

massacre

1. ['mæsəkə] *n*

1. резня; избиение, бойня

Massacre of the Innocents - *бул.* избиение младенцев

2. *разг.* поражение, разгром

what he did with the article was a real massacre - он не оставил от статьи живого места

2. ['mæsəkə] *v*

1. 1) устраивать резню

2) резать, зверски убивать

2. *разг.* разгромить

he made a powerful speech and massacred his opponents - он произнёс сильную речь, сразив своих противников наповал

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

mas·sacre [massacre massacres massacred massacring] *noun, verb* BrE

['mæsəkə(r)] ¹ *NAmE* ['mæsəkər] ²

noun countable, uncountable

1. the killing of a large number of people especially in a cruel way

• the bloody massacre of innocent civilians

• Nobody survived the massacre.

2. (*informal*) a very big defeat in a game or competition

• The game was a 10–0 massacre for our team.

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from French, of unknown origin.

Thesaurus:

massacre *noun* C, U

• Nobody survived the massacre.

slaughter •• **carnage** •• **bloodshed** •• **killing** •• **extermination** •• **genocide** •• **the Holocaust** •

(a/an) **bloody/appalling/terrible** massacre/slaughter/carnage

be killed in the massacre/slaughter/carnage/bloodshed/genocide/Holocaust

escape/survive the massacre/slaughter/carnage/genocide/Holocaust

prevent a massacre/the slaughter/bloodshed/a killing/genocide

Example Bank:

• He accused the troops of the indiscriminate massacre of civilians.

• The massacre was carried out by enemy troops.

• a massacre by rebel soldiers

• an appalling massacre of women and children

• The bloody massacre of innocent civilians took place in October of that year.

verb

1. ~ **sb** to kill a large number of people, especially in a cruel way

• Hundreds of innocent women and children were massacred.

2. ~ **sb** (*informal*) to defeat sb in a game or competition by a high score

• Our team was massacred in the final.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	massacre
	BrE / 'mæsəkə(r) /
	NAmE / 'mæsəkər /
he / she / it	massacres
	BrE / 'mæsəkəz /
	NAmE / 'mæsəkərz /
past simple, past participle	massacred
	BrE / 'mæsəkəd /
	NAmE / 'mæsəkərd /
-ing form	massacring
	BrE / 'mæsəkərɪŋ /
	NAmE / 'mæsəkərɪŋ /

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1. **mas[s]acre** ¹ /'mæsəkə \$ -ər/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ³ *noun*

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: French]

1. [**uncountable and countable**] when a lot of people are killed violently, especially people who cannot defend themselves:

the only survivor of the massacre

massacre of

the massacre of several hundred pro-democracy demonstrators

the Boston/Peterloo/Harperville etc massacre

the infamous Peterloo massacre of 1819

2. [countable] *informal* a very bad defeat in a game or competition:

United lost in a 9–0 massacre.

II. **massacre**² *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive]

1. to kill a lot of people or animals in a violent way, especially when they cannot defend themselves:

The army massacred more than 150 unarmed civilians.

Tens of thousands of dolphins and small whales are brutally massacred every year.

2. *informal* to defeat someone very badly in a game, competition etc:

The Cougars massacred the Bucs last night, 38–7.

3. *informal* to spoil part of a play, a song etc by performing it very badly:

Unfortunately, Jones absolutely massacres the role of Ophelia.

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THESAURUS

■ to kill a large number of people

- **massacre** to kill a large number of people in a violent way: Thousands of peaceful demonstrators were massacred by the soldiers.
- **slaughter** to kill a large number of people in a violent way. **Slaughter** is also used about killing animals for food: The army slaughtered thousands of civilians in an effort to stop the revolt. | The pigs were slaughtered on the farm.
- **exterminate** to kill large numbers of a particular group, so that they no longer exist: Hitler's goal was to exterminate the Jews.

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RANGE: **8k** MASSACRE ⁴⁰²⁸

massacre ²⁸³⁹

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