

**detective**

1. [dɪ'tektɪv] *n*
  1. агент сыскной полиции, детектив, сыщик  
private detective - частный детектив
  2. детективный роман *или* рассказ
2. [dɪ'tektɪv] *a*
  1. сыскной  
detective police /force/ - сыскная полиция  
detective agency - (частная) детективная контора
  2. детективный  
detective novel /story/ - детективный роман

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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**de-tect-ive** **AW** [detective detectives] **BrE** [dɪ'tektɪv] <sup>u</sup> **NAmE** [dɪ'tektɪv] <sup>u</sup>

**noun** (abbr. Det)

1. a person, especially a police officer, whose job is to examine crimes and catch criminals
  - Detective Inspector (Roger) Brown
  - detectives from the anti-terrorist squad
  - a **detective story/novel**

**see also** ↑store detective
2. a person employed by sb to find out information about sb/sth
 

**see also** ↑private detective

Word Origin:

mid 19th cent.: from ↑detect. The noun was originally short for detective policeman, from an adjectival use of the word in the sense 'serving to detect'.

Example Bank:

- She hired a private detective to follow her husband.
- Sherlock Holmes was Conan Doyle's fictional detective.
- The store detective was keeping a close eye on a suspected shoplifter.
- Thomson was the lead detective in the Ramsay case.
- We are going to have to do some detective work on this.
- detectives investigating the case
- A team of around 30 detectives and uniformed officers have been working on the case.
- Detective Sergeant John Nelson
- He was arrested in Spain by Scotland Yard detectives.
- Several objects were taken away by detectives from the anti-terrorist squad.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**de-tect-ive** **AC** /dɪ'tektɪv/ **BrE** <sup>u</sup> **AmE** <sup>u</sup> **noun** [countable]

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑detection, ↑detective; **verb**: ↑detect; **adjective**: ↑detectable ≠INDETECTIBLE]

1. a police officer whose job is to discover information about crimes and catch criminals ⇔ ↑store detective
2. (also **private detective**) someone who is paid to discover information about someone or something:  
She hired a detective to find out if her husband was having an affair.
3. **detective work** efforts to discover information, find out how something works, answer a difficult question etc:  
It took a lot of detective work to discover the cause of the problem.
4. **detective story/novel etc** a story etc about a crime, often a murder, and a detective who tries to find out who did it

**THESAURUS**

■ **people in the police**

- **police officer** (also **officer**) a member of the police. In British English, **police officer** is used especially in more formal contexts, for example in news reports. In everyday English, British people still usually say **policeman** or **policewoman**: a senior police officer | He was sentenced to life in prison for killing a police officer. | He is the officer in charge of the case. | Officer Fayard (=in the US 'Officer' is used in the title of police officers)
- **policeman** a man who is a member of the police: an off-duty policeman | He's a former policeman.
- **policewoman** a woman who is a member of the police: The girl, accompanied by a policewoman and two social workers, was seen in private by Sheriff George Crozier.
- **PC/WPC abbreviation** used in the job titles of British police officers. **PC** means 'Police Constable' and **WPC** means 'Woman Police Constable': PC Keith Fletcher | WPC Susan Larkin
- **detective** a police officer whose job is to discover who is responsible for crimes: Detectives are investigating the death of a baby boy. | Detective Inspector John Hartwell
- **plain-clothes adjective** a plain-clothes police officer wears ordinary clothes instead of a uniform: Two plain-clothes police officers, acting as hotel security men, kept watch on him.
- **constable** a British police officer of the lowest rank: a police constable | Constable Robin Cameron
- **chief constable** a senior police officer who is in charge of the police in a particular area in Britain: the chief constable of North Yorkshire police
- **cop informal** a police officer: You'd better call the cops.
- **trooper** a US police officer in a state police force: a New Jersey state trooper

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15000 **1350**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **2k** **DETECT** 31807

detect 5885

detectable 678

detected 4650

detecting 1380

detection 3701

detective 6737

detectives 2948

detector 2256

detectors 2083

detects 581

undetected 638

undetectable 270

## COCA 500k Unlemmatized

2906 **5621**<sup>6715</sup> *nn1*

10 **226412**<sup>13</sup> *nnb*

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4 **427143**<sup>4</sup> *jj*

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