

detonate

- [ˈdetəneɪt] *v*
- 1) детонировать, взрываться
 - 2) взрывать
to detonate a nuclear device - взорвать ядерное устройство
to detonate a nuclear explosion - произвести ядерный взрыв
 - 3) вызвать, породить
to detonate controversies - вызвать бурные споры
to detonate a war - привести к войне; ≅ вспыхнула война

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det-on-ate [detonate detonates detonated detonating] *BrE* [ˈdetəneɪt] ¹

NAmE [ˈdetəneɪt] ² **verb intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)**
to explode, or to make a bomb or other device explode

- Two other bombs failed to detonate.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	detonate
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈdetəneɪt/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈdetəneɪt/
he / she / it	detonates
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈdetəneɪts/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈdetəneɪts/
past simple, past participle	detonated
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈdetəneɪtɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈdetəneɪtɪd/
-ing form	detonating
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈdetəneɪtɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈdetəneɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

early 18th cent.: from Latin **detonat-** ‘thundered down or forth’, from the verb **detonare**, from **de-** ‘down’ + **tonare** ‘to thunder’.

Synonyms:

explode

blow up • go off • burst • erupt • detonate

These are all words that can be used when sth bursts apart violently, causing damage or injury.

explode • to burst loudly and violently, causing damage; to make sth burst in this way: ▪ The jet smashed into a hillside and exploded. ◊ The bomb was exploded under controlled conditions.

blow (sth) up • to be destroyed by an explosion; to destroy sth by an explosion: ▪ A police officer was killed when his car blew up.

go off • (of a bomb) to explode; (of a gun) to be fired: ▪ The bomb went off in a crowded street.

When used about guns, the choice of **go off** (instead of ‘be fired’) can suggest that the gun was fired by accident.

burst • to break open or apart, especially because of pressure from inside; to make sth break in this way: ▪ That balloon's going to burst.

erupt • (of a volcano) to throw out burning rocks and smoke; (of burning rocks and smoke) to be thrown out of a volcano.

detonate • (rather formal) (of a bomb) to explode; to make a bomb explode: ▪ Two other bombs failed to detonate.

a **bomb** explodes/blows up/goes off/bursts/detonates

a **car/plane/vehicle** explodes/blows up

a **firework/rocket** explodes/goes off

Example Bank:

- The terrorists planned to detonate the device when the shop was empty.
- The bomb was detonated by remote control.

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det-on-ate /ˈdetəneɪt/ *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ² **verb** [intransitive and transitive]

[Date: 1700-1800; Language: Latin; Origin: detonare, from tonare ‘to thunder’]

to explode or to make something explode

—**detonation** /ˌdetəˈneɪʃən/ *noun* [uncountable]

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■ **to make something explode**

▪ **explode** *verb* [transitive] to make a bomb burst suddenly and violently with a loud noise: The terrorists planned to explode a car bomb outside the US embassy.

▪ **set off** *phrasal verb* to make a bomb explode, either deliberately or accidentally. **Set off** is less formal than **explode** and is the usual phrase to use in everyday English: The group set off a bomb outside a crowded cafe in Izmir last September. | Police say radio signals were probably used to set the bomb off.

▪ **detonate** /ˈdetəneɪt/ *verb* [transitive] to make a bomb explode, especially by using special equipment. **Detonate** is a more technical word than **set off**: Army experts detonated the bomb safely in a nearby field. | The 200 kg bomb was detonated by terrorists using a remote-control device.

▪ **let off** *phrasal verb* *British English* to deliberately make a bomb explode: Terrorists let off a bomb in the city centre. | The bomb

was let off shortly before 3 pm.

- **blow up** *phrasal verb* to make a building, car, plane etc explode: He was involved in a plot to blow up a passenger jet. | He struck a match and blew the whole place up.

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