

**desert**

I

1. ['dezət] *n*

1. пустыня

the Sahara Desert - пустыня Сахара

near desert - полупустыня

2. необитаемое, пустынное место; *поэт. тж.* глушь3. сухая, неинтересная тема;  $\cong$  скука2. ['dezət] *a*

1. пустынный, безлюдный, необитаемый

desert streets - пустынные /безлюдные/ улицы

2. голый; бесплодный

desert tract of land - бесплодная земля

3. *уст.* покинутый, брошенный; оставленный

4. обитающий в пустыне

◇ Desert Rats - седьмая бронетанковая дивизия союзных войск (во время 2-й мировой войны)

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3. [dɪ'zɜ:t] *v*

1. 1) бросать, покидать (кого-л.); бежать (от кого-л.)

to desert a friend - оставить друга (в беде)

to desert one's family - бросить семью (на произвол судьбы)

to desert one's leader - оставить своего командира

2) оставлять, покидать

to desert one's post [the ship] - покинуть пост [корабль]

the streets were deserted - улицы были пустыны

his presence of mind deserted him - присутствие духа покинуло его

his courage deserted him - мужество изменило ему

2. 1) дезертировать

to desert the colours, to desert from the army - дезертировать из армии

2) дезертировать; оставлять; изменять; становиться перебежчиком

to desert one's party - выйти из партии

II

[dɪ'zɜ:t] *n* *обыкн. pl*

1. заслуга, достоинство

to recognize real desert - (уметь) видеть подлинные достоинства

2. то, что человек заслужил; награда; наказание

to each according to his deserts - каждому по заслугам

to get /to have, to obtain, to meet with/ one's desert(s) - получить по заслугам

to treat smb. according to his desert(s), to give smb. his deserts, to deal with smb. according to his deserts - поступать с кем-л. по заслугам

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**des·ert** [desert deserts deserted deserting] *noun, verb**noun* *BrE* ['dezət] <sup>m</sup> ; *NAmE* ['dezərt] <sup>m</sup>**see also** ↑deserts *countable, uncountable*a large area of land that has very little water and very few plants growing on it. Many **deserts** are covered by sand

- the Sahara Desert
- Somalia is mostly desert.
- burning desert sands
- (*figurative*) a cultural desert (= a place without any culture)

Word Origin:*v.* late Middle English Old French *deserter* late Latin *desertare* Latin *desertus* 'left waste' *deserere* 'leave, forsake'*n.* Middle English Old French late Latin *desertum* 'something left waste' *deserere* 'leave, forsake'Example Bank:

- He drove off into the desert.
- The desert stretched for endless miles on all sides of us.
- The land loses its protective cover of vegetation and soon turns into desert.
- The theatre and cinema closed and the town became a cultural desert.
- The town has become a cultural desert.
- cold nights in the desert
- green fields surrounded by arid desert
- their journey across the desert
- vast tracts of desert land
- They travelled many miles across burning desert sands.

Derived Word ↑desertion*verb* *BrE* [dɪ'zɜ:t] <sup>m</sup> ; *NAmE* [dɪ'zɜ:ʃ] <sup>m</sup>

1. **transitive** ~ **sb** to leave sb without help or support

**Syn:** †abandon

- She was deserted by her husband.

2. **transitive, often passive** ~ **sth** to go away from a place and leave it empty

**Syn:** †abandon

- The villages had been deserted.
- The owl seems to have deserted its nest.

3. **intransitive, transitive** ~ **(sth)** to leave the armed forces without permission

- Large numbers of soldiers deserted as defeat became inevitable.

4. **transitive** ~ **sth (for sth)** to stop using, buying or supporting sth

- Why did you desert teaching for politics?

5. **transitive** ~ **sb** if a particular quality deserts you, it is not there when you need it

- Her courage seemed to desert her for a moment.

**see** (like rats) deserting/leaving a sinking ship **at** †sink *v.*

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	desert
	BrE /dɜːˈzɜːt/
	NAme /dɪˈzɜːrt/
he / she / it	deserts
	BrE /dɜːˈzɜːts/
	NAme /dɪˈzɜːrts/
past simple, past participle	deserted
	BrE /dɜːˈzɜːtɪd/
	NAme /dɪˈzɜːrtɪd/
-ing form	deserting
	BrE /dɜːˈzɜːtɪŋ/
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Thesaurus:

**desert** *verb*

1. T

- She was deserted by her husband.

**abandon** • • **leave** • • **turn your back on sb/sth** • |informal **dump** • • **walk out** •

desert/abandon/leave/dump/walk out on a **husband/wife**

desert/abandon a **child**

sb's **boyfriend/girlfriend** deserts/dumps them

**Desert or abandon?** **Desert** is used more to talk about disloyal acts such as leaving friends without help; **abandon** is used more to talk about leaving people who are unable to support themselves.

2. T, often passive

- The villages had been deserted.

**abandon** • • **evacuate** • |formal **vacate** •

desert/abandon/evacuate/vacate a **building/house/home**

evacuate/vacate the **office/premises**

abandon/evacuate/vacate sth **immediately**

Example Bank:

- Don't worry— I won't desert you.
- The house/croft/encampment/village/settlement had been deserted.

## desert

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

1. **desert**<sup>1</sup> **W3** /ˈdezət \$ -ərt/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun*

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: Late Latin desertum, from Latin desertus, past participle of deserere 'to desert']

1. [**uncountable and countable**] a large area of land where it is always very dry, and there is a lot of sand:

▪ the Sahara Desert

▪ This area of the country is mostly desert.

**in the desert**

▪ The plane crash-landed in the desert.

2. [**countable**] a place where there is no activity or where nothing interesting happens:

▪ The railroad yard was a desert now.

**HINT:** ► Do not confuse with **dessert** (=the sweet part of a meal).

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### COLLOCATIONS

#### ■ adjectives

- **vast** (=extremely big) the vast Gobi desert in China

- **empty** (=with no buildings or people in it) Outside the city there was nothing but empty desert.
- **arid** (=with very little rain) Very little can grow in this arid desert.
- **an inhospitable desert** (=not easy to live or stay in) The interior of the country is an inhospitable desert.
- **a barren desert** (=where no plants can grow) Years of intensive farming have turned the area into a barren desert.

### ■ desert + NOUN

- **a desert area/region** A hot dry wind blows from the desert areas of North Africa.
- **a desert landscape** the flat desert landscape outside Kuwait
- **desert country/land** Large parts of Oman are desert country.
- **the desert sun/heat** Animals shelter from the desert sun during the day.

### ■ phrases

- **a stretch/expanse of desert** (=a very large area of desert) In front of us was nothing but a vast expanse of desert.

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## THESAURUS

- **sand** a substance that forms beaches and deserts, or an area of this substance: sunbathers lying on the sand | He could see several small figures out on the sands.
- **beach** an area of sand or small stones at the edge of the sea or a lake: the island's golden beaches | How about a day at the beach? | a pebble beach
- **desert** a large area of land where it is always very hot and dry, and there is a lot of sand: the Sahara desert | They crossed the desert by camel.
- **dune/sand dune** a hill made of sand near the sea or in the desert: We went for a long walk along the dunes. | The dunes are home to a wide variety of birds and plants.

## II. deɪzɜːt /dɪˈzɜːt BrE AmE verb

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: désert, from Latin desertus; ⇨ †desert†]

1. **[transitive]** to leave someone or something and no longer help or support them **SYN abandon** :

- Helen was deserted by her husband.
- Many of the party's traditional voters deserted it at the last election.
- The price rise caused many readers to desert the magazine.

### desert somebody for somebody

- He deserted her for another woman.

2. **[transitive]** to leave a place so that it is completely empty **SYN abandon** :

- The birds have deserted their nest.

3. **[intransitive]** to leave the army, navy etc without permission:

- Several hundred soldiers have deserted.

4. **[transitive]** if a feeling, quality, or skill deserts you, you no longer have it, especially at a time when you need it:

- Mike's confidence seemed to have deserted him.

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