

**coup**I  
[ku:] *n*

1. 1) удачный ход; удача в делах  
he made /pulled off/ a great coup - ему очень повезло
- 2) **воен.** внезапный удар, успех
2. прямое попадание шара в лузу (*бильярд*)
3. государственный переворот

## II

[kaʊp] *v шотл.*

- 1) перевернуть, опрокинуть
- 2) опрокинуться

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**coup** [coup coups] *BrE* [kuː] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [kuː] <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* (pl. **coups** *BrE* [kuː] <sup>z</sup> ; *NAmE* [kuː] <sup>z</sup> )

1. (*also* **coup d'état**) a sudden change of government that is illegal and often violent
    - He seized power in a military coup in 2008.
    - to **stage/mount a coup**
    - an attempted coup
    - **a failed/an abortive coup**
    - She lost her position in a boardroom coup (= a sudden change of power among senior managers in a company) .
  2. the fact of achieving sth that was difficult to do
    - Getting this contract has been quite a coup for us.
    - He pulled off a major diplomatic coup by winning agreement from all the warring factions on a permanent ceasefire.
- See also: ↑ **coup d'état**

Word Origin:

late 18th cent.: from French, from medieval Latin **colpus** 'blow' from Greek **kolaphos** 'blow with the fist'.

Example Bank:

- He managed to pull off a major diplomatic coup.
- He seized power in a military coup.
- She lost her position in a boardroom coup.
- The coup was immediately put down and the plotters were shot.
- Winning that contract was her greatest coup.
- a coup against the president
- an army coup against the president
- He was sentenced to death for his part in the attempted coup.
- Months of unrest in the company led to a boardroom coup that saw four directors voted out.
- The regime was overthrown in a bloodless coup led by young army officers.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**coup** /kuː/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* [countable]

[**Date:** 1700-1800; **Language:** French; **Origin:** 'hit, stroke']

1. a sudden and sometimes violent attempt by citizens or the army to take control of the government **SYN coup d'état**:
  - Haiti's first elected President was deposed in a violent military coup.
  - a coup attempt by junior officers
  - He evaded capture after the failed coup.
2. an achievement that is extremely impressive because it was very difficult:
  - Beating Arsenal was a major coup for the club.
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**COLLOCATIONS**■ **adjectives**

- **a military/army coup** He seized power in a military coup in 1977.
- **an attempted/abortive/failed coup** (=one that did not succeed) There was an attempted coup against Togo's military dictator.
- **a successful/unsuccessful coup** The armed forces are too weak to mount a successful coup.
- **a bloody/bloodless coup** (=with or without killing and violence) In 1974, the regime was overthrown in a bloodless coup.
- **a presidential coup** (=in which power is taken from a president) The new leader returned the country to democratic rule following his presidential coup.

■ **verbs**

- **plan/plot a coup** They were arrested and accused of plotting a coup against the government.
- **stage/mount/launch a coup** (=attempt one) Later that year, the rebels staged an unsuccessful coup.
- **foil/crush a coup** (=stop it from being successful) The government foiled an armed coup by rebel soldiers.
- **be deposed/overthrown in a coup** (=lose power in a coup) The Prime Minister was deposed in a coup by the armed forces.

■ **coup + NOUN**

- **a coup attempt** There have been repeated coup attempts against the government.
- **the coup leader** The coup leaders escaped when the rest of the men were arrested.

- a **coup plot** He was imprisoned for his part in a coup plot against the regime.

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## THESAURUS

- **revolt/rebellion /uprising** an attempt by a large group of people at revolution: a popular uprising (=involving ordinary people, not the army)
- **coup** /ku/ an occasion when a group of people, especially soldiers, suddenly take control of a country: a military coup

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