

virus[ˈvaɪ(ə)rəs] *n*

1. *спец.* вирус; заразное начало
virus disease - вирусное заболевание
2. яд
the virus of an asp - змеиный яд
3. отрава (для *умов и т. п.*); разлагающее начало, зараза
virus of prejudice - пагубное влияние предрассудков

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virus [vɪrʊs vɪrʊsɪz] *BrE* [ˈvaɪrəs] ^u *NAmE* [ˈvaɪrəs] ^u **noun**

1. a living thing, too small to be seen without a ↑*microscope*, that causes infectious disease in people, animals and plants
 - the flu virus
 - a virus infection
2. (*informal*) a disease caused by a **virus**
 - There's a virus going around the office.
3. instructions that are hidden within a computer program and are designed to cause faults or destroy data
 - The virus in the software was programmed to corrupt the hard disk.

see also ↑*viral*Word Origin:

late Middle English (denoting the venom of a snake): from Latin, literally slimy liquid, poison. The earlier medical sense, superseded by the current use as a result of improved scientific understanding, was 'a substance produced in the body as the result of disease, especially one capable of infecting others'.

Collocations:**Email and the Internet***Email*

receive/get/open an email
write/send/answer/forward/delete an email
check/read/access your email
block/filter (out) junk/spam/unsolicited email
exchange email addresses
open/check your inbox
junk mail fills/floods/clogs your inbox
have/set up an email account
open/send/contain an attachment
sign up for/receive email alerts

Connecting to the Internet

use/access/log onto the Internet/the Web
go online/on the Internet
have a high-speed/dial-up/broadband/wireless (Internet) connection
access/connect to/locate the server
use/open/close/launch a/your web browser
browse/surf/search/scour the Internet/the Web
send/contain/spread/detect a (computer/email) virus
update your anti-virus software
install/use/configure a firewall
accept/enable/block/delete cookies

Using the Internet

visit/check a website/an Internet site/sb's blog
create/design/launch a website/social networking site
start/write/post/read a blog
update your blog/a website
be in/meet sb in/go into/enter an Internet chat room
download/upload music/software/a song/a podcast/a file/a copy of sth
share information/data/files
post a comment/message on a website/an online message board/a web forum/an internet chat room
stream video/audio/music/content over the Internet
join/participate in/visit/provide a (web-based/web/online/Internet/discussion) forum
generate/increase/monitor Internet traffic

Collocations:**Illnesses***Becoming ill*

catch a cold/an infectious disease/the flu/(*BrE*) flu/pneumonia/a virus/(*informal*) a bug
get (*BrE*) ill/(*NAmE*) sick/a disease/AIDS/breast cancer/a cold/the flu/(*BrE*) flu/a migraine
come down with a cold/the flu/(*BrE*) flu
contract a deadly disease/a serious illness/HIV/AIDS

be infected with a virus/a parasite/HIV
develop cancer/diabetes/a rash/an ulcer/symptoms of hepatitis
have a heart attack/a stroke
provoke/trigger/produce an allergic reaction
block/burst/rupture a blood vessel
damage /sever a nerve/an artery/a tendon

Being ill

feel (*BrE*) ill/sick/nauseous/queasy
be running (*BrE*) a temperature/(*NAmE*) a fever
have a head cold/diabetes/heart disease/lung cancer/a headache/(*BrE*) a high temperature/(*NAmE*) a fever
suffer from asthma/malnutrition/frequent headaches/bouts of depression/a mental disorder
be laid up with/ (*BrE*) **be in bed with** a cold/the flu/(*BrE*) flu/a migraine
nurse a cold/a headache/a hangover
battle/fight cancer/depression/addiction/alcoholism

Treatments

examine a patient
diagnose a condition/disease/disorder
be diagnosed with cancer/diabetes/schizophrenia
prescribe/be given/be on/take drugs/medicine/medication/pills/painkillers/antibiotics
treat sb for cancer/depression/shock
have/undergo an examination/an operation/surgery/a kidney transplant/therapy/chemotherapy/treatment for cancer
have/be given an injection/(*BrE*) a flu jab/(*NAmE*) a flu shot/a blood transfusion/a scan/an X-ray
cure a disease/an ailment/cancer/a headache/a patient
prevent the spread of disease/further outbreaks/damage to the lungs
be vaccinated against the flu/(*BrE*) flu/the measles/(*BrE*) measles/polio/smallpox
enhance /boost/confer/build immunity to a disease

Collocations:

The living world

Animals

animals **mate/breed/reproduce/feed (on sth)**
fish/amphibians **swim/spawn (= lay eggs)**
birds **fly/migrate/nest/sing**
insects **crawl/fly/bite/sting**
insects/bees/locusts **swarm**
bees **collect/gather** nectar/pollen
spiders **spin/weave** a web
snakes/lizards **shed their skins**
bears/hedgehogs/frogs **hibernate**
insect larvae **grow/develop/pupate**
an egg/a chick/a larva **hatches**
attract/find/choose a mate
produce/release eggs/sperm
lay/fertilize/incubate/hatch eggs
inhabit a forest/a reef/the coast
mark/enter/defend (a) territory
stalk/hunt/capture/catch/kill prey

Plants and fungi

trees/plants **grow/bloom/blossom/flower**
a seed **germinates/sprouts**
leaves/buds/roots/shoots **appear/develop/form**
flower buds **swell/open**
a fungus **grows/spreads/colonizes sth**
pollinate/fertilize a flower/plant
produce/release/spread/disperse pollen/seeds/spores
produce/bear fruit
develop/grow/form roots/shoots/leaves
provide/supply/absorb/extract/release nutrients
perform/increase/reduce photosynthesis

Bacteria and viruses

bacteria/microbes/viruses **grow/spread/multiply**
bacteria/microbes **live/thrive** in/on sth
bacteria/microbes/viruses **evolve/colonize sth/cause disease**
bacteria **break sth down/convert sth (into sth)**
a virus **enters/invades** sth/the body
a virus **mutates/evolves/replicates (itself)**
be infected with/contaminated with/exposed to a new strain of a virus/drug-resistant bacteria
contain/carry/harbour (*especially US*) harbor bacteria/a virus
kill/destroy/eliminate harmful/deadly bacteria

Example Bank:

- An infected person can pass the virus to others.
- The virus attacks a variety of cells in the body.
- The virus attacks cells in the body.
- to write computer viruses
- A teenage boy was arrested for being the creator of the BomBlast virus that caused severe disruption to the country's defence systems.
- Most viruses can only spread if you open an email attachment.
- My computer has caught some kind of virus, and it won't let me log on to the Internet.
- The latest virus will attach itself to all the addresses in your email address book.
- There's a virus going around the office.
- Your virus definitions are not up to date.
- anti-virus software

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vi.rus **W3** /'vaɪərəs/ \$ 'vaɪrəs/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: *'thick slippery liquid, poison, bad smell'*]

1. **[uncountable and countable]** a very small living thing that causes infectious illnesses:
 - children infected with the Aids virus
 - a virus infection
2. **[countable]** a set of instructions secretly put onto a computer or computer program, which can destroy information. When a computer that has a virus makes a connection with another computer, for example by ↑**email**, the virus can make copies of itself and move to the other computer.
3. **[countable]** a program that sends a large number of annoying messages to many people's ↑**mobile phones** in an uncontrolled way

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COLLOCATIONS

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + virus

- **the AIDS/flu/polio etc virus** They are trying to stop the spread of the flu virus.
- **a deadly/killer virus** a killer virus which has already been responsible for the deaths of hundreds of people
- **virulent** (=causing many people to become ill) Why was this particular strain of the virus so virulent?

■ verbs

- **a virus causes something** The virus causes people to sweat.
- **carry a virus** (=have a virus, which you may then give to other people) A nurse at the clinic was found to be carrying the virus.
- **get a virus** (also **contract a virus formal**) He does not know when he contracted the virus.
- **be infected with a virus** Thousands of people may already be infected with the virus.
- **be exposed to a virus** Four workers at the facility, though exposed to the virus, never became ill.
- **transmit/pass on a virus** (=pass it from one person or animal to another) The rabies virus is transmitted in saliva when one animal bites another.
- **a virus spreads** The virus spread throughout the population.

■ phrases

- **a strain of a virus** (=one type of it) Doctors fear that a new strain of the virus will appear.
- **a virus infection** The fever was caused by a virus infection.

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