

## perish

[ˈperɪʃ] *v*

### 1. погибать, умирать

to perish with hunger [with thirst] - погибать от голода [жажды]

to perish by the sword - *поэт.* погибнуть от меча

to perish from starvation [from cold] - погибнуть от голода [холода]

### 2. исчезнуть, кануть в вечность

he shall die and his name shall perish - он умрёт, и его имя будет предано забвению

their songs have perished - их песни забыты

### 3. *разг.* погибать, помирать

we were perished with cold [with hunger] - мы просто погибли от холода [голода]

I am perishing with cold! - я окоченел до смерти!

### 4. портить; портиться

the rubber belt on the machine has perished - резиновый ремень в машине износился

severe frost perishes vegetation - мороз губит растения

◇ perish the man! - *эмоц.-усил.* чтоб он пропал!

perish the thought! - боже упаси!; выкинь это из головы!

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**per-ish** [perish perishes perished perishing] *BrE* ['perɪʃ] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *NAmE* ['perɪʃ] <sup>Ⓜ</sup>

verb

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

### 1. intransitive (formal or literary) (of people or animals) to die, especially in a sudden violent way

• A family of four perished in the fire.

• Thousands perished at the hands of the invading forces.

### 2. intransitive (formal) to be lost or destroyed

• Early buildings were made of wood and have perished.

### 3. intransitive, transitive ~ (sth) (BrE) if a material such as rubber perishes or is perished, it becomes damaged, weaker or full of holes

**Rem:** or

**Idiom:** ↑perish the thought

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	perish
	BrE / 'perɪʃ/
	NAmE / 'perɪʃ/
he / she /it	perishes
	BrE / 'perɪʃɪz/
	NAmE / 'perɪʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	perished
	BrE / 'perɪʃt/
	NAmE / 'perɪʃt/
-ing form	perishing
	BrE / 'perɪʃɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'perɪʃɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

Middle English: from Old French *periss-*, lengthened stem of *perir*, from Latin *perire* 'pass away', from *per-* 'through, completely' + *ire* 'go'.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: perir, from Latin perire 'to be destroyed']

### 1. [intransitive] formal or literary to die, especially in a terrible or sudden way:

Hundreds perished when the ship went down.

### 2. [intransitive and transitive] especially British English if rubber or leather perishes, it decays

### 3. **perish the thought!** spoken old-fashioned used to say that you hope what someone has suggested will never happen:

If we lose, perish the thought, Watford will take first place.

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## THESAURUS

• **die** to stop being alive, as a result of old age or illness: I want to see Ireland again before I die. | No wonder your plants always die – you don't water them enough. | His son died of liver cancer three years ago.

• **pass away** to die – used when you want to avoid using the word 'die', in order to show respect or to avoid upsetting someone: My wife had just passed away, and I didn't want to be around people.

• **pass on** to pass away – use this especially when you believe that the soul has a life after the death of the body: I'm sorry, Emily, but your mother has passed on.

• **lose your life** to be killed in a terrible event: Hundreds of people lost their lives when the ship overturned in a storm.

• **perish literary** to die in a terrible event – used especially in literature and news reports: Five children perished before firefighters could put out the blaze.

• **give your life/lay down your life formal** to die in order to save someone, or because of something that you believe in: We honor the men and women who have given their lives in service of their country.

• **drop dead informal** to suddenly die, when people do not expect you to: One day, he came home from work and dropped dead

of a heart attack.

- **kick the bucket/pop your clogs** *British English*, **buy the farm** *American English informal* to die – used when you are not talking seriously about death: It's not like I'm going to kick the bucket tomorrow.

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imperishable 59

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341 **37291**<sup>380</sup> *vvi*

272 **42657**<sup>299</sup> *vv0*

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