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black (blăk)

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adj. **black·er, black·est**

1. Being of the color black, producing or reflecting comparatively little light and having no predominant hue.
2. Having little or no light: *a black, moonless night*.
3. or **Black**
 - a. Of or belonging to a racial group having brown to black skin, especially one of African origin: *the black population of South Africa*.
 - b. Of or belonging to an American ethnic group descended from African peoples having dark skin; African American.
4. Very dark in color: *rich black soil; black, wavy hair*.
5. Being a trail, as for skiing, marked with a sign having a black diamond, indicating a high level of difficulty.
6. Soiled, as from soot; dirty: *feet black from playing outdoors*.
7. Evil; wicked: *the pirates' black deeds*.
8. Cheerless and depressing; gloomy: *black thoughts*.
9. Being or characterized by morbid or grimly satiric humor: *a black comedy*.
10. Marked by anger or sullenness: *gave me a black look*.
11. Attended with disaster; calamitous: *a black day; the stock market crash on Black Friday*.
12. Deserving of, indicating, or incurring censure or dishonor: "*Man ... has written one of his blackest records as a destroyer on the oceanic islands*" (*Rachel Carson*).
13. Wearing clothing of the darkest visual hue: *the black knight*.
14. Served without milk or cream: *black coffee*.
15. Appearing to emanate from a source other than the actual point of origin. Used chiefly of intelligence operations: *black propaganda; black radio transmissions*.
16. Disclosed, for reasons of security, only to an extremely limited number of authorized persons; very highly classified: *black programs in the Defense Department; the Pentagon's black budget*.
17. *Chiefly British* Boycotted as part of a labor union action.

n.

1.
 - a. The achromatic color value of minimum lightness or maximum darkness; the color of objects that absorb nearly all light of all visible wavelengths; one extreme of the neutral gray series, the opposite being white. Although strictly a response to zero stimulation of the retina, the perception of black appears to depend on contrast with surrounding color stimuli.
 - b. A pigment or dye having this color value.
2. Complete or almost complete absence of light; darkness.
3. Clothing of the darkest hue, especially such clothing worn for mourning.
4. or **Black**
 - a. A member of a racial group having brown to black skin, especially one of African origin.
 - b. An American descended from peoples of African origin having brown to black skin; an African American.
5. Something that is colored black.
6. *Games*
 - a. The black-colored pieces, as in chess or checkers.
 - b. The player using these pieces.
7. The condition of making or operating at a profit: *worked hard to get the business back into the black*.

v. **black·ed, black·ing, blacks**

v. tr.

1. To make black: *blackened their faces with charcoal.*
2. To apply blacking to: *blackened the stove.*
3. *Chiefly British* To boycott as part of a labor union action.
v. *intr.*
To become black.

Phrasal Verb:

black out

1. To lose consciousness or memory temporarily: *blackened out at the podium.*
2. To suppress (a fact or memory, for example) from conscious recognition: *blackened out many of my wartime experiences.*
3. To cover or make illegible with black marking: *The names in the document had been blackened out.*
4. To prohibit the dissemination of, especially by censorship: *blackened out the news issuing from the rebel provinces.*
5. To extinguish or conceal all lights that might help enemy aircraft find a target during an air raid.
6. To extinguish all the lights on (a stage).
7. To cause a failure of electrical power in: *Storm damage blackened out much of the region.*
8. To suppress the broadcast of (an event or program) from an area: *blackened out the football game on local TV stations.*

[Middle English *blak*, from Old English *blæc*; see **bhel-**¹ in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

black *ish* *adj.*

black *ly* *adv.*

black *ness* *n.*

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American actress and public official. As Shirley Temple she was an immensely popular child actress of the 1930s, starring in films such as *Bright Eyes* (1934). As an adult she held several diplomatic positions, including ambassador to Ghana (1974-1976).

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Black, Joseph 1728-1799.

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British chemist who rediscovered carbon dioxide (1756) and formulated the concepts of latent heat and specific heat.

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Black, Sir James Whyte 1924-2010.

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British pharmacologist. He shared a 1988 Nobel Prize for developing drugs to treat heart disease and stomach and duodenal ulcers.

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Black 🗣️ (blăk), Hugo LaFayette 1886-1971.

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American jurist who served as an associate justice of the US Supreme Court (1937-1971). He is noted for his ardent support of civil rights.

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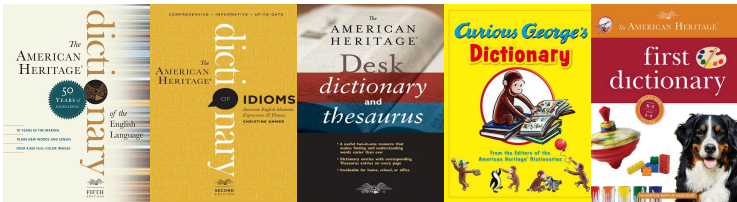
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