

state

1 Common adjective collocations

Use these adjectives in the sentences:

fit	mental	original	real
untidy	financial	advanced	sorry

1. I'll drive. You're in no state!
2. Some people believe that an analysis of your dreams can reveal details of your state.
3. They complained about the state that the flat had been left in.
4. The company is in a dangerous state. We are on the point of bankruptcy.
5. By the time she arrived for her interview, she had worked herself up into a state. I've never seen her so nervous before.
6. The experts believe that they will be able to restore the painting to its state.
7. The dog was in a very state when we found it – cold and thin and abandoned.
8. I've looked at your roof and I'm sorry to tell you that the wood is in an state of decay. You need a new roof.

2 State + of + noun phrase

Use these expressions in the sentences:

poor state of repair	state of health
state of emergency	sad state of affairs

1. The house was in a very when we bought it.
2. It's a when two adults argue over who gets to sit beside the chairman!
3. After the disaster the government declared a
4. Regular exercise can make a big difference to your

high state of alert	state of total chaos
state of the economy	state of decline
5. Security forces are on a because of the terrorist threat.
6. Ever since our secretary left, the office has been in a
7. Since the civil war the economy has been in a
8. Economists are painting a grim picture of the current

3 States of emotion

We often use 'state' when describing feelings and emotions. Complete the sentences below:

nervous exhaustion	fear
panic	shock

1. After the accident the driver just sat in the car, unable to speak. He was in a state of
2. The news of the outbreak of war threw investors into a state of Many tried frantically to sell their shares.
3. We lived for years in a perpetual state of in Sarajevo. You could be shot by a sniper at any time.
4. She was in a state of, so her doctor signed her off work and told her to take a complete rest for a month.



"You're in no fit state!"

Notes

1. Note how we describe a very bad state:
We were shocked at the appalling state of the hospital.
Inspectors condemned the shocking state of the prison.
The engine is in good condition, but the bodywork is in a terrible state and needs some attention.
The kitchen was in a disgusting state when they left.
The rail system is in a bit of a sorry state at the moment.
2. If something is in a 'state of flux', it is constantly changing.
3. 'State' also means country:
In 1947 India became an independent state.
The United States is made up of 'states'.
4. The 'welfare state' is the system which provides health care, unemployment benefit, old age pensions etc.