

**victim**[ˈvɪktɪm] *n*1. *рел.* живое существо, приносимое в жертву

2. жертва

victims of war [of an accident, of pestilence, of circumstances] - жертвы войны [несчастливого случая, эпидемии, обстоятельств]

the victim of malice [of hatred] - жертва недоброжелательства [ненависти]

the victim of his own folly - жертва собственной глупости

to fall victim to smth. - стать /пасть/ жертвой чего-л.

3. жертва обмана, простак

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**vic·tim** [victɪm vɪktɪms] *BrE* [ˈvɪktɪm] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [ˈvɪktɪm] <sup>u</sup> *noun*

1. a person who has been attacked, injured or killed as the result of a crime, a disease, an accident, etc

• **murder/rape, etc. victims**• **accident/earthquake/famine, etc. victims**• **AIDS/cancer/stroke, etc. victims**

• victims of crime

• She was the **innocent victim** of an arson attack.

• Schools are the latest victims of cuts in public spending.

2. a person who has been tricked

**Syn:** ↑target

• They were the victims of a cruel hoax.

**see also** ↑fashion victim

3. an animal or a person that is killed and offered as a ↑sacrifice

• a sacrificial victim

| **idiom** ↑fall victim**Word Origin:**late 15th cent. (denoting a creature killed as a religious sacrifice): from Latin **victima**.**Example Bank:**

- Boys are the primary victims of corporal punishment.
- He defrauded his innocent victims of millions of pounds.
- He managed to lure victims into his car.
- He targeted younger victims, often single women.
- Her son fell victim to tuberculosis.
- In his fantasies, women became passive and sometimes even willing victims.
- In his trial, he tried to portray himself as the victim of an uncaring society.
- Not all victims have been identified yet.
- She's a fashion victim.
- Stop playing the victim— you knew exactly what was happening.
- The cut in benefits for the unemployed is a classic case of blaming the victim.
- The government is sending aid to flood victims.
- The helpline takes calls from child-abuse victims.
- The intended victims were selected because they seemed vulnerable.
- The small company became a victim of its own success when it could not supply all its orders on time.
- The train crash claimed its tenth victim yesterday when the driver died in hospital.
- The victim suffered severe cuts to the upper lip.
- This victim mentality is sadly all too prevalent in our country.
- Tourists are easy victims for pickpockets.
- Unfortunately, she fell victim to an unscrupulous landlord.
- a bill aimed at compensating victims of air pollution
- a service to remember the victims of the terrorist attacks
- groups claiming victim status
- the child victims of the war
- the failure to protect domestic-violence victims
- ways to avoid becoming a victim of fraud
- A new programme will assist stroke victims for whom mobility has become difficult.
- AIDS victims are prone to pick up infections.
- He shouldn't feel ashamed— he was an innocent victim.
- She defrauded her unsuspecting victims of millions of pounds.
- accident/earthquake/famine victims
- murder/rape victims

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**vic·tim** **S3 W2** /ˈvɪktɪm, ˈvɪktɪm/ *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: victima 'person or animal killed as a religious offering']

1. someone who has been attacked, robbed, or murdered:

The victim received head injuries from which she died a week later.

**rape/murder etc victim**

Most homicide victims are under 30.

**victim of**

victims of crime

a credit card fraud ring that stole millions of dollars from unsuspecting victims

**2. someone who suffers because of something bad that happens or because of an illness**

**victim of**

victims of age discrimination

He was the victim of an administrative error.

a massive aid programme for the famine victims

AI DSvictims and other patients who are terminally ill

All these people are innocent victims.

He was used to being in charge, not being the victim of circumstance.

Saying that the unemployed 'don't want to work' is a classic case of blaming the victim.

**3. fall victim to somebody/something written**

**a) to be attacked, killed etc by someone, or to get a particular illness, especially one that kills:**

One theory is that the hostages fell victim to bandits.

**b) to be badly affected or destroyed by a situation:**

Many small businesses have fallen victim to the recession.

**4. be/become a victim of its own success** to be badly affected by some unexpected results of being very successful:

There are now so many tourists that the area has become a victim of its own success.

**5. sacrificial victim** a person or animal that is killed and offered as a **↑sacrifice (=gift)** to a god

**6. fashion/style victim** someone who always wears the most fashionable clothes even if they do not look good in them

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**COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)**

**ADJECTIVES/NOUN + victim**

- **a flood/earthquake /cyclone etc victim** Earthquake victims were living in tents in the city's parks.
- **a famine victim (=someone who has had no food to eat for a long time)** Aid is being shipped to famine victims.
- **a cancer/AIDS etc victim** He helped raise £2,000 for a dying cancer victim.
- **an accident/crash victim** The crash victims were rushed to hospital.
- **an innocent victim** Children are the innocent victims of war.
- **an unfortunate victim** I you are the unfortunate victim of a tragic accident, this card will tell doctors that you are willing to donate your organs.

**victim + NOUN**

- **a victim mentality (=when someone always thinks of themselves as a victim)** Many of us fall into a victim mentality, and blame all our troubles on other people.

**phrases**

- **a victim of circumstance (=someone who suffers because of something they cannot control)** She was a victim of circumstance, as she was born at a time when women had no power.

**verbs**

- **blame the victim (=to say that someone is responsible for their own bad situation )** I its blaming the victim to ask the woman what she does that makes her husband lose his temper and hit her.
- **portray somebody as a victim (=to write or talk about someone as though they are not responsible for their bad situation)** She was portrayed as the victim of a loveless marriage.

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