

decompose

[,di:kəm'pəʊz] *v*

- 1) разлагать на составные части
to decompose a force - *физ.* разложить силу
- 2) разбирать, анализировать
2. распадаться, гнить, разлагаться (*тж. перен.*)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

de·com·pose [**decompose decomposes decomposed decomposing**] *BrE*

[,di:kəm'pəʊz] *NAmE* [,di:kəm'pɔ:] *v*

1. **intransitive, transitive** to be destroyed gradually by natural chemical processes

Syn: ↑decay, **Syn:** ↑rot

- a decomposing corpse
- As the waste materials decompose, they produce methane gas.
- ~ **sth** a decomposed body

2. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth) (into sth) (technical)** to divide sth into smaller parts; to divide into smaller parts

Derived Word ↑decomposition

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	decompose
	BrE / ,di:kəm'pəʊz/
	NAmE / ,di:kəm'pɔz/
he / she / it	decomposes
	BrE / ,di:kəm'pəʊzɪz/
	NAmE / ,di:kəm'pɔzɪz/
past simple, past participle	decomposed
	BrE / ,di:kəm'pəʊzd/
	NAmE / ,di:kəm'pɔzd/
-ing form	decomposing
	BrE / ,di:kəm'pəʊzɪŋ/
	NAmE / ,di:kəm'pɔzɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 18th cent. (in the sense 'separate into simpler constituents'): from French *décomposer*, from *de-* (expressing reversal) + *composer*.

Example Bank:

- The garden was dank with decomposing vegetation.

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de·com·pose /,di:kəm'pəʊz/-'pəʊz/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *v* [**intransitive and transitive**]

1. to decay or make something decay:
" a partially decomposed body
 2. **technical** to divide into smaller parts, or to make something do this
- decomposition** /,di:kəm'pəʊzən/-kəm' *noun* [**uncountable**]

THESAURUS

- **decay** to be slowly destroyed by a natural chemical process – use this especially about natural things such as wood or plants, or about teeth: The leaves decay and enrich the soil. | He had bad breath and decaying teeth. | The fabric slowly began to decay.
- **rot** to decay. **Rot** is less formal than **decay** and is more common in everyday English: The fruit was left to rot on the ground. | rotting teeth | Most of the wood under the paint had rotted. | the smell of rotting vegetation (=decaying leaves and plants)
- **go off** *British English* if food goes off, it starts to smell bad and is no longer be safe to eat: I think the milk's gone off. | The meat smells as if it's gone off.
- **spoil** if food spoils, it starts to decay, so that it is no longer safe to eat. **Spoil** is more formal and is less common in everyday British English than **go off**: Food left in the sun will quickly start to spoil.
- **go mouldy** *British English*, **moldy** *American English* to begin to have a soft green or black substance growing on the surface of the food, so that it is not good to eat any more: Ugh, the cheese has gone mouldy!
- **decompose** *formal* to decay – use this especially about dead plants or flesh: leaves decomposing on the forest floor
- **putrefy** *formal* to decay and have a very bad smell – use this especially about flesh or plants: After two days, the body was already beginning to putrefy. | putrefying meat
- **biodegrade** to decay naturally into substances that do not harm the environment – use this especially about man-made materials and chemicals: Unlike many other materials, plastic does not biodegrade.

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