

**defeat**

1. [dɪ'fi:t] *n*
  1. поражение; разгром  
the defeat of a party - поражение партии (*на выборах и т. п.*)  
the defeat of a bill - провал законопроекта (*в парламенте*)  
defeat on points - *спорт.* поражение по очкам  
to inflict /to administer/ a defeat upon smb. - нанести кому-л. поражение, разгромить кого-л.  
to suffer /to sustain/ a defeat - потерпеть поражение  
to accept defeat - примириться с поражением  
for the first time in his life he met defeat - впервые в жизни он познал горечь поражения
  2. крушение (*надежд*)  
it was the defeat of all my plans - все мои планы рухнули
  3. *юр.* аннулирование, отмена
2. [dɪ'fi:t] *v*
  1. 1) наносить поражение, разбивать  
to defeat the enemy - разбить противника, одержать победу над противником  
to defeat a candidate - нанести поражение кандидату (*на выборах*)  
to defeat smb. on points - *спорт.* выиграть состязание /бой, встречу/ по очкам  
to defeat in detail - *воен.* разгромить по частям  
after six hours of debate, they defeated the nonconfidence motion - после шестичасовых дебатов они провалили резолюцию недоверия  
the Government was defeated in Parliament - правительство получило в парламенте вотум недоверия
  - 2) расстраивать, срывать; разрушать (*планы, замыслы и т. п.*)  
to defeat smb.'s ends - сорвать чьи-л. замыслы  
to defeat the ends of justice - помешать делу /торжеству/ правосудия  
to defeat one's own purpose /object/ - ≅ повредить самому себе; действовать во вред своим собственным целям  
he was defeated in his plans - его планы потерпели крах  
to defeat smb. of his hopes - *усл.* обмануть чьи-л. надежды
  2. *юр.* уничтожать, отменять, аннулировать  
◇ this defeats me - я не в силах с этим справиться, это выше моих сил, это выше моего разума

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**de·feat** [defeat defeats defeated defeating] *verb, noun* *BrE* [dɪ'fi:t] *AmE*

[dɪ'fi:t]

*verb*

1. ~ **sb/sth** to win against sb in a war, competition, sports game, etc.  
**Syn:** †beat
  - He defeated the champion in three sets.
  - a defeated army
  - The government was defeated by 200 votes to 83.
2. ~ **sth** to stop sth from being successful
  - The motion was defeated by 19 votes.
  - Staying late at the office to discuss shorter working hours rather **defeats the object of the exercise** !
3. ~ **sb** (*formal*) if sth defeats you, you cannot understand it
  - The instruction manual completely defeated me.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	defeat
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'fi:t/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'fi:t/
he / she / it	defeats
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'fi:tɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'fi:tɪz/
past simple, past participle	defeated
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'fi:tɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'fi:tɪd/
-ing form	defeating
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'fi:tɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'fi:tɪŋ/

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

**defeat** *verb* **T**

- The Scots defeated the English at the Battle of Bannockburn.
- beat** • • **get the better of sb** • *especially BrE, informal* **thrash** • *AmE, informal* **whip** • *written* **overcome** • • **rout** • • **trounce** • *formal* **best** • • **prevail** • *literary* **vanquish** •
- Opp:** lose to sb

defeat/beat/thrash/whip/rout/trounce sb **by** 10 points/4 goals, etc.

defeat/beat/get the better of/thrash/whip/overcome/rout/trounce/vanquish an **opponent**

defeat/beat/overcome/rout/vanquish an **enemy**

**Defeat or beat?** **Defeat** is more often used to talk about winning against one opponent in a particular contest, vote or battle

- The government were defeated by 198 votes to 70.

**Beat** is more often used to talk about winning against one or many opponents in a game, competition or race

- She won the 100 metres, beating a number of top European runners.

#### Example Bank:

- He said it was impossible to defeat the terrorists militarily.
- Our team was narrowly defeated in the final.
- The English were decisively defeated by the rebels in the battle that followed.
- The motion was defeated by 20 votes to 18.
- The proposed bill was decisively defeated in Parliament.
- The senator was decisively defeated by his rivals.
- An opposition vote of no confidence was decisively defeated in parliament.
- Question 6 defeated us.
- She narrowly defeated the rival candidate in the leadership contest.

#### noun

##### 1. uncountable, countable failure to win or to be successful

- The party faces defeat in the election.
- a **narrow/heavy defeat**
- The world champion has only had two defeats in 20 fights.
- They finally had to **admit defeat** (= stop trying to be successful) .

##### 2. countable, usually singular the act of winning a victory over sb/sth

- the defeat of fascism

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- A skilful politician can always reverse any defeats.
- She is very determined, and will never admit defeat.
- The army inflicted a heavy defeat on rebel forces.
- The battle ended in a humiliating defeat.
- The prime minister conceded defeat and resigned.
- The team suffered defeat at the hands of their oldest rivals.
- The team went down to their fifth consecutive defeat.
- Their party suffered a heavy defeat in the election.
- They lost 4–3 in their second narrow defeat of the week.
- They turned a military defeat into a media victory.
- We just need to avoid defeat in our last two games.
- last week's crushing defeat against Manchester United
- their defeat by the Brazilians
- He almost pulled off a shock defeat of the reigning champion.
- He was gracious in defeat, acknowledging his opponent's greater skill.
- They finally had to admit defeat.
- They played a key role in Wellington's defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo.

## defeat

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I. **de** **fi**at <sup>1</sup> **W3** /dɪ'fi:t/ *BrE* <sup>AmE</sup> *noun* [uncountable and countable]

[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑defeat, ↑defeatism, ↑defeatist; **adjective**: ↑defeatist, ↑defeated ≠UNDEFEATED; **verb**: ↑defeat]

##### 1. failure to win or succeed

###### defeat in

- The socialist party suffered a crushing defeat in the elections.
- She was a woman who hated to admit defeat.

##### 2. victory over someone or something

###### defeat of

- The defeat of the army was followed by the establishment of constitutional government.

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ verbs

- **suffer a defeat** (=be defeated) The party suffered a defeat in the state elections.
- **inflict a defeat on somebody** (=defeat someone, especially easily) The army inflicted a heavy defeat on the English.
- **admit defeat** If I left my job, I would be admitting defeat.
- **accept defeat** It can be very hard to accept defeat.

- **concede defeat** (=formally accept that you have lost in a game, election etc) His opponent conceded defeat.
- **face defeat** (=be likely to be defeated) In May 1945 Germany faced defeat at the hands of the Allies.

### ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + defeat

- **a big/bad defeat** (also **a heavy defeat** *British English*) (=by a large amount) The polls were forecasting a heavy defeat for the President.
- **a crushing/resounding defeat** (=a complete defeat, by a very large amount) He quit as Prime Minister following a crushing defeat in regional elections.
- **a humiliating defeat** (=very embarrassing) They are still bitter about their humiliating defeat.
- **a disastrous defeat** (=very big, and with a very bad result) The party suffered a disastrous defeat in the 2006 election.
- **a narrow defeat** (=by a small amount) The goalkeeper was blamed for the team's narrow defeat.
- **an election/electoral defeat** It was their worst general election defeat since 1982.
- **a military defeat** The president resigned following a series of military defeats.
- **a shock defeat** *British English* (=very unexpected) Arsenal are now out of the competition, following their shock defeat by Torquay Town.

## II. defeat<sup>2</sup> W3 BrE<sup>1</sup> AmE<sup>1</sup> verb [transitive]

[Word Family: noun: ↑defeat, ↑defeatism, ↑defeatist; adjective: ↑defeatist, ↑defeated ≠UNDEFEATED; verb: ↑defeat]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Anglo-French; Origin: defeter 'to destroy', from Medieval Latin disfacere, from Latin facere 'to do']

1. to win a victory over someone in a war, competition, game etc **SYN beat**:

▪ They hoped to defeat the enemy at sea.

**defeat somebody by something**

▪ We were defeated by 3 goals to 2.

### REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say **beat** rather than **defeat** when talking about sport, games, or elections:

▪ We were beaten by 3 goals to 2.

2. if something defeats you, you cannot understand it and therefore cannot answer or deal with it **SYN beat**:

▪ It was the last question on the paper that defeated me.

3. to make something fail

**defeat the object/purpose (of the exercise)**

▪ Don't let your arms relax as that would defeat the object of the exercise.

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### THESAURUS

- **beat** to get more points, votes etc than someone. **Beat** is used especially in spoken English: We should have beaten them easily. | I always beat my brother at tennis.
- **defeat** to beat someone. **Defeat** is more formal than **beat** and is used especially in writing: England were defeated by 2 goals to 1. | Bush defeated Kerry in the election.
- **trounce** /traʊns/ to defeat someone completely in a game: They were trounced 20–0 by Kuwait.
- **thrash** *British English informal*, **cream** *American English informal* to beat someone very easily in a game: Of course, they totally creamed the other team. | I hope we thrash them!
- **wipe the floor with somebody** *informal* to beat someone completely in a game or argument: She wiped the floor with her opponent in the debate. | They won a £1,000 prize after wiping the floor with the opposition in a bowling competition.

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **2656**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **1948**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **4k** DEFEAT<sup>18526</sup>

defeat<sup>8992</sup>

defeated<sup>6503</sup>

defeats<sup>914</sup>

defeating<sup>1114</sup>

undefeated<sup>784</sup>

defeatist<sup>122</sup>

defeatists<sup>14</sup>

defeatism<sup>83</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

4276 **6322**<sup>5748</sup> *nn1*

2269 **10988**<sup>2707</sup> *vvi*

486 **30938**<sup>527</sup> *vv0*

10 **258779**<sup>10</sup> *nnu*