

an·gry

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adjective (*comparative* **angrier**, *superlative* **angriest**)

- 1** **ANGRY** feeling strong emotions which make you want to shout at someone or hurt them because they have behaved in an unfair, cruel, offensive etc way, or because you think that a situation is unfair, unacceptable etc → **annoyed**:

I was angry because he hadn't told me his plans.

*He was beginning to **get angry**.*

His comments brought an angry response from opposition politicians.

'Calm down,' she said, looking at his angry face.

angry with/at

'Please don't be angry with me,' she said.

*Jesse laughed, which **made** me even **angrier**.*

angry about/over

Kate's still so angry about the whole thing.

angry (that)

The workers are angry that they haven't been paid for the week.

- 2 angry with/at yourself** **ANGRY**

feeling strongly that you wish you had done something or had not done something:

David was angry with himself for letting the others see his true feelings.

- 3** (*literary*) **DARKWEATHER** an angry sky or cloud looks dark and stormy

- 4** (*literary*) **PAIN** an angry wound etc is painful and red and looks infected

SYN inflamed

— **angrily** adv:

Joey reacted angrily.

THESAURUS

angry feeling strong emotions because you think someone has behaved badly, or because a situation seems bad or unfair: *He gets really angry if people keep him waiting. | a crowd of angry protesters*

mad [not before noun] (informal) angry: *Dad was mad at me for damaging the car.*

CROSS [not before noun] (spoken) rather angry – used when speaking to people you know well: *She was cross with me for being late.*

annoyed [not before noun] a little angry: *I was annoyed no one had told me the class was cancelled.*

irritated annoyed and impatient, especially by something that keeps happening or something someone keeps saying: *I was irritated by their stupid questions. | an irritated voice*

bad-tempered becoming annoyed or angry easily: *a bad-tempered old man | He's always bad-tempered when he doesn't get what he wants.*

in a bad/foul mood feeling a little angry for a period of time, often for no particular reason: *I woke up in a bad mood. | She's been in a foul mood all morning.*

in a huff /hʌf/ in an angry mood for a short time, especially because someone has just said something to offend or annoy you: *He walked off in a huff when they refused to let him join in their game.*

somebody has got up on the wrong side of the bed (informal) used when you think someone has been in an angry mood all day, for no particular reason – often used

humorously: *I don't know what's wrong – she must have got up on the wrong side of the bed today.*

extremely angry

furiously/ livid extremely angry: *She was furious when she found out he'd been lying to her. | He looked absolutely livid.*

outraged very angry and shocked by something you think is unfair or wrong: *Most people were outraged by the 9/11 attacks. | complaints from outraged viewers*

incandescent with rage (BrE) (formal) extremely angry – used mainly in writing, for example in newspaper reports: *Gordon Brown was reported to be incandescent with rage over the article.*

lose your temper to suddenly become very angry and start shouting at someone: *It was the first time I'd seen her lose her temper.*

Word origin

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