

**wreck****1. [rek] n**

- 1) крушение, авария, катастрофа гибель (*судна, самолёта и т. п.*)  
to suffer wreck - потерпеть крушение  
to go to wreck - разрушиться
- 2) гибель, крушение (*надежд и т. п.*); крах (*моральный, финансовый и т. п.*)
- 3) 1) остов *или* обломки погибшего судна; остатки кораблекрушения, выброшенные морем; затонувшее судно  
stranded wreck - судно, выброшенное на берег  
2) обломки (*самолёта, автомобиля и т. п.*)  
3) развалина  
the car is a mere wreck - это не автомобиль, а развалина  
he is a perfect wreck - он настоящая развалина  
human wrecks - конченные люди; люди, оказавшиеся за бортом жизни  
he is a nervous wreck - у него нервы никуда не годятся  
she is a wreck of her former self - от неё осталась одна тень

**2. [rek] v**

- 1) 1) вызывать аварию, крушение, катастрофу, гибель (*самолёта, судна и т. п.*); повреждать, выводить из строя (*танк и т. п.*)  
2) подрывать, губить (*здоровье, карьеру и т. п.*)  
to wreck smb.'s nerves - портить кому-л. нервы  
to wreck smb.'s plans - сорвать чьи-л. планы  
he is wrecking our cause - он губит наше дело
- 2) 1) потерпеть аварию, крушение  
2) потерпеть крах, рухнуть (*о планах и т. п.*)
3. сносить (*здание*); демонтировать
4. собирать остатки кораблекрушения
5. *амер. сл.* разменивать (*деньги*)  
to wreck a buck - разменять доллар  
◇ to be wrecked - *сл.* а) сильно пьяный; б) одурманенный наркотиком  
wreck sailor - моряк с погибшего судна

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**wreck** [wreck wrecks wrecked wrecking] **noun, verb** BrE [rek]<sup>Ⓜ</sup> NAmE [rek]<sup>Ⓜ</sup>**noun**

1. a ship that has sunk or that has been very badly damaged  
**see also** ↑shipwreck
2. a car, plane, etc. that has been very badly damaged in an accident
  - Two passengers are still trapped in the wreck.
  - She was pulled from the burning wreck by firefighters.
3. **usually singular (informal)** a person who is in a bad physical or mental condition
  - Physically, I was a total wreck.
  - The experience left her an emotional wreck.
  - The interview reduced him to **a nervous wreck**.
4. **(informal)** a vehicle, building, etc. that is in very bad condition
  - The house was a wreck when we bought it.
  - **(figurative)** They still hoped to salvage something from the wreck of their marriage.
5. **(NAmE)** = ↑crash
  - a **car/train wreck**

Word Origin:

Middle English (as a legal term denoting wreckage washed ashore): from Anglo-Norman French **wrec**, from the base of Old Norse **reka** 'to drive'; related to ↑wreak.

Example Bank:

- Explosions ripped through the blazing wreck.
- Heavy seas prevented salvage teams from landing on the wreck.
- His attempts at damage control are like watching a car wreck.
- I always turn into a gibbering wreck at interviews.
- I hadn't slept for two days, and I felt a complete physical wreck.
- The campaign is a train wreck waiting to happen.
- The interview reduced him to a nervous wreck.
- They are worried about the oil still in the wreck.
- They're going to try and raise the wreck from the sea bed.
- the wreck of the Titanic
- The wreck occurred at milepost 534, just west of Greenup, Kentucky.

**verb**

1. ~ **sth** to damage or destroy sth
  - The building had been wrecked by the explosion.

- The road was littered with wrecked cars.
2. ~ **sth (for sb)** to spoil sth completely
    - The weather wrecked all our plans.
    - A serious injury nearly wrecked his career.
  3. **usually passive** ~ **sth** to damage a ship so much that it sinks or can no longer sail
    - The ship was wrecked off the coast of France.

see also ↑shipwreck

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	wreck
	BrE /rek/
	NAmE /rek/
he / she / it	wrecks
	BrE /reks/
	NAmE /reks/
past simple, past participle	wrecked
	BrE /rekt/
	NAmE /rekt/
-ing form	wrecking
	BrE /rekiŋ/
	NAmE /rekiŋ/

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- A bomb completely wrecked the building.
- a crisis that threatens to wreck the peace talks
- A serious injury in 2006 threatened to wreck his career.
- His affair wrecked our marriage.
- Their lives had been wrecked by neglect and abuse.
- youths who steal and wreck fast cars

## wreck

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### I. **wreck**<sup>1</sup> /rek/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> verb [transitive]

1. to completely spoil something so that it cannot continue in a successful way **SYN** ruin:
  - Injury threatened to wreck his sporting career.
  - It was drink that wrecked their marriage.
2. to damage something such as a building or vehicle so badly that it cannot be repaired:
  - The car was completely wrecked in the accident.
3. if a ship is wrecked, it is badly damaged and sinks **SYN** shipwreck:
  - The ship was wrecked off the coast of Africa.

### THESAURUS

- **destroy** to damage something so badly that it no longer exists or cannot be used or repaired: The earthquake almost completely destroyed the city. | The twin towers were destroyed in a terrorist attack.
- **devastate** to damage a large area very badly and destroy many things in it: Allied bombings in 1943 devastated the city. | The country's economy has been devastated by years of fighting.
- **demolish** to completely destroy a building, either deliberately or by accident: The original 15th century house was demolished in Victorian times. | The plane crashed into a suburb of Paris, demolishing several buildings.
- **flatten** to destroy a building or town by knocking it down, bombing it etc, so that nothing is left standing: The town centre was flattened by a 500 lb bomb.
- **wreck** to deliberately damage something very badly, especially a room or building: The toilets had been wrecked by vandals. | They just wrecked the place.
- **trash** *informal* to deliberately destroy a lot of the things in a room, house etc: Apparently, he trashed his hotel room while on drugs.
- **obliterate** *formal* to destroy a place so completely that nothing remains: The nuclear blast obliterated most of Hiroshima.
- **reduce something to ruins/rubble/ashes** to destroy a building or town completely: The town was reduced to rubble in the First World War.
- **ruin** to spoil something completely, so that it cannot be used or enjoyed: Fungus may ruin the crop. | The new houses will ruin the view.

### II. **wreck**<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> noun [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Anglo-French; Origin: wrek, from a Scandinavian language]

1. **CAR/PLANE** a car, plane, or train that has been damaged very badly, especially in a crash:
  - He was still alive when they pulled him from the wreck.
2. **SHIP** a ship that has sunk **SYN** shipwreck  
wreck of
  - Divers discovered the wreck of an old German warship.
3. **PERSON** *informal* someone who is very nervous, tired, or unhealthy:

He looked a complete wreck.

nervous/emotional wreck

" The attack had left her an emotional wreck.

4. **ACCIDENT** *American English* an accident involving cars or other vehicles **SYN** crash

car/train/plane wreck

" My father died in a car wreck.

5. **PLACE** a place that is very untidy:

" When you're here, this place is a wreck!

6. **OLD CAR** *informal* an old car that is in a very bad condition

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- **accident** an event in which a vehicle is damaged and often someone is hurt: Her father died in a car accident. | Hugh had an accident on his way to work.
- **crash** a serious accident in which a vehicle hits something else: Rees-Jones was the only person to survive the crash. | a car/plane/train crash | He was killed in a plane crash.
- **collision** an accident in which two or more cars, trains etc hit each other: His car was involved in a collision with a train. | **a head-on collision** (=between vehicles that are driving towards each other): The actor was killed in a head-on collision while driving his new sports car.
- **disaster** a serious accident involving a train, plane, or boat, in which a lot of people are killed or injured: It was Britain's worst air disaster.
- **wreck** *American English* an accident in which a car or train is badly damaged: Ben nearly died in a car wreck.
- **pile-up** an accident that involves several cars or trucks: The pile-up happened in thick fog. | There was a 12-car pile-up on the motorway.
- **fender-bender** *American English informal*, **prang** *British English informal* a car accident in which little damage is done: Atkinson was involved in a fender-bender in the hotel parking lot. | At 15, he borrowed his parents' car and had a prang.

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