

abysmal

Part of speech

adjective

Synonyms

terrible

extremely bad

Definition

Extremely or hopelessly bad or severe.

Of or like an **abyss**; immeasurably deep.

Word Pairs

abysmal results

abysmal ignorance

abysmal poverty.

Examples

were not discussing the escaped Death Eaters in the corridors, they were laughing at Gryffindor's **abysmal** performance in their match against Hufflepuff; the Slytherins were singing 'Weasley is our King'

'Another Remembrall?' said Harry, remembering the marble-like device Neville's grandmother had sent him in an effort to improve his **abysmal** memory.

'The general standard of this homework was **abysmal**. Most of you would have failed had this been your examination. I expect to see a great deal more effort for this week's essay on the various varieties of venom antidotes, or I shall have to start handing out detentions to those dunces who get a "D".'

Word roots

meaning bottomless

a or *an* meaning "not" or "without"
& *byssos* meaning "bottom"

Words with the same root

abyss, meaning a deep, immeasurable space, gulf, or cavity; vast chasm