

**death**[deθ] *n***1. 1) смерть**

natural [violen] death - естественная [насильственная] смерть

accidental death - случайная смерть

lingering death - медленная агония

death by drowning - утопление

hour of death - смертный час

death angel - ангел смерти

death stab - смертельный удар (*ножом*)

pale as death - бледный как смерть

a question of life and death - вопрос жизни и смерти

at (the time of) smb.'s death - в момент чьей-л. смерти

on his father's death he returned to London - после смерти отца он вернулся в Лондон

to one's death - а) до последнего часа, до самой смерти, до конца дней своих; б) встретив смерть

he fell from a 100 metres to his death - он упал с высоты (в) сто метров и разбился насмерть

to the death - до конца; до последней капли крови, до последнего (из)дыхания

war to the death - война на истребление; истребительная война; борьба не на жизнь, а на смерть

until death - на всю жизнь, пожизненно

unto death - *книжн.* до смерти, до гроба

faithful into death - верный до гроба

to notify a death - (за)регистрировать смерть

to die a hero's death - пасть смертью храбрых

to meet one's death - найти свою смерть

to beat smb. to death - избить кого-л. до смерти

to be frozen [starved] to death - умереть от холода [голода]

to shoot smb. to death - застрелить кого-л.

to drink oneself to death - умереть от запоя

to look like death -  $\cong$  быть бледным как смерть

to look death in the face - смотреть смерти в лицо

to be at the point /on the verge/ of death - быть при смерти, агонизировать

to catch one's death of cold - умереть от простуды; простудиться и умереть

it was death to enter the zone - входить в зону было смертельно опасно

no one can cheat Death - смерть не проведёшь

**2) отмирание, омертвление**

the death of the tissues - омертвление тканей

**3) смертельный случай**

death toll - количество жертв

the earthquake caused a death toll of 500 - землетрясение унесло 500 жизней, число жертв землетрясения достигло 500

there were three deaths on board - на борту судна умерло три человека

**4) смертная казнь**death house - *амер.* комната приведения в исполнение смертных приговоров (*в тюрьме и т. п.*)

on pain of death - под угрозой смерти

under (a) sentence of death, condemned to death - приговорённый к смерти /к смертной казни/

to be sentenced to death - быть приговорённым к смертной казни

to suffer death /the penalty of death/ - быть казнённым

to put /*уст.* to do/ smb. to death - предавать кого-л. смерти, казнить кого-л.**2. гибель**

spiritual death - духовная смерть

everlasting /eternal/ death - вечные муки (*в аду*)death in life, a living death -  $\cong$  не жизнь, а каторга

this will be the death of me - это сведёт меня в могилу

the children will be my death - дети сведут меня в могилу

you're running to certain death - ты идёшь к верной гибели

**3. конец; исчезновение; утрата, потеря**

death of a language - исчезновение языка

death of memory - потеря памяти, амнезия

the death of one's hopes [plans, ambitions] - крушение надежд [планов, честолюбивых замыслов]

**4. *эмоц.-усил.* до смерти; смертельно; в высшей степени, совершенно**

to hate smb. to death - смертельно /люто/ ненавидеть кого-л.

to work smb. to death - не давать кому-л. ни отдыха ни срока; заездить кого-л.

to laugh oneself to death - хохотать до упаду

this meat has been done to death - мясо совершенно пережарено, мясо сгорело

the fashion has been done to death - эта мода совершенно изжила себя; это вышло из моды

◇ leaden death - смертельный свинец; пуля

the field of death - поле брани

at death's door - при смерти, на краю могилы

to be /to lie/ at death's door - стоять одной ногой в гробу /в могиле/

to be in the jaws of death - быть в когтях смерти

death knocks at the door - бьёт смертный час  
 (as) sure as death - наверняка; ≅ как пить дать  
 like grim death - изо всех сил; что есть мочи  
 to ride like grim death - мчаться во весь опор  
 to hang /to hold/ on like grim death - не сдаваться, держаться до последнего; бороться не на жизнь, а на смерть  
 to talk smth. to death - сорвать принятие чего-л. бесконечными прениями, выступлениями *u m. п.*  
 to be death on smth. - *сл.* а) быть дошлым /ушлым/ в чём-л.; хорошо знать какое-л. дело; б) обожать что-л., быть без ума от чего-л.; в) не выносить, не терпеть чего-л.  
 she was death on dust - она терпеть не могла пыли, она решительно воевала с пылью  
 this medicine is death on colds - это прекрасное средство от простуды  
 to be in at the death - а) *охом.* присутствовать при том, как убивают затравленную лисицу; б) присутствовать при завершении дела; быть свидетелем завершения чего-л.

## death

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1. **death** [death deaths] *BrE* [deθ] <sup>ɹ</sup> *NAme* [deθ] <sup>ɹ</sup> noun

1. **countable** the fact of sb dying or being killed

- a **sudden/violent/peaceful, etc. death**
- the anniversary of his wife's death
- an increase in deaths from cancer
- He died a slow and painful death.

2. **uncountable** the end of life; the state of being dead

- Two children were burnt **to death** in the fire (= they died as a result of the fire) .
- He's drinking himself **to death** (= so that it will kill him) .
- Police are trying to establish the **cause of death** .
- Do you believe in **life after death** ?
- a **death camp** (= a place where prisoners are killed, usually in a war)
- He was **sentenced to death** (= to be **executed** ) .

3. **uncountable** ~ **of sth** the permanent end or destruction of sth

- the death of all my plans
- the death of fascism

4. (*also* **Death**) **uncountable** (*literary*) the power that destroys life, imagined as human in form

- Death is often shown in paintings as a human skeleton.
- Death marched in and took him away.

**see also** ↑sudden death

**more at** catch your death (of cold) **at** ↑catch <sub>v.</sub>, cheat death **at** ↑cheat <sub>v.</sub>, dice with death **at** ↑dice <sub>v.</sub>, die a/the death **at** ↑die <sub>v.</sub>, a fate worse than death **at** ↑fate, fight to the death/finish **at** ↑fight <sub>v.</sub>, flog sth to death **at** ↑flog, hang/hold on for/like grim death **at** ↑grim, the kiss of death **at** ↑kiss <sub>n.</sub>, life after death **at** ↑life, a matter of life and death **at** ↑matter <sub>n.</sub>

**Idioms:** ↑at death's door ▪ ↑do something to death ▪ ↑look like death warmed up ▪ ↑put somebody to death ▪ ↑scare somebody to death ▪ ↑the death ▪ ↑the death of somebody

**See also:** ↑like death warmed over

### Word Origin:

Old English *dēath*, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *dood* and German *Tod*, also to ↑die.

### Example Bank:

- By 1740 European feudalism was in its death throes.
- By publicly condemning the terrorists he was signing his own death warrant.
- Chicago's birth and death records
- Delivering on time is a matter of life and death for a small company.
- Do you believe in life after death?
- Four prisoners were under sentence of death.
- He died as a prisoner of war in an enemy death camp.
- He escaped death by inches when a tree fell on his tent.
- He had been miraculously saved from almost certain death.
- He met his death two years later.
- He took drugs as if he had some kind of death wish.
- He witnessed the death of his mother from tuberculosis.
- Her death came at the age of 82.
- His face looked more peaceful in death than it had during his last days.
- How far would they go to avenge the death of their friend?
- If found guilty of drug trafficking, the pair could face the death penalty.
- Incest was punishable by death.
- It was clear that the dog was near death.
- It's a curious sensation, knowing that your death is approaching soon.
- It's easier to trace ancestors if you know their birth or death dates.
- More deaths occur in winter.
- More than 30% of all cancer deaths in the country can be attributed to smoking.
- No deaths from the disease have been recorded since 1990.
- Obesity is a leading cause of preventable deaths.

- On Samuel's death, the farm passed to his sons.
- Paramilitary death squads are operating in the area.
- Paramilitary death squads are rumoured to be operating in the area.
- People can sue for wrongful death.
- Police are not treating the death as suspicious.
- Police report a decrease in violent deaths.
- Poor living conditions can lead to early death.
- She died a slow and painful death.
- She faked her own death so he couldn't find her.
- The actor has received death threats since appearing in the controversial film.
- The average age at death of plague victims was 14.
- The bombing resulted in many civilian deaths.
- The brutal attack resulted in the man's death.
- The coroner said the cause of death was a stroke.
- The death toll in the earthquake has been put at over one thousand.
- The government's campaign aims to cut the death rate from heart attacks.
- The most common cause of neonatal death is birth defects.
- The movie contains plenty of death scenes.
- The president's untimely death has thrown the country into chaos.
- The prisoners were sent on a death march through the jungle.
- The snake was writhing in its death agonies.
- There are currently over 3 000 prisoners on death row.
- They are still mourning the death of their daughter.
- Touching the wires means instant death.
- Two deaths from cholera have been reported.
- What kind of man orders the death of his own sister?
- Women accounted for 2% of all combat deaths.
- Your next of kin will receive death benefit if you die in an accident.
- a death notice in the newspaper
- a service to commemorate the death of thousands of soldiers
- a verdict of accidental death
- an increase in drug overdose deaths
- death by starvation
- deaths resulting from disease
- drugs which will hasten the death of a terminally ill patient
- needless deaths in a war created by hatred
- the drivers who bring death to our roads
- the living death of captivity
- the tragic death of their son
- Police are still trying to establish the cause of death.
- Two children were burnt to death in the fire.
- a sudden/violent/peaceful death
- the anniversary of his wife's death

## • II. to death idiom

extremely; very much

- to be bored to death
- I'm **sick to death** of your endless criticism.

Main entry: ↑death<sub>idiom</sub>

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**death** **S1 W1** /deθ/ *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> *noun*

[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑dead, ↑death, deadliness; **adjective**: ↑dead, ↑deadly, ↑deathly; **adverb**: ↑deadly, ↑deathly; **verb**: ↑deaden]

[**Language**: Old English]

1.

**a) [uncountable]** the end of the life of a person or animal

**death of**

- The death of his mother came as a tremendous shock.
- Cancer is the leading cause of death in women.
- How Danielle met her death (=died) will probably never be known.
- His friend was close to death.
- His family are still mourning John's tragic death.
- the anniversary of Lenin's death

**bleed/burn/starve etc to death**

- a homeless man who froze to death

**beat/stab/shoot etc somebody to death**

- The 76-year-old pensioner was beaten to death.

**put/sentence/condemn somebody to death (=kill someone or decide they should be killed as an official punishment)**

- Legend has it that Sarah was put to death for practising witchcraft.

Members of the family have received **death threats**.

He remained president until his **untimely death** (=death at a surprisingly young age).

Two of the passengers managed to **escape death** (=avoid being killed).

**b) [countable]** a particular case when someone dies **OPP birth**:

a campaign to reduce the number of traffic deaths

**death from**

deaths from cancer

I heard there'd been a **death in the family**.

**2. the death of something** the permanent end of something **OPP birth**:

The latest bombing is the death of all our hopes.

These regulations could **spell the death** (=lead to the end) of the American car industry.

**3. to death informal**

**a)** used to emphasize that a feeling or emotion is very strong

**be bored/scared/frightened etc to death**

She was scared to death of what might happen next.

I'm absolutely **sick to death** of it (=very angry, bored, or unhappy about something).

**bore/scare/love etc somebody to death**

He drove at a speed which frightened Leonora to death.

She used to worry me to death.

**b)** used to say that an action is continued with a lot of effort and for as long as possible:

They just **work you to death** in that place.

**4. do something to death informal** to perform or present an idea, joke etc so often that people become tired of it:

Most of his material has been done to death by numerous comedians.

**5. to the death**

**a)** until someone is dead:

They will **fight to the death** rather than give an inch of ground.

soldiers locked in a struggle to the death

**b)** until you achieve something even if it means that you suffer:

The leadership election has become a fight to the death.

**6. Death** a creature that looks like a human ↑**skeleton**, used in paintings, stories etc to represent the fact that people die

**7. be at death's door** to be very ill and likely to die

**8. look/feel like death warmed up** *British English*, **look/feel like death warmed over** *American English informal* to look or feel very ill or tired

**9. you'll catch your death (of cold)** *spoken old-fashioned* used to warn someone that they are likely to become ill because they are wet or cold

**10. somebody will be the death of me** *spoken old-fashioned* used to say that someone is causing you a lot of worry and problems:

That boy will be the death of me!

⇒ ↑**Black Death**, ⇒ **kiss of death** at ↑**kiss**<sup>2(3)</sup>, ⇒ **life and death** at ↑**life**(10)

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ verbs

▪ **cause death** We still don't know what caused his death.

▪ **lead to/result in death** Any delay in calling an ambulance may have resulted in her death.

▪ **bleed/freeze/burn/starve to death** Thousands of people are starving to death.

▪ **stab/beat/kick somebody to death** He was stabbed to death in an attack outside his home.

▪ **sentence/condemn somebody to death** (=decide someone must die as an official punishment) Two men were sentenced to death for the killings.

▪ **be put to death** (=be killed as a punishment for something you have done) The rebels were defeated and their leaders put to death.

▪ **escape death** (=avoid being killed) He fell while climbing in the mountains, and only narrowly escaped death.

▪ **meet your death** *formal* (=die) He met his death tragically while on holiday in Greece.

▪ **mourn somebody's death** (=feel very sad after someone has died) The entertainment world was last night mourning the actor's death.

### ■ adjectives

▪ **sudden death** Her sudden death shocked the world.

▪ **tragic death** Her family are trying to come to terms with Anna's tragic death.

▪ **early death** (=at a young age) Paul's first marriage ended with the early death of his wife.

▪ **untimely death** *formal* (=at a young age) He remained President until his untimely death in 2004.

▪ **premature death** *technical* (=earlier than people usually die) The disease is a significant cause of premature death in the developing world.

▪ **accidental death** (=caused by accident, not deliberately) The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

▪ **violent death** (=caused by violence, especially deliberately) There is a high rate of violent death in America.

▪ **certain death** (=definitely going to happen) Many of the prisoners faced certain death.

### ■ death + NOUN

▪ **the death penalty** (=the legal punishment of death) In the west, most countries have abolished the death penalty.

▪ **the death sentence** (=the legal punishment of death) Because of his young age, the judge decided not to impose the death sentence.

▪ **the death rate** (=the number of people who die each year from something) The death rate from heart attacks is about 50%

higher for smokers.

- **the death toll** (=the number of people who die in an accident) Officials fear the death toll could be as high as 3000.
- **a death threat** (=a threat to kill someone deliberately) The writer had received a number of death threats.

### phrases

- **the cause of death** The cause of death was a bullet in his chest.
- **a sentence of death** (=the official punishment of death for a crime) There were strong protests against the sentence of death.

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