

**assassinate**

[ə'sæsɪneɪt] *v*

1. убивать политических или общественных деятелей (по идейным мотивам или за деньги)

President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas - президент Кеннеди был убит в Далласе

2. (преднамеренно) подрывать, губить (что-л.)

to assassinate smb.'s character - погубить чьё-л. честное имя, подрвать чью-л. репутацию

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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**as·sas·sin·ate** [assassinate assassinated assassinating] *BrE*

[ə'sæsɪneɪt] *NAmE* [ə'sæsəneɪt] *verb often passive ~ sb*

to murder an important or famous person, especially for political reasons

- The prime minister was assassinated by extremists.
- a plot to assassinate the president

Derived Word ↑ **assassination**

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	assassinate
	BrE /ə'sæsɪneɪt/
	NAmE /ə'sæsəneɪt/
he / she / it	assassinates
	BrE /ə'sæsɪneɪtɪz/
	NAmE /ə'sæsəneɪtɪz/
past simple, past participle	assassinated
	BrE /ə'sæsɪneɪtɪd/
	NAmE /ə'sæsəneɪtɪd/
-ing form	assassinating
	BrE /ə'sæsɪneɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE /ə'sæsəneɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

early 17th cent.: from medieval Latin **assassinat-** 'killed', from the verb **assassinare**, from **assassinus**, from Arabic **ḥašīšī** 'hashish-eater'.

Example Bank:

- They uncovered a plot to assassinate the president.

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**as·sas·sin·ate** /ə'sæsəneɪt, ə'sæsɪneɪt \$ -səneɪt/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb [transitive]*

to murder an important person:

- a plot to assassinate the President

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**THESAURUS**

- **kill** to make someone die: The driver and his passenger were killed in the crash. | He was killed by rival gang members.
- **murder** to deliberately kill someone – used when talking about this as a crime: He was convicted of murdering his wife.
- **commit manslaughter** to kill someone without intending to – used when talking about this as a crime: The court ruled that the guard had committed manslaughter.
- **assassinate** to deliberately kill an important person, especially a politician: He was part of a plot to assassinate Hitler.
- **slay** to kill someone or something in a violent way – used in newspaper reports and also in old stories: Two teenagers were slain in the shootings. | St. George slew the dragon. | The king was slain at the battle of Hastings.
- **execute formal** (also **put somebody to death**) to kill someone as a punishment for a crime: McVeigh, who killed 168 people in a bombing attack, was executed by lethal injection.
- **eliminate** to kill someone in order to prevent them from causing trouble: a ruthless dictator who eliminated all his rivals
- **take somebody out informal** to kill someone in order to get rid of them, especially an enemy or someone who is causing trouble for you: US forces used air strikes to take out the enemy positions. | One of the other drug dealers may have decided to take him out.
- **bump somebody off humorous informal** to kill someone: He was so irritating I felt like bumping him off myself.
- **do away with somebody informal** to kill someone: The settlers in Jamestown had been done away with, but no one knew how.

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