

weapon['weɪpən] *n*

- оружие, боевое средство; боезаряд
nuclear weapons, the nuclear weapon - ядерное оружие
weapons of mass destruction /annihilation/ - оружие массового уничтожения
sophisticated weapons - новейшие виды сложного оружия
all-purpose weapon - универсальное оружие
directed-energy weapon - лучевое оружие
cutting weapon - рубящее оружие
weapon of opportunity - **воен.** наличное боевое средство (для поражения внезапно появившейся цели)
- орудие, средство, оружие
the strike as a political weapon - забастовка как политическое орудие
to fight an adversary with /at/ his own weapon(s) - бить противника его собственным оружием
- биол.** средства самозащиты (у животных, насекомых)

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weapon [weapon weapons] *BrE* ['weɪpən] [Ⓜ] *NAmE* ['weɪpən] [Ⓜ] **noun**

- an object such as a knife, gun, bomb, etc. that is used for fighting or attacking sb
 - nuclear weapons
 - a **lethal/deadly weapon**
 - The police still haven't found the **murder weapon** .
 - He was charged with carrying an **offensive weapon** .

see also ↑biological weapon, ↑chemical weapon
- something such as knowledge, words, actions, etc. that can be used to attack or fight against sb/sth
 - Education is the only weapon to fight the spread of the disease.
 - Guilt is the **secret weapon** for the control of children.

see be a double-edged sword/weapon **at** ↑double-edged

Word Origin:Old English wæp(e)n, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **wapen** and German **Waffe**.Collocations:**War and peace***Starting a war*

declare /make/wage war (on sb/sth)
go to war (against/with sb)
cause/spark/provoke/foment/quell unrest
incite/lead /crush/suppress a revolt/rebellion
launch/mount/carry out a surprise/terrorist attack
prevent/halt/represent an escalation of the conflict
be torn apart by/be on the brink of civil war
enter/invade /occupy sb's territory
lead /launch/resist/repel an invasion

Military operations

adopt/develop /implement /pursue a military strategy
carry out/execute /perform military operations/manoeuvres (*especially US*) maneuvers
send/deploy/station/pull back/withdraw troops
go on/fly/carry out a reconnaissance/rescue mission
train/equip/deploy army/military/combat units
lead /launch/conduct a raid/a surprise attack/an (air/airborne/amphibious) assault (on sb)
employ/use guerrilla tactics
conduct/wage biological/guerrilla warfare
fight/crush/defeat the rebels/the insurgency
suffer/inflict a crushing defeat
achieve /win a decisive victory
halt/stop the British/German/Russian advance
order/force a retreat

Fighting

join/serve in the army/navy/air force
be/go/remain /serve on active duty
serve/complete /return from a tour of duty
be sent to the front (line)
attack/strike/engage /defeat/kill/destroy the enemy
see/report/be engaged in heavy fighting
call for/be met with armed resistance
come under heavy/machine-gun/mortar fire
fire a machine-gun/mortar shells/rockets (at sb/sth)
shoot a rifle/a pistol/bullets/missiles
launch/fire a cruise/ballistic/anti-tank missile

use biological/chemical/nuclear weapons
inflict/suffer/sustain heavy losses/casualties
be hit/killed by enemy/friendly/artillery fire
become/be held as a prisoner of war

Civilians in war

harm/kill/target/protect innocent/unarmed civilians
cause/avoid/limit/minimize civilian casualties/collateral damage
impose/enforce/lift a curfew
engage in/be a victim of ethnic cleansing
be sent to an internment/a concentration camp
accept/house/resettle refugees fleeing from war
fear/threaten military/violent reprisals
commit/be accused of war crimes/crimes against humanity/genocide

Making peace

make/bring/win/achieve /maintain /promote peace
call for/negotiate/broker/declare a ceasefire/a temporary truce
sign a ceasefire agreement
call for/bring/put an end to hostilities
demand /negotiate /accept the surrender of sb/sth
establish/send (in) a peacekeeping force
negotiate /conclude /ratify /sign /accept /reject /break /violate a peace treaty

Example Bank:

- 'Load your weapons!' Barrett ordered.
- A massive weapons cache was uncovered
- Drop your weapons, or he dies!
- He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon.
- She pleaded guilty to carrying an offensiveweapon.
- She used humour and wit as weapons against her enemies.
- The armed men lowered their weapons and stepped aside.
- The assault forces used heavy weapons, including anti-tank rockets and mortars.
- The guards began to draw their weapons.
- The team's secret weapon was their new young defender.
- The workers' ultimate weapon was the strike.
- This relaxation technique can serve as an effective weapon against stress.
- a ban on the use of tactical nuclear weapons
- a biological weapons facility
- a sophisticated weapons platform
- arrested for carrying a concealed weapon
- nuclear weapons proliferation
- states developing weapons of mass destruction
- states that have acquired nuclear weapons
- the illegal transfer of weapons technology to hostile countries
- 14 people were killed when men armed with automatic weapons opened fire on the crowd.
- Almost any bladed or sharply pointed article is potentially a lethal weapon.
- He was charged with carrying an offensiveweapon.
- Modern nuclear weapons are much more destructive than either biological or chemical weapons.
- The police still haven't found the murder weapon.

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weapon **on S3 W2** /'wepən/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun** [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: wæpen]

1. something that you use to fight with or attack someone with, such as a knife, bomb, or gun:

• They all had sticks which they planned to use as weapons.

2. an action, piece of information, piece of equipment etc that you can use to win or be successful in doing something:

• a new weapon in the fight against AIDS

• Right now, she felt the need of every weapon in her armoury (=weapon that she had), including surprise.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + weapon

- **nuclear/atomic weapons** The country is thought to be developing nuclear weapons.
- **conventional weapons** (=not nuclear) With conventional weapons, the destruction is not so drastic.
- **chemical/biological weapons** (=weapons that use chemicals such as poisonous gases, or dangerous germs) Troops may have been exposed to chemical weapons.
- **an offensive weapon** (=one that can be used to attack someone illegally) He was charged with carrying an offensive weapon.
- **a lethal/deadly weapon** (=one that can kill) A knife is a lethal weapon.
- **the murder weapon** (=the weapon used to kill someone) Police found a knife at the scene that is believed to be the murder weapon.

▪ **an automatic weapon** (=an automatic gun) He was shot 120 times with automatic weapons.

■ **verbs**

- **carry a weapon** The man is believed to be carrying a weapon.
- **use a weapon** They claim the government used chemical weapons against them.
- **fire a weapon** (=shoot a gun or missile) Police were told not to fire their weapons.

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