienced, immature, callow, green; unworldly, natural, simple; knowing no wrong, knowing no better; prelapsarian, childlike; innocent as a child, innocent as a newborn babe

VERBS

- 10 **be innocent**, have no guilt, stand above suspicion, wrong no one; have clean hands, have a clear conscience, have nothing to be ashamed of, have nothing to hide, have nothing to declare, have nothing to confess; live in a state of grace, not fall from grace; mean no harm, have the best intentions, save one's conscience
- 11 **declare innocent**, find innocent, find not guilty; clear, acquit, exonerate, exculpate, absolve
- 12 **be naive**, have no guile, lack sophistication, lack experience, lack maturity; know no wrong, know no better; have the innocence of a child, be childlike

ADVERBS

- 13 **Innocently**, in all innocence, with clean hands, with a clear conscience, with an easy conscience; virtuously, uprightly, purely, with pure intentions; virginally, chaste; perfectly, to perfection, in a perfect way, angelically; immaculately, spotlessly, unerringly;