

devastate

[ˈdevəsteɪt] *v*

- 1) опустошать, разорять
to devastate a country - опустошить страну
devastated by fire [by earthquake] - разрушенный огнём [землетрясением]
his face was devastated - *образн.* переживания оставили неизгладимую печать на его лице
- 2) подавлять, угнетать
he was devastated by grief on - был раздавлен горем
2. *юр.* расхищать наследственное имущество

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dev-as-tate [devastate devastates devastated devastating] *BrE* [ˈdevəsteɪt] ^o

NAmE [ˈdevəsteɪt] ^o *verb*

1. ~ **sth** to completely destroy a place or an area
• The bomb devastated much of the old part of the city.
2. **often passive** ~ **sb** to make sb feel very shocked and sad

Verb forms: *verb forms*

present simple	
I / you / we / they	devastate
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈdevəsteɪt/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈdevəsteɪt/
he / she / it	devastates
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈdevəsteɪts/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈdevəsteɪts/
past simple, past participle	devastated
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈdevəsteɪtɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈdevəsteɪtɪd/
-ing form	devastating
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈdevəsteɪtɪŋ/
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Word Origin:

mid 17th cent.: from Latin *devastat-* ‘laid waste’, from the verb *devastare*, from *de-* ‘thoroughly’ + *vastare* ‘lay waste’.

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dev-a-state /ˈdevəsteɪt/ *BrE* ^o *AmE* ^o *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: *devastare*, from *vastare* ‘to lay waste, destroy’]

1. to make someone feel extremely shocked and sad:
Rob was devastated by the news of her death.
2. to damage something very badly or completely:
The city centre was devastated by the bomb.

—**devastation** /ˌdevəˈsteɪʃən/ *noun* [uncountable]

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- **destroy** to damage something so badly that it no longer exists or cannot be used or repaired: The earthquake almost completely destroyed the city. | The twin towers were destroyed in a terrorist attack.
- **devastate** to damage a large area very badly and destroy many things in it: Allied bombings in 1943 devastated the city. | The country’s economy has been devastated by years of fighting.
- **demolish** to completely destroy a building, either deliberately or by accident: The original 15th century house was demolished in Victorian times. | The plane crashed into a suburb of Paris, demolishing several buildings.
- **flatten** to destroy a building or town by knocking it down, bombing it etc, so that nothing is left standing: The town centre was flattened by a 500 lb bomb.
- **wreck** to deliberately damage something very badly, especially a room or building: The toilets had been wrecked by vandals. | They just wrecked the place.
- **trash** *informal* to deliberately destroy a lot of the things in a room, house etc: Apparently, he trashed his hotel room while on drugs.
- **obliterate** *formal* to destroy a place so completely that nothing remains: The nuclear blast obliterated most of Hiroshima.
- **reduce something to ruins/rubble/ashes** to destroy a building or town completely: The town was reduced to rubble in the First World War.
- **ruin** to spoil something completely, so that it cannot be used or enjoyed: Fungus may ruin the crop. | The new houses will ruin the view.

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