

**murder****1. [ˈmɜːdə] n**

1. (умышленное, преднамеренное) убийство

murder in the first degree, first degree murder - *амер.* убийство без смягчающих вину обстоятельствmurder in the second degree, second degree murder - *амер.* убийство со смягчающими вину обстоятельствами

to commit murder - совершить убийство

2. *разг.*1) что-л. очень трудное *или* утомительное

it was murder getting him back - было ужасно трудно привести его назад

2) *амер. сл.* что-л. вызывающее удивление *или* восхищение3. в *грам. знач.* междометия караул!

◇ to cry blue murder - кричать караул; вопить, орать

to get away with murder - выйти сухим из воды, действовать безнаказанно

the murder is out - секрет раскрыт

murder will out - *посл.* ≅ шила в мешке не утаишь**2. [ˈmɜːdə] v**

1. убивать (жестоко, зверски); совершать (умышленное, преднамеренное) убийство

2. плохо исполнять, портить (*музыкальное произведение и т. п.*); коверкать (*иностранный язык*)

to murder a song [a speech (by faulty reading)] - загубить песню [речь (плохим чтением)]

to murder the English language - коверкать английский язык

3. бесцельно тратить, убивать (*время*)**murder**

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**mur·der** [murder murders murdered murdering] noun, verb BrE [ˈmɜːdə(r)]

NAme [ˈmɜːrdə]

noun

**1. uncountable, countable** the crime of killing sb deliberately**Syn:** †homicide

- He was found guilty of murder.
- She has been charged with the **attempted murder** of her husband.
- to **commit (a) murder**
- a **murder case/investigation/trial**
- The rebels were responsible for the **mass murder** of 400 civilians.
- What was the **murder weapon** ?
- The play is a **murder mystery** .

**compare** †manslaughter**2. uncountable (informal)** used to describe sth that is difficult or unpleasant

- It's murder trying to get to the airport at this time of day.
- It was murder (= very busy and unpleasant) in the office today.

**more at** scream blue murder **at** †scream v.Word Origin:Old English morthor, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **moord** and German **Mord**, from an Indo-European root shared by Sanskrit **mará** 'death' and Latin **mors**; reinforced in Middle English by Old French **murdre**.Thesaurus:**murder** noun C, U

• He was charged with the attempted murder of his wife.

**killing** • • **assassination** • • **slaughter** • • **massacre** • |law **manslaughter** • |especially AmE, **law homicide** • |especially AmE, **journalism slaying** •a **double/mass** murder/killing/slaying**commit** murder/manslaughter/homicide**carry out** a/an murder/killing/assassination/slaughter/massacre**Murder or killing?** **Killing** is usually used in the plural about acts committed during a war, or by extreme political groups or organized groups of criminals; **murder** more often refers to the killing of one person.Collocations:**Crime***Committing a crime***commit** a crime/a murder/a violent assault/a brutal killing/an armed robbery/fraud**be involved in** terrorism/a suspected arson attack/people smuggling/human trafficking**engage/participate in** criminal activity/illegal practices/acts of mindless vandalism**steal** sb's wallet/purse/(BrE) mobile phone/(NAme) cell phone**rob** a bank/a person/a tourist**break into/ (BrE) burgle/ (NAme) burglarize** a house/a home/an apartment**hijack** a plane/ship/bus**smuggle** drugs/weapons/arms/immigrants**launder** drug money (through sth)**forge** documents/certificates/passports

take/accept/pay sb/offer (sb) a bribe  
run a phishing/an email/an Internet scam

### Fighting crime

combat/fight crime/terrorism/corruption/drug trafficking  
prevent/stop credit-card fraud/child abuse/software piracy  
deter/stop criminals/burglars/thieves/shoplifters/vandals  
reduce/tackle/crack down on knife/gun/violent/street crime; (*especially BrE*) antisocial behaviour  
foil a bank raid/a terrorist plot  
help/support/protect the victims of crime

### Investigating crime

report a crime/a theft/a rape/an attack/(*especially BrE*) an incident to the police  
witness the crime/attack/murder/incident  
investigate a murder/(*especially NAmE*) a homicide/a burglary/a robbery/the alleged incident  
conduct/launch/pursue an investigation (into...); (*especially BrE*) a police/murder inquiry  
investigate/reopen a criminal/murder case  
examine /investigate/find fingerprints at the crime scene/the scene of crime  
collect/gather forensic evidence  
uncover new evidence/a fraud/a scam/a plot/a conspiracy/political corruption/a cache of weapons  
describe/identify a suspect/the culprit/the perpetrator/the assailant/the attacker  
question/interrogate a suspect/witness  
solve/crack the case  
more collocations at [↑justice](#)

### Example Bank:

- He committed the perfect murder and left no forensic evidence.
- He ordered the murder of his political opponents.
- He vowed to avenge his brother's murder.
- Her latest novel is a gripping murder mystery.
- It was a murder which shocked the nation.
- Nothing justifies murder.
- The city used to be the murder capital of the world.
- They let their children get away with murder!
- a city that has the highest murder rate in the US
- a verdict of wilful murder
- murders committed by terrorists
- new evidence that implicated her in the murder
- the wholesale murder of innocent citizens
- She had committed the murder the night before her thirtieth birthday.
- The play is a murder mystery.
- What was the murder weapon?
- Who is responsible for this brutal murder?

Idioms: [↑I could murder a ...](#) ▪ [↑get away with murder](#) ▪ [↑somebody will murder you](#)

### verb

1. ~ **sb** to kill sb deliberately and illegally

- He denies murdering his wife's lover.
- The murdered woman was well known in the area.

2. ~ **sth** to spoil sth because you do not do it very well

**Syn:** [↑butcher](#)

- Critics accused him of murdering the English language (= writing or speaking it very badly).

3. ~ **sb** (*BrE, informal*) to defeat sb completely, especially in a team sport

**Syn:** [↑thrash](#)

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	murder
	BrE / 'mɑ:de(r)/
	NAmE / 'mɑ:der/
he / she /it	murders
	BrE / 'mɑ:dz/
	NAmE / 'mɑ:derz/
past simple, past participle	murdered
	BrE / 'mɑ:ded/
	NAmE / 'mɑ:derd/
-ing form	murdering
	BrE / 'mɑ:derɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'mɑ:derɪŋ/

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## Thesaurus:

### murder verb T

- She denies murdering her lover.

kill • • assassinate • • shoot • |informal take sb/sth out • |informal, humorous bump sb off • |formal eliminate • |especially AmE, especially journalism slay •

murder/kill/assassinate/shoot sb in cold blood

brutally murder/kill/shoot/slay sb

## Example Bank:

- He was found murdered in the cemetery.
- She was arrested and charged with murdering the two children.
- The boy was brutally murdered.
- They were murdered in cold blood.
- He denies murdering his wife's lover.

## murder

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### I. murder<sup>1</sup> S3 W2 /'mɜːdə/\$ 'mɜːrdər BrE " AmE " noun

[Word Family: noun: ↑murder, ↑murderer; verb: ↑murder; adverb: ↑murderously; adjective: ↑murderous]

[Origin: Partly from Old English morthor, partly from Old French murdre]

#### 1. [uncountable and countable] the crime of deliberately killing someone ⇒ manslaughter:

" On the night the murder was committed, he was out of the country.

" The man accused of her murder will appear in court today.

#### murder of

" the brutal murder of a child

" He was found guilty of attempted murder.

" She was charged with two counts of first degree murder.

" The mother of the murder victim wept in court.

" Police are searching for the murder weapon.

" Detectives have launched a murder investigation.

#### 2. get away with murder informal to do anything you want, even things that are wrong, without being punished:

" She lets those kids get away with murder.

#### 3. be murder spoken to be very difficult or unpleasant:

" It's murder doing the shopping on Saturdays.

" The traffic was murder this morning.

#### 4. be murder on something spoken to harm or damage something else:

" These new shoes are murder on my feet.

⇒ scream blue murder at ↑scream<sup>1</sup>(1)

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ verbs

- **commit (a) murder** (=murder someone) Whoever had committed these murders had planned them carefully.
- **be guilty of murder** They had wished him dead, but that did not make them guilty of murder.
- **accuse somebody of murder** (=say that you think someone murdered a person) Dillon was accused of both murders.
- **deny murder** (=say that you did not kill someone) The four accused men all deny murder.
- **charge somebody with murder** (=officially say that someone may be guilty of murder) Is there enough evidence to charge him with murder?
- **investigate a murder** The police are investigating the murder of a homeless man.
- **solve a murder** (=find out who murdered someone) The murder has never been solved.

### ■ adjectives

- **a brutal/horrific murder** (=violent and cruel) He is wanted for the brutal murder of a young girl.
- **cold-blooded murder** (=not caused by strong emotions) He didn't kill his wife in a moment of anger; it was cold-blooded murder.
- **premeditated murder** (=planned before it happens) He was charged with premeditated murder.
- **an unsolved murder** (=for which the killer has never been found) Police questioned the man about two unsolved murders.
- **attempted murder** (=the crime of trying to kill someone) I am arresting you for attempted murder.
- **first-degree murder** (also **murder in the first degree**) *American English* (=the most serious type of murder under U.S. law) If convicted of first-degree murder, he will spend the rest of his life in prison.
- **mass murder** (=of a large number of people) Hitler was responsible for the largest mass murder in history.

### ■ murder + NOUN

- **a murder victim** (=someone who has been murdered) The family of the murder victim pleaded for information to find the killer.
- **a murder weapon** (=the gun, knife etc used to murder someone) Have they found the murder weapon?
- **a murder scene** (=where a murder happened) His blood matched the blood found at the murder scene.
- **a murder investigation** A murder investigation is underway after a woman's body was found in a tunnel.
- **a murder charge** (=an official statement saying someone may be guilty of murder) He has escaped a murder charge, but his career is finished.

### ■ phrases

- **a motive for murder** (=a reason to kill someone) Police believe the motive for the murders was robbery.

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## THESAURUS

### ■ violent crimes

- **assault** *noun* [uncountable and countable] the crime of physically attacking someone: He was arrested for an assault on a policeman.
- **mugging** *noun* [uncountable and countable] the crime of attacking and robbing someone in a public place: Muggings usually happen at night.
- **murder** *noun* [uncountable and countable] the crime of deliberately killing someone: He is accused of the murder of five women.
- **homicide** *noun* [uncountable and countable] *especially American English law* murder: Homicide rates are rising fastest amongst 15 to 19-year-olds.
- **rape** *noun* [uncountable and countable] the crime of forcing someone to have sex: In most cases of rape, the victim knows her attacker.

## II. **murder**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> *verb* [transitive]

[Word Family: *noun*: ↑murder, ↑murderer; *verb*: ↑murder; *adverb*: ↑murderously; *adjective*: ↑murderous]

### 1. to kill someone deliberately and illegally:

- He was convicted of murdering a policeman.
- Thousands of civilians were brutally murdered during the civil war.
- the murdered man

### 2. *informal* to spoil a song, play etc by performing it very badly:

- It's a good song, but they murdered it.

### 3. **somebody will murder you** *spoken* used to tell someone that another person will be very angry with them:

- Your dad'll murder you when he hears about it.

### 4. **I could murder a beer/pizza etc** *British English spoken* used to say that you are very hungry or thirsty and want a particular food or drink

### 5. *informal* to defeat someone completely:

- They murdered us in the final.

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## THESAURUS

- **kill** to make someone die: The driver and his passenger were killed in the crash. | He was killed by rival gang members.
- **murder** to deliberately kill someone – used when talking about this as a crime: He was convicted of murdering his wife.
- **commit manslaughter** to kill someone without intending to – used when talking about this as a crime: The court ruled that the guard had committed manslaughter.
- **assassinate** to deliberately kill an important person, especially a politician: He was part of a plot to assassinate Hitler.
- **slay** to kill someone or something in a violent way – used in newspaper reports and also in old stories: Two teenagers were slain in the shootings. | St. George slew the dragon. | The king was slain at the battle of Hastings.
- **execute** *formal* (also **put somebody to death**) to kill someone as a punishment for a crime: McVeigh, who killed 168 people in a bombing attack, was executed by lethal injection.
- **eliminate** to kill someone in order to prevent them from causing trouble: a ruthless dictator who eliminated all his rivals
- **take somebody out** *informal* to kill someone in order to get rid of them, especially an enemy or someone who is causing trouble for you: US forces used air strikes to take out the enemy positions. | One of the other drug dealers may have decided to take him out.
- **bump somebody off** *humorous informal* to kill someone: He was so irritating I felt like bumping him off myself.
- **do away with somebody** *informal* to kill someone: The settlers in Jamestown had been done away with, but no one knew how.

## murder

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RANGE: **2k** MURDER <sup>45685</sup>

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murders <sup>4681</sup>

murdering <sup>1358</sup>

murderers <sup>1444</sup>

murderer <sup>3057</sup>

murdered <sup>6644</sup>

murderous <sup>1244</sup>

murderously <sup>53</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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1227 **16216**<sup>1510</sup> *vvi*

386 **34222**<sup>442</sup> *vv0*

34 **125592**<sup>38</sup> *nnu*

17 **187063**<sup>18</sup> *jj*

6 **252145**<sup>11</sup> *np1*