

slay

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[sleɪ] *n*

1. *текст.* батан
2. *авт.* развал передних колёс

II

[sleɪ] *v* (*slew; slain*)

1. *книжн.* убивать, умерщвлять
treacherously slay smb. - предательски убить кого-л.
to be slain in battle - пасть в бою
to slay smb. with a look - сразить кого-л. взглядом
this joke'll slay you - *разг.* ≅ ты умрёшь со смеху
2. сразить
slain by disease [by a bullet] - сражённый болезнью [пулей]
3. подавлять, душить (*чувство*)

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slay [slay slays slew slaying slain] *BrE* [sleɪ] ⁴ *NAme* [sleɪ] ⁴ *verb* (*slew BrE* [sluː] ⁴ ; *NAme* [sluː] ⁴ *slain BrE* [sleɪn] ⁴ ; *NAme* [sleɪn] ⁴)

1. ~ **sb/sth** (old-fashioned or literary) to kill sb/sth in a war or a fight
• St George slew the dragon.
2. ~ **sb** (especially *NAme*) (used especially in newspapers) to murder sb
• Two passengers were slain by the hijackers.
3. ~ **sb** (old-fashioned, informal, especially *NAme*) to have a strong effect on sb, especially to make them laugh
• Those old movies still slay me!

Derived Word ↑slaying

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	slay
	<i>BrE</i> /sleɪ/
	<i>NAme</i> /sleɪ/
he / she / it	slays
	<i>BrE</i> /sleɪz/
	<i>NAme</i> /sleɪz/
past simple	slew
	<i>BrE</i> /sluː/
	<i>NAme</i> /sluː/
past participle	slain
	<i>BrE</i> /sleɪn/
	<i>NAme</i> /sleɪn/
-ing form	slaying
	<i>BrE</i> /ˈsleɪɪŋ/
	<i>NAme</i> /ˈsleɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English slæan 'strike, kill', of Germanic origin; related to Dutch slaan and German schlagen.

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slay /sleɪ/ *BrE* ⁴ *AmE* ⁴ *verb* (past tense **slew** /sluː/, past participle **slain** /sleɪn/)

[transitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: slæan 'to hit, kill']

1. *literary* to kill someone – used especially in newspapers
2. *American English spoken informal* to amuse someone a lot

—**slayer** *noun* [countable]

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- **kill** to make someone die: The driver and his passenger were killed in the crash. | He was killed by rival gang members.
- **murder** to deliberately kill someone – used when talking about this as a crime: He was convicted of murdering his wife.
- **commit manslaughter** to kill someone without intending to – used when talking about this as a crime: The court ruled that the guard had committed manslaughter.
- **assassinate** to deliberately kill an important person, especially a politician: He was part of a plot to assassinate Hitler.
- **slay** to kill someone or something in a violent way – used in newspaper reports and also in old stories: Two teenagers were slain in the shootings. | St. George slew the dragon. | The king was slain at the battle of Hastings.
- **execute** *formal* (also **put somebody to death**) to kill someone as a punishment for a crime: McVeigh, who killed 168 people in a bombing attack, was executed by lethal injection.
- **eliminate** to kill someone in order to prevent them from causing trouble: a ruthless dictator who eliminated all his rivals
- **take somebody out** *informal* to kill someone in order to get rid of them, especially an enemy or someone who is causing trouble for you: US forces used air strikes to take out the enemy positions. | One of the other drug dealers may have decided to take him out.
- **bump somebody off** *humorous informal* to kill someone: He was so irritating I felt like bumping him off myself.
- **do away with somebody** *informal* to kill someone: The settlers in Jamestown had been done away with, but no one knew how.

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