

decimate

[ˈdesɪmeɪt] *v*

1. *воен.* казнить, расстреливать каждого десятого
2. опустошать; истреблять, косить
cholera decimated the country [the population] - холера опустошала страну [косила население]
3. *уст.* *взимать или собирать десятину*

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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decimate [decimate decimates decimated decimating] *BrE* ['desɪmeɪt] ^ˈ

NAmE ['desɪmeɪt] ^ˈ **verb**

1. **usually passive** ~ **sth** to kill large numbers of animals, plants or people in a particular area
• The rabbit population was decimated by the disease.
2. ~ **sth** (*informal*) to severely damage sth or make sth weaker
• Cheap imports decimated the British cycle industry.

Derived Word ↑ **decimation**

Verb forms:

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present simple	
I / you / we / they	decimate
	<i>BrE</i> / 'desɪmeɪt/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'desɪmeɪt/
he / she / it	decimates
	<i>BrE</i> / 'desɪmeɪts/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'desɪmeɪts/
past simple, past participle	decimated
	<i>BrE</i> / 'desɪmeɪtɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'desɪmeɪtɪd/
-ing form	decimating
	<i>BrE</i> / 'desɪmeɪtɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'desɪmeɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin **decimat-** 'taken as a tenth', from the verb **decimare**, from **decimus** 'tenth'. In Middle English the term decimation denoted the levying of a tithe, and later the tax imposed by the English statesman Cromwell on the Royalists (1655).

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decimate /ˈdesəmeɪt, 'desɪmeɪt/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **verb** [transitive]

[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** decimatus, past participle of decimare 'to remove one tenth, kill one in ten', from decem 'ten']

to destroy a large part of something:

• The population has been decimated by disease.

—**decimation** /ˌdesə'meɪʃən, ,desɪ'meɪʃən/ **noun** [uncountable]

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