

assault

1. [ə'sɔ:lt] *n*
- (вооружённое) нападение, атака; штурм, приступ
to make an assault upon smb. - совершить нападение на кого-л.
to make an assault upon a fortress - штурмовать /атаковать/ крепость
to take /to carry, to win/ a fortress by assault - брать крепость приступом
to repulse /to repel/ an assault - отразить штурм /атаку/
to withstand an assault - выдержать штурм /атаку/
 - 1) резкие выступления (*против кого-л., чего-л.*); нападки
assaults upon the prerogatives of Parliament [upon the constitution] - резкие выступления против прерогатив парламента [против конституции]
 - 2) обида, оскорбление
some music is an assault on the ears - есть музыка, которая оскорбляет слух
 3. *юр.*
 - 1) словесное оскорбление и угроза действием
to commit an assault upon smb. - оскорбить кого-л. действием, напасть на кого-л.
assault and battery - оскорбление действием
 - 2) *эвф.* изнасилование
 4. 1) штурм (*альпинизм*)
 - 2) нападение, атака (*фехтование*)
assault against the blade - атака на клинок
◇ assault of /at/ arms - ружейные приёмы
2. [ə'sɔ:lt] *a*
- штурмовой; атакующий
- assault aviation [boat] - штурмовая авиация [лодка]
assault wave - атакующая цепь
assault fire - огонь с последнего рубежа перед атакой
assault distance - дистанция атаки
assault echelon - первый эшелон
assault position - исходное положение для атаки
assault gun - а) противотанковая самоходная пушка; б) штурмовое орудие
assault landing craft - десантно-высадочное средство
Assault Royal Engineers - штурмовые сапёры
3. [ə'sɔ:lt] *v*
- 1) 1) нападать, атаковать; штурмовать, идти на приступ
to assault a city [a fortress] - штурмовать город [крепость]
 - 2) действовать резко, грубо, неприятно (*на что-л.*)
the cries assaulted his ears - крики оглушили его
 2. резко выступать (*против чего-л.*); критиковать, подвергать нападкам; оскорблять
to assault smb.'s honour - оскорбить /задеть/ чью-л. честь
to assault smb.'s reputation - подрывать чью-л. репутацию
 3. *юр.*
 - 1) грозить физическим насилием
 - 2) *эвф.* изнасиловать

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as·sault [assault assaults assaulted assaulting] *noun, verb* BrE [ə'sɔ:lt] ^mNAme [ə'sɔ:lt] ^m*noun*

- uncountable, countable** the crime of attacking sb physically
 - Both men were charged with assault.
 - sexual assaults
 - ~ **on/upon sb** A significant number of **indecent assaults** on women go unreported.
- countable ~ (on/upon/against sb/sth)** (*by an army, etc.*) the act of attacking a building, an area, etc. in order to take control of it
Syn: ↑attack
 - An assault on the capital was launched in the early hours of the morning.
- countable ~ (on/upon sth)** the act of trying to achieve sth that is difficult or dangerous
 - The government has mounted a new assault on unemployment.
 - Three people died during an assault on the mountain (= while trying to climb it).
- countable** an act of criticizing sb/sth severely
Syn: ↑attack
 - The suggested closures **came under assault** from all parties.
 - ~ **on/upon/against sb/sth** The paper's assault on the president was totally unjustified.

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **asaut** (noun), **assauteur** (verb), based on Latin **ad-** 'to' + **saltare**, frequentative of **salire** 'to leap'.
Compare with ↑assail.

Collocations:

Crime

Committing a crime

commit a crime/a murder/a violent assault/a brutal killing/an armed robbery/fraud
be involved in terrorism/a suspected arson attack/people smuggling/human trafficking
engage /participate in criminal activity/illegal practices/acts of mindless vandalism
steal sb's wallet/purse/(BrE) mobile phone/(NAme) cell phone
rob a bank/a person/a tourist
break into/ (BrE) burgle/ (NAme) burglarize a house/a home/an apartment
hijack a plane/ship/bus
smuggle drugs/weapons/arms/immigrants
launder drug money (through sth)
forge documents/certificates/passports
take/accept/pay sb/offer (sb) a bribe
run a phishing/an email/an Internet scam

Fighting crime

combat/fight crime/terrorism/corruption/drug trafficking
prevent/stop credit-card fraud/child abuse/software piracy
deter/stop criminals/burglars/thieves/shoplifters/vandals
reduce/tackle/crack down on knife/gun/violent/street crime; (*especially BrE*) antisocial behaviour
foil a bank raid/a terrorist plot
help/support/protect the victims of crime

Investigating crime

report a crime/a theft/a rape/an attack/(*especially BrE*) an incident to the police
witness the crime/attack/murder/incident
investigate a murder/(*especially NAme*) a homicide/a burglary/a robbery/the alleged incident
conduct/launch/pursue an investigation (into...); (*especially BrE*) a police/murder inquiry
investigate/reopen a criminal/murder case
examine /investigate/find fingerprints at the crime scene/the scene of crime
collect/gather forensic evidence
uncover new evidence/a fraud/a scam/a plot/a conspiracy/political corruption/a cache of weapons
describe/identify a suspect/the culprit/the perpetrator/the assailant/the attacker
question/interrogate a suspect/witness
solve/crack the case
more collocations at [↑justice](#)

Example Bank:

- After an all-out assault the village was captured by the enemy.
- Better street lighting has helped reduce the number of assaults against women.
- Enemy troops launched an assault on the town.
- He launched into a verbal assault on tabloid journalism.
- He reported the assault to the police.
- He was convicted of rape and another six counts of indecent assault.
- She used the article to make a sustained assault on her former political allies.
- The factory came under assault from soldiers in the mountains.
- The garrison was built to withstand assaults.
- They took part in a vigorous army assault course.
- Today these values are under assault.
- a series of assaults on enemy targets
- a two-year legal assault on alleged tax fraud
- air assaults by fighter planes
- allegations of police assault on the boy
- assaults committed by teenagers
- Sexual assaults have doubled in the past year.
- The paper's assault on the president was totally unjustified.

verb

1. ~ **sb** to attack sb violently, especially when this is a crime
 - He has been charged with assaulting a police officer.
 - Four women have been **sexually assaulted** in the area recently.
2. ~ **sth** (*formal*) to affect your senses in a way that is very unpleasant or uncomfortable
 - Loud rock music assaulted our ears.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	assault
	BrE /ə'sɔ:lt/
	NAme /e'sɔ:lt/
he / she / it	assaults
	BrE /ə'sɔ:ltz/
	NAme /e'sɔ:ltz/
past simple, past participle	assaulted
	BrE /ə'sɔ:ltɪd/
	NAme /e'sɔ:ltɪd/
-ing form	assaulting
	BrE /ə'sɔ:ltɪŋ/
	NAme /e'sɔ:ltɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- He admitted indecently assaulting the child.
- Many healthcare workers say they have been physically assaulted by patients.

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I. **assault**¹ /ə'sɔ:lt\$ ə'spɔ:lt BrE^u AmE^u noun

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: assault, from Latin *assaltus*, past participle of *assalire*; ⇨ **assail**]

1. [uncountable and countable] the crime of physically attacking someone:

" a case of robbery and assault

for assault

" He was jailed for assault.

sexual/indecent assault

" victims of indecent assault

assault on/against

" sexual assaults on women

" Several soldiers have been charged with assault.

2. [uncountable and countable] a military attack to take control of a place controlled by the enemy

assault on

" an unsuccessful assault on the enemy lines

" The refugee camp came under assault again last night.

" a powerful assault rifle

3. [uncountable and countable] a strong spoken or written criticism of someone else's ideas, plans etc **SYN attack**

assault on

" an assault on the capitalist system

under assault

" Traditional family values are increasingly under assault.

4. [countable] an attempt to achieve something difficult, especially using physical force

assault on

" an assault on Mt Everest (=an attempt to climb it)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **a violent assault** The number of violent assaults in the city has reached an all-time high.
- **a serious assault** Last year, serious assaults increased by 40%.
- **a vicious/brutal assault** The vicious assault happened outside the man's home.
- **a sexual/indecent assault** Women who have suffered serious sexual assault are offered support and counselling.
- **physical assault** There have even been physical assaults on witnesses.
- **a racial assault** The four young Asian men were victims of a vicious racial assault.

■ verbs

- **be charged with assault** He ended up in court charged with assault.
- **carry out/commit an assault** She admitted to committing the assault.
- **suffer an assault** The lawyer claimed she was drunk when she suffered the assault.

■ assault + NOUN

- **an assault charge** He's in jail on an assault charge.
- **an assault case** She had to attend court as a witness in an assault case.

II. **assault**² BrE^u AmE^u verb [transitive]

1. to attack someone in a violent way:

" Two men assaulted him after he left the bar.

sexually/indecently assault

" He was found guilty of indecently assaulting a student.

2. *literary* if a feeling, sound, smell etc assaults you, it affects you in a way that makes you uncomfortable or upset:

" The noises and smells of the market assaulted her senses.

3. to strongly criticize someone's ideas, plans etc

4. to try to do something very difficult:

" a task force to assault the problems

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THESAURUS

■ to attack a person

- **attack** to use violence against someone and try to hurt them: She was attacked by a man with a baseball bat. | Police dogs are trained to attack.
- **ambush** /'æmbʊʃ/ if a group of people ambush someone, they hide and wait for them and then attack them: The judge was ambushed by gunmen as he drove to work at the courthouse.
- **mug** to attack someone and take money from them in a public place such as a street: He was mugged on his way home from school.
- **stab** to attack someone with a knife: The victim had been stabbed in the neck.
- **assault** to attack and hurt someone – used especially when talking about this as a criminal ↑**offence**: He assaulted a flight attendant who refused to serve him more drinks.
- **be set upon by somebody/something** *written* to be attacked by a group of people: He died outside his home after being set upon by a gang of youths.
- **turn on** to suddenly change your behaviour and attack the person you are with, when they do not expect this: The dog suddenly turned on him, sinking its teeth into his arm.

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