

despot['despɒt, 'despət] *n*

деспот, тиран

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des·pot [despɒt despɒts] *BrE* ['despɒt] *AmE* ['despɑːt] *noun*

a ruler with great power, especially one who uses it in a cruel way

- an enlightened despot (= one who tries to use his/her power in a good way)

Derived Word ↑despoticWord Origin:

mid 16th cent.: from French *despote*, via medieval Latin from Greek *despotēs* 'master, absolute ruler'. Originally (after the Turkish conquest of Constantinople) the term denoted a minor Christian ruler under the Turkish empire. The current sense dates from the late 18th cent.

Example Bank:

- He was seen by many as an enlightened despot.
- It is the story of a military coup which brings a brutal despot to power.

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des·pot /'despɒt, -ət \$ 'despət, -ɑːt *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable][**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** despote, from Greek despotes 'lord']someone, especially a ruler, who uses power in a cruel and unfair way **SYN** tyrant—**despotic** /de'spɒtɪk \$ -'spɑːtɪk/ *adjective*—**despotically** /-kli/ *adverb***despot**

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