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1. [ˈenəmi] *n*

1. враг, недруг, противник

bitter enemy - злейший /заклятый/ враг

to be sworn enemies - быть заклятыми врагами

he is an enemy of our cause - он враг нашего дела

he is no enemy to wine - *шутл.* он не прочь выпить

the enemy from within [without] - внутренний [внешний] враг

to be one's own enemy - действовать во вред себе; ≅ сам себе злейший враг

2. *воен. употр. тж. с гл. во мн. ч.*

1) неприятель, противник

the enemy is /are/ in large force - противник выступает значительными силами

the enemy are forced to retreat - противник вынужден отступать

2) корабль противника

3. (the enemy, the Enemy) *эвф.* дьявол, сатана

the enemy of mankind - враг рода человеческого, сатана

4. *шутл.* время

how goes the enemy? - который час?

to kill the enemy - (стараться) убить время

5. *спец.* вредитель (о насекомом и т. п.)

◇ the great /last/ enemy - смерть

2. [ˈenəmi] *a*

1. *воен.* вражеский, враждебный, относящийся к противнику

enemy alien - гражданин /подданный/ враждебного государства

enemy camp - вражеский лагерь

enemy dead - погибшие солдаты и офицеры противника

enemy lines - расположение противника

enemy aviation [ships, submarines] - вражеская авиация [-ие корабли, подводные лодки]

2. *арх.* враждебно настроенный, недружелюбный

II

[ˈenəmi] *диал. см. anemone*

enemy

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enemy [enəmi enemɪes] *BrE* [ˈenəmi] ^m *NAmE* [ˈenəmi] ^m **noun** (pl. **enemies**)

1. **countable** a person who hates sb or who acts or speaks against sb/sth

- He has a lot of enemies in the company.
- After just one day, she had already **made an enemy of** her manager.
- They used to be friends but they are now **sworn enemies** (= are determined not to become friends again) .
- It is rare to find a prominent politician with few **political enemies** .
- The state has a duty to protect its citizens against external enemies.
- Birds are the **natural enemies** of many insect pests (= they kill them) .

see also ↑enmity

2. **the enemy** **singular + singular or plural verb** a country that you are fighting a war against; the soldiers, etc. of this country

- The enemy was/were forced to retreat.
- **enemy forces/aircraft/territory**
- behind **enemy lines** (= the area controlled by the enemy)

3. **countable ~ (of sth)** (*formal*) anything that harms sth or prevents it from being successful

- Poverty and ignorance are the enemies of progress.

see be your own worst enemy **at** ↑worst _{adj.}

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **enemi**, from Latin **inimicus**, from **in-** 'not' + **amicus** 'friend' .

Thesaurus:

enemy **noun** C

- They used to be friends, but now they are sworn enemies.

opponent • **rival** • **competitor** • **the opposition** • **the competition** • **formal adversary** • **old-fashioned formal foe** •

Opp: ally, **Opp:** friend

against an enemy/an opponent/a rival/a competitor/the opposition/the competition/an adversary/a foe

a/an **old/dangerous** enemy/opponent/rival/adversary/foe

face/defeat an enemy/an opponent/a rival/a competitor/the opposition/the competition/an adversary/a foe

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:

- He turned to face his enemy.
- He was prepared to use any weapon to fight against his enemies.
- He was shot for desertion in the face of the enemy.
- I didn't want to make an enemy of Mr Evans.
- In today's match England play their old enemy, Scotland.
- Intelligence reported enemy activity just off the coast.
- Iraq's traditional enemy, Iran
- It is important to know your enemy.
- She didn't have an enemy in the world.
- Since the scandal he has become public enemy number one.
- Some dancers become their own worst enemies, criticizing themselves for every imperfection.
- The Church and the Communist Party were natural enemies.
- The cat uses its claws to protect itself against enemies.
- The document must not at any price fall into enemy hands.
- The lion is the zebra's chief enemy.

- The men came under enemy fire.
- The skunk releases a pungent smell to deter the enemy.
- The spies managed to penetrate behind enemy lines.
- They decided to use the weapon against the enemy.
- They united in the face of a common enemy.
- Thousands of perceived enemies of the State were imprisoned.
- an enemy of God
- the first casualty from enemy action
- Birds are the natural enemies of many insect pests.
- It is rare to find a prominent politician with few political enemies.
- The enemy was forced to retreat.
- They used to be friends but now they are sworn enemies.
- enemy aircraft
- to go behind enemy lines

enemy

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en [ə] **my** **W2** /'enəmi/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun* (plural **enemies**) [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: enemi, from Latin inimicus, from amicus 'friend']

1. someone who hates you and wants to harm you:

- " She's a dangerous enemy to have.
- " Cats and dogs have always been natural enemies.
- " an old enemy of her father

make an enemy (of somebody)

- " a ruthless businessman who made a lot of enemies
- " the unforgettable sight of the president shaking hands with his sworn enemy (=an enemy you will always hate)

sb's worst enemy (=the person they hate most)

- " I wouldn't wish this on my worst enemy.

2. someone who opposes or competes against you:

- " political enemies
- " He was imprisoned for being 'an enemy of the revolution'.

3. (also **the enemy**) the country against which your country is fighting in a war:

- " He was accused of collaboration with the enemy.

enemy forces/aircraft/territory etc

- " a town behind enemy lines

GRAMMAR

In British English, you can use either a singular verb or a plural verb after **the enemy** :

- " The enemy has OR have suffered a major defeat.

4. something that people think is harmful or damaging:

- " The usual enemies, cigarettes and alcohol, are targeted for tax rises.
- " The common enemy that united them was communism.

5. **be your own worst enemy** to behave in a way that causes problems for yourself

6. **public enemy number one** *informal* someone famous who has done something bad and who a lot of people do not like:

- " His views made him public enemy number one in the eyes of the media.

7. **the enemy within** people in a society etc that other people think are trying to secretly destroy or damage it:

- " efforts to label environmentalists as the enemy within

8. if one thing is the enemy of another, the second thing cannot exist because the first thing destroys it:

- " Boredom is the enemy of learning.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1, 2 & 3)

■ adjectives

- " **a great enemy** Henry prepared to fight his great enemy, the king of France.
- " **a main/biggest/greatest enemy** Terrorism is our country's main enemy.
- " **an arch enemy** (=main enemy, used for emphasis) The comic book character Lex Luthor is Superman's arch enemy.
- " **bitter enemies** (=enemies who hate each other very much) When these former friends quarrelled over money, they became bitter enemies.
- " **sworn enemies** (=enemies who will always hate each other) The men have been sworn enemies for many years.
- " **a formidable enemy** (=a very powerful enemy) The North Vietnamese army proved to be a formidable enemy.
- " **deadly enemies** (=enemies who try to harm each other as much as possible) France and Germany, once deadly enemies, are now partners in the European Union.
- " **an old/traditional enemy** (=one you have had a long time) In 1548, Scotland moved towards an alliance with her traditional enemy, England.
- " **a common enemy** (=one shared by groups of people) We must work together against the common enemy.
- " **a political enemy** the prime minister's political enemies

■ verbs

- " **make enemies** (=become unfriendly with people) During her long and turbulent career, she made many enemies.
- " **defend/protect yourself from your enemies** Our country has a right to protect itself from its enemies.
- " **defeat the enemy** We will never defeat our enemies unless we stop fighting each other.

■ nouns

- " **an enemy force** (=a military group that is your enemy) The town is occupied by enemy forces.

▪ **an enemy position** (=a place controlled by an enemy army) General Hunt ordered an air strike on the enemy positions.

■ phrases

▪ **behind enemy lines** (=behind the edge of an area that is controlled by an enemy army) Men from the First Airborne Division were dropped behind enemy lines.

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THESAURUS

■ person

- **enemy** someone who does not like you because you have had a big disagreement with them in the past or someone who opposes you in business or politics: If that's how he treats his friends, I'd hate to be his enemy. | In business, it's best not to make too many enemies.
- **adversary** *formal* an enemy: When he retired, he was replaced by his old adversary. | He made the fatal mistake of underestimating his adversary.
- **foe** *literary* an enemy: A guard called out 'Who goes there – friend or foe?' | his former foes
- **arch enemy** someone's main enemy: In the movie, Batman goes into battle with his arch enemy the Joker.
- **opponent** someone you are competing against, for example in a sports game, competition, or election: You win the game if you are left with more cards than your opponent. | He is admired even by his political opponents.
- **nemesis** *written* an enemy or opponent that is impossible to defeat – a rather formal use: In the final, he met his old nemesis, Rafael Nadal.

■ country/army

- **enemy** a country or army that you are fighting against in a war: Soldiers who were captured by the enemy suffered terribly.
- **foe** *written* an enemy: The Russian Army were a formidable foe.

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