

# bad

Often when you are writing you want to use a word that means **bad**. You have to be careful not to use the word **bad** too often, or your writing will become boring. You could try out some of the following words instead.

You can describe many different things as

**awful**  
**dreadful**  
**horrible**  
**terrible**  
**disagreeable**  
**atrocious**  
**nasty**  
**unpleasant**

bad behaviour, or someone who behaves badly

**naughty**  
**mischievous**  
**ill-behaved**  
**disobedient**  
**unruly**

a bad person

**evil**  
**wicked**  
**cruel**  
**mean**

a bad piece of homework

**poor**  
**unsatisfactory**  
**inferior**  
**inadequate**  
**unacceptable**

a bad day

**unpleasant**  
**unenjoyable**

something that is bad for you or the environment

**harmful**  
**damaging**  
**unhealthy**  
**destructive**  
**ruinous**

If you feel bad about something you have done, you could say you feel

**ashamed**  
**guilty**  
**sorry**  
**remorseful**  
**embarrassed**

a bad cold

**serious**  
**severe**  
**grave**

feel bad

**ill**  
**unwell**  
**sick**  
**poorly**  
**under the weather**

food that has gone bad

**rotten**  
**mouldy**  
**decayed**  
**sour**  
**off**

## Over to you

Can you change the word **bad** in these sentences to make it more clear what you mean?

I had a **bad** day at school today. I got into trouble for being **bad** and talking in class.

Then the teacher told me my English homework was **bad**. At playtime I had an apple that was **bad**.