

excavate

[ˈɛkskəveɪt] *v*

- 1) копать, рыть
 to excavate a cellar - выкопать погреб
 to excavate a tunnel - прорыть туннель
 to excavate a tooth - высверлить полость в зубе
- 2) выкапывать, откапывать; раскапывать; вырывать, отрывать (*из земли*)
 to excavate a buried treasure - отрыть/найти клад
2. *tex.* вынимать грунт; производить земляные работы
3. *археол.* раскапывать, производить раскопки, делать раскоп
 they have been excavating in that country for three years - они ведут раскопки в этой стране уже три года

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ex·cav·ate [excavate excavates excavated excavating] *BrE* [ˈɛkskəveɪt]

NAmE [ˈɛkskəveɪt] *verb*

1. to dig in the ground to look for old buildings or objects that have been buried for a long time; to find sth by digging in this way
 - ~ **sth** The site has been excavated by archaeologists.
 - ~ **sth from sth** pottery and weapons excavated from the burial site
2. ~ **sth (formal)** to make a hole, etc. in the ground by digging
 - The body was discovered when builders excavated the area.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	excavate
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈɛkskəveɪt/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈɛkskəveɪt/
he / she / it	excavates
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈɛkskəveɪts/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈɛkskəveɪts/
past simple, past participle	excavated
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈɛkskəveɪtɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈɛkskəveɪtɪd/
-ing form	excavating
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈɛkskəveɪtɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈɛkskəveɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from Latin **excavat-** 'hollowed out', from the verb **excavare**, from **ex-** 'out' + **cavare** 'make or become hollow' (from **cavus** 'hollow').

Example Bank:

- The area has not yet been fully excavated.

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ex·ca·vate /ˈɛkskəveɪt/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of excavare, from **cavus** 'hollow']

1. if a scientist or **archaeologist** excavates an area of land, they dig carefully to find ancient objects, bones etc:
 Schliemann excavated the ancient city of Troy.
 2. *formal* to make a hole in the ground by digging up soil etc
- excavation** /ˌɛkskə'veɪʃən/ *noun* [uncountable and countable]

THESAURUS

- **dig** to make a hole in the ground using your hands, a tool, or a machine: Some workmen were digging a trench at the side of the road. | In Africa, the people know where to dig for water.
- **make a hole** to dig a hole in the ground, using your hands or a tool: Make a hole just big enough for the plant's roots.
- **burrow** /ˈbʌrəʊ \$ ˈbɜːrəʊ/ if an animal burrows, it makes a hole or a passage in the ground by digging the earth with its feet, nose etc: The rabbits had burrowed a hole under the fence.
- **plough** *British English*, **plow** *American English* /plɑː/ to turn over the soil using a machine or a tool pulled by animals, to prepare the soil for planting seeds: The farmers here still plough their fields using buffaloes.
- **excavate** /ˈɛkskəveɪt/ *formal* to dig a large hole in the ground, especially as a preparation for building something: The men began excavating the hole for the pool.
- **bore** to make a deep round hole in the ground using a special machine, especially in order to look for oil or water: Companies need a special licence to bore for oil.

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