

## plot

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1. [plɒt] *n*
- заговор; интрига  
assassination plot - заговор с целью убийства  
plot to overthrow the government - заговор с целью свержения правительства  
to lay /to hatch/ a plot - замышлять заговор  
to defeat /to frustrate/ a plot - сорвать заговор; разрушить планы  
to discover /to reveal, to disclose, to expose, to lay bare/ a plot - раскрыть заговор  
to weave a plot - плести интригу
  - фабула, сюжет  
subordinate plot - побочная сюжетная линия  
threadbare plot - примитивный сюжет, простенькая фабула  
an intricately woven plot - хитро /ловко/ закрученная интрига  
unravelling of the plot - развёртывание сюжета /сюжетной линии/
  - 1) *амер.* план; схема; чертёж; диаграмма; график  
2) *топ.* кроки  
3) *ав., мор.* курс или положение (*корабля или самолета*) на карте  
4) *воен.*  
1) трасса  
2) засечка цели  
◇ the plot thickens - а) дело запутывается всё больше и больше; б) это уже становится интересным

2. [plɒt] *v*

- организовывать, составлять заговор; плести интриги, интриговать; замышлять, задумывать  
to plot treason [a coup d'état, revenge] - замышлять измену [государственный переворот, месть]  
to plot an enemy's ruin - готовить гибель врагу  
what mischief are you plotting between you? - какие вы тут задумали проказы?
- 1) составлять план, делать схему  
2) вычерчивать, строить кривую, график или диаграмму  
3) откладывать величину на оси  
to plot the abscissa [the ordinate] of a point - откладывать величину по оси абсцисс [ординат]  
4) считать, рассчитывать по графику  
5) наносить (*данные*) на график или карту  
6) *ав., мор.* прокладывать курс  
7) *воен.* определять местоположение
- (*обыкн.* plot out)  
1) намечать сюжет  
the tragedy is nicely plotted out - сюжет трагедии хорошо задуман  
2) планировать; устраивать  
to plot out a meeting - назначить /наметить/ собрание

II

1. [plɒt] *n*  
участок земли, делянка  
grass plot - лужайка  
building plot - строительный участок  
potato plot - участок под картофелем  
plot of vegetables, vegetable plot - участок под овощами  
garden plot - садовый участок
2. [plɒt] *v*  
делить на участки (*обыкн.* plot out)  
the farm was plotted out into house lots - землю фермы разделили /разбили/ на участки под строительство домов

## plot

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

plot [plot plots plotted plotting] noun, verb BrE [plɒt] <sup>4</sup> NAmE [plɑːt] <sup>4</sup>

noun

- countable, uncountable** the series of events that form the story of a novel, play, film/movie, etc
  - a conventional plot about love and marriage
  - The book is well organized in terms of plot.
- countable ~ (to do sth)** a secret plan made by a group of people to do sth wrong or illegal  
**Syn:** ↑conspiracy
  - a murder plot
  - The rebels hatched a plot to overthrow the government
  - Police uncovered a plot against the president.
- countable** a small piece of land that is used or intended for a special purpose
  - She bought a small plot of land to build a house on.
  - a vegetable plot

Word Origin:

late Old English (in sense 3 of the noun), of unknown origin. The sense 'secret plan', dating from the late 16th cent., is associated

### Thesaurus:

**plot** noun

1. C

- It's a conventional plot about love and marriage.

**storyline** • **story** • |formal **narrative** • |especially written **tale** •

a plot/storyline/story/narrative/tale **about** sb/sth

a **good/amusing** plot/storyline/story/tale

**dramatic/romantic/complicated** plot/story/tale

2. C

- He was the victim of an elaborate murder plot.

**conspiracy** • **scheme** • |especially written **intrigue** •

a/an plot/conspiracy/intrigue **against** sb

a plot/conspiracy/scheme **to do sth**

**be involved in** a/an plot/conspiracy/scheme/intrigue

**uncover** a/an plot/conspiracy/scheme

### Collocations:

#### **Literature**

*Being a writer*

**write/publish** literature/poetry/fiction/a book/a story/a poem/a novel/a review/an autobiography

**become** a writer/novelist/playwright

**find/have** a publisher/an agent

**have** a new book out

**edit/revise/proofread** a book/text/manuscript

**dedicate** a book/poem to...

*Plot, character and atmosphere*

**construct/create/weave/weave sth into** a complex narrative

**advance/drive** the plot

**introduce/present** the protagonist/a character

**describe/depict/portray** a character (as...)/(sb as) a hero/villain

**create** an exciting/a tense atmosphere

**build/heighten** the suspense/tension

**evoke/capture** the pathos of the situation

**convey** emotion/an idea/an impression/a sense of...

**engage** the reader

**seize/capture/grip** the (reader's) imagination

**arouse/elicit** emotion/sympathy (in the reader)

**lack** imagination/emotion/structure/rhythm

*Language, style and imagery*

**use/employ** language/imagery/humour/(especially **US**) humor/an image/a symbol/a metaphor/a device

**use/adopt/develop** a style/technique

**be rich in/be full of** symbolism

**evoke** images of.../a sense of.../a feeling of...

**create/achieve** an effect

**maintain/lighten** the tone

**introduce/develop** an idea/a theme

**inspire** a novel/a poet/sb's work/sb's imagination

*Reading and criticism*

**read** an author/sb's work/fiction/poetry/a text/a poem/a novel/a chapter/a passage

**review** a book/a novel/sb's work

**give sth/get/have/receive** a good/bad review

**be hailed (as)/be recognized as** a masterpiece

**quote** a phrase/line/stanza/passage/author

**provoke/spark** discussion/criticism

**study/interpret/understand** a text/passage

**translate** sb's work/a text/a passage/a novel/a poem

### Synonyms:

#### **land**

**lot** • **ground** • **space** • **plot**

These words all mean an area of land that is used for a particular purpose.

**land** • an area of ground, especially one that is used for a particular purpose: ▫ agricultural land

**lot** • (**NAmE**) a piece of land that is used or intended for a particular purpose: ▫ building lots ◇ ▫ a parking lot

**ground** • an area of land that is used for a particular purpose: ▫ The kids were playing on waste ground near the school. ◇ ▫ the site of an ancient burial ground

#### **land, lot or ground?**

**Land** is used for large areas of open land in the country, especially when it is used for farming. A **lot** is often a smaller piece of

land in a town or city, especially one intended for building or parking on. **Ground** is any area of open land; a **ground** is an area of land designed or used for a particular purpose or activity.

**space** • a large area of land that has no buildings on it: ▪ The city has plenty of open space. ◊▪ the ▪ wide open spaces ▪ of the Canadian prairies

**plot** • a small piece of land used or intended for a particular purpose: ▪ She bought a small ▪ plot of land ▪ to build a house. ◊▪ a vegetable plot

### lot or plot?

Either a **lot** or a **plot** can be used for building on. Only a **plot** can also be used for growing vegetables or burying people.

an **open** space

**open/empty/vacant/waste/derelict** land/ground

a/an **empty/vacant** lot/plot

### Example Bank:

- She has constructed a complicated plot, with a large cast of characters.
- The main plot revolves around a suspicious death.
- The plots each measure 10 metres by 20 metres.
- The police claim to have uncovered a plot by terrorists to assassinate the president.
- There are several unexpected twists in the plot before the murderer is revealed
- There is a clever plot twist near the end of the film.
- They had taken part in a Jacobite plot against William III.
- They own a five-acre plot of land.
- This car chase does nothing to advance the plot.
- a plot measuring 10 m by 20 m
- At the back of the house was a small vegetable plot.
- He had been the victim of an elaborate murder plot.
- He was buried in the family plot at the cemetery.
- She bought a small plot of land to build a house.
- The military had foiled an assassination plot against the president.
- The novel is well organized in terms of plot.

Idioms: ↑lose the plot ▪ ↑plot thickens

verb (-tt-)

1. **intransitive, transitive** to make a secret plan to harm sb, especially a government or its leader

**Syn:** ↑conspire

- ~ **(with sb) (against sb)** They were accused of plotting against the state.
- ~ **sth** Military officers were suspected of plotting a coup.
- She spends every waking hour plotting her revenge
- ~ **to do sth** They were plotting to overthrow the government

2. **transitive ~ sth (on sth)** to mark sth on a map, for example the position or course of sth

- The earthquake centres had been plotted on a world map.
- He plotted a new route across the Atlantic.

3. **transitive ~ sth (on sth)** to make a diagram or chart from some information

- We carefully plotted each patient's response to the drug on a chart.

4. **transitive ~ sth (on sth)** to mark points on a ↑graph and draw a line or curve connecting them

- First, plot the temperature curve on the graph.

5. **transitive ~ sth** to write the ↑plot of a novel, play, etc

- a tightly-plotted thriller

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	plot
	BrE /plɒt/
	NAmE /plɑ:t/
he / she / it	plots
	BrE /plɒts/
	NAmE /plɑ:ts/
past simple, past participle	plotted
	BrE /plɒtɪd/
	NAmE /plɑ:tɪd/
-ing form	plotting
	BrE /plɒtɪŋ/
	NAmE /plɑ:tɪŋ/

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### Thesaurus:

**plot** verb I, T

- They were plotting to overthrow the government

**scheme** • • **collude** • | **formal** **conspire** • • **connive** •

plot/scheme/conspire **against** sb  
plot/collude/conspire/connive **with** sb  
plot/conspire/collude **together**  
plot/scheme/collude/conspire/connive **to do sth**

### Example Bank:

- Greenhouse temperature can be plotted against plant growth.
- He was arrested on suspicion of plotting against the king.
- Taylor plotted with his daughter to murder her husband.
- The figures are plotted on a graph.
- The killings were carefully plotted and not impulsive.
- The positions of the archaeological finds are accurately plotted.

## plot

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

1. **plot**<sup>1</sup> **W3** /plɒt \$ plɑːt *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: 'piece of land']

1. **PLAN** a secret plan by a group of people to do something harmful or illegal

**plot to do something**

ˈ a plot to bomb the UN headquarters

**plot against**

ˈ a plot against the king

ˈ The court heard how she and her lover hatched a plot (=planned a plot) to kill her husband.

ˈ The plot to overthrow the military government was foiled (=prevented from being successful).

ˈ an assassination plot

2. **STORY/FILM** the events that form the main story of a book, film, or play:

ˈ The plot was a little confusing.

ˈ We discover that Jack isn't as innocent as he seems, as the plot unfolds (=gradually becomes clearer).

3. **the plot thickens** used to say that events seem to be becoming more complicated – often used humorously

4. **PIECE OF LAND**

a) a small piece of land for building or growing things on:

ˈ a two-acre plot of land

ˈ a vegetable plot

b) a piece of land that a particular family owns in a <sup>↑</sup>**cemetery**, in which members of the family are buried when they die:

ˈ a burial plot

5. **DRAWING** *American English* a drawing that shows the plan of a building at ground level **SYN** **ground plan**

⇒ **lose the plot** at <sup>↑</sup>**lose**(14)

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### COLLOCATIONS

#### ■ verbs

- **be involved in a plot** He was involved in a plot to kidnap the Pope.
- **mastermind a plot** (=organize it) He is accused of masterminding a plot to bring down the government.
- **uncover/discover a plot** They didn't suspect that their plot had been uncovered.
- **foil a plot** (=prevent it from being successful) The plot was foiled when he was stopped by US Customs agents.
- **hatch a plot** (=make one) They have admitted hatching a plot to kill the president.

#### ■ NOUN + plot

- **a murder plot** He was questioned about about an attempted murder plot.
- **an assassination plot** The assassination plot to kill General de Gaulle was unsuccessful.
- **a terrorist plot** Police foiled a terrorist plot to attack a nuclear reactor.

#### ■ phrases

- **the victim of a plot** He was the victim of a plot by his political opponents.
- **be part of a plot** These accusations are part of a plot to discredit him.

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### THESAURUS

- **plan** a set of actions for achieving something in the future, especially a set of actions that has been considered carefully and in detail: Leaders outlined a plan to end the fighting.
- **plot/conspiracy** a secret plan to do something bad or illegal, made by a group of people: There was a plot to assassinate the President. | a terrorist conspiracy
- **scheme** *British English* an official plan that is intended to help people: The government has introduced a new scheme to help young people find work.
- **strategy** a carefully designed plan which is intended to achieve a particular purpose over a long period of time: the company's business strategy | The government's economic strategy has been criticized by many experts. | We need to develop effective strategies for combating the sale of counterfeit goods.
- **initiative** a new plan for dealing with a particular problem or for achieving a particular aim: a peace initiative | a major new initiative to tackle street crime
- **policy** a plan that members of a government, political party, company etc agree on, that states how they intend to deal with a particular subject or problem: the government's immigration policy | It's company policy to allow people to work from home.
- **programme** *British English*, **program** *American English* a series of activities that a government or organization organizes, which aims to achieve something important and will continue for a long time: a five-year programme which will create 2000 new

II. **plot**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> *verb* (past tense and past participle **plotted**, present participle **plotting**)

1. [intransitive and transitive] to make a secret plan to harm a person or organization, especially a political leader or government

**plot to do something**

" They had plotted to blow up the White House.

**plot against**

" He suspected that the military were secretly plotting against him.

" The minister was found guilty of plotting the downfall of the government.

" the story of a woman who plots revenge

2. [transitive] (also **plot out**) to draw marks or a line to represent facts, numbers etc:

" We plotted a graph to show the increase in sales figures this year.

**plot something on something**

" You can plot all these numbers on one diagram for comparison.

3. [transitive] (also **plot out**) to mark, calculate, or follow the path of an aircraft or ship, for example on a map:

" We plotted a course across the Pacific.

**plot**

12500 **3326**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **2141**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **3k** **PLOT** 15711

plot 9459

plotted 1189

plotting 1541

plots 3038

plotter 125

plotters 359

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

5132 **4811**<sup>8104</sup> *nn1*

635 **22942**<sup>874</sup> *vv0*

450 **33025**<sup>470</sup> *vvi*

10 **247205**<sup>11</sup> *nnu*