

smother

1. ['smʌðə] *n*

1. едкий, удушливый дым
2. 1) плотный, густой туман
- 2) сильный снегопад; метель
3. тлеющая зола
4. *амер.* столпотворение сумбур
5. масса, изобилие; избыток (*чего-л.*)

2. ['smʌðə] *v*

1. 1) душить; затруднять дыхание
to smother with kisses - задушить поцелуями
we were smothered with soot and ashes cascading from the fireplace - мы не могли продохнуть от сажи и золы, сыплющихся из камина
- 2) задыхаться; страдать от удушья
to smother with smoke [with dust] - задыхаться от дыма [от пыли]
2. 1) задушить, удушить
- 2) задохнуться, умереть от удушья
3. 1) гасить, тушить
to smother a fire - тушить пожар
- 2) подавлять, сдерживать (*мж.* smother up)
to smother a yawn - подавить зевок /зевоту/
to smother anger - сдерживать /скрывать/ гнев
to smother up a scandal - замять скандал /ссору/
to smother a child with too much care - подавлять /сдерживать развитие/ ребёнка излишней опекой
4. густо покрывать; окутывать
liver smothered in onions - печенька, щедро посыпанная /сдобренная/ луком
a grave smothered in flowers - могила, утопающая в цветах
she was smothered in furs - она была укутана в меха
his chest was smothered in medals - его грудь была увешана медалями
5. заваливать, засыпать
to smother in gifts [in compliments] - осыпать подарками [комплиментами]
snow smothered the trails - снег завалил путь
6. тушить (*мясо и т. п.*)
7. *амер. сл.* мариновать, спускать на тормозах (*законопроект и т. п.*)

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smother [smother smothers smothered smothering] *BrE* ['smʌðə(r)] *NAme* ['smʌðə]

verb

1. ~ **sb (with sth)** to kill sb by covering their face so that they cannot breathe

Syn: ↑suffocate

- He smothered the baby with a pillow.
- to be smothered to death

2. ~ **sth/sb with/in sth** to cover sth/sb thickly or with too much of sth

- a rich dessert smothered in cream
- She smothered him with kisses.

3. ~ **sth** to prevent sth from developing or being expressed

Syn: ↑stifle

- to **smother a yawn/giggle/grin**
- The voices of the opposition were effectively smothered.

4. ~ **sb** to give sb too much love or protection so that they feel restricted

- Her husband was very loving, but she felt smothered.

5. ~ **sth** to make a fire stop burning by covering it with sth

- He tried to smother the flames with a blanket.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	smother
	<i>BrE</i> / 'smʌðə(r) /
	<i>NAme</i> / 'smʌðə /
he / she /it	smothers
	<i>BrE</i> / 'smʌðəz /
	<i>NAme</i> / 'smʌðəz /
past simple, past participle	smothered
	<i>BrE</i> / 'smʌðəd /
	<i>NAme</i> / 'smʌðəd /
-ing form	smothering
	<i>BrE</i> / 'smʌðərɪŋ /
	<i>NAme</i> / 'smʌðərɪŋ /

Word Origin:

Middle English (as a noun in the sense 'stifling smoke'): from the base of Old English smorian 'suffocate'.

Example Bank:

- Try our rich orange sorbet smothered in fluffy whipped cream and nuts.

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smother /'smʌðə \$ -ər/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1100-1200; Origin: smother 'thick smoke' (12-19 centuries), from Old English smorian 'to suffocate']

1. to completely cover the whole surface of something with something else, often in a way that seems unnecessary or unpleasant

smother something with/in something

" noodles smothered in garlic sauce

2. to kill someone by putting something over their face to stop them breathing ⇒ **suffocate**:

" A teenage mother was accused of smothering her 3-month-old daughter.

3. to stop yourself from showing your feelings or from doing an action **SYN stifle**:

" The girls tried to smother their giggles.

4. to give someone so much love and attention that they feel as if they are not free and become unhappy:

" I don't want him to feel smothered.

5. **smother somebody with kisses** to kiss someone a lot

6. to make a fire stop burning by preventing air from reaching it:

" We used a wet towel to smother the fire.

7. to get rid of anyone who opposes you – used to show disapproval:

" They ruthlessly smother all opposition.

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