

ambush

1. [ˈæmbʊʃ] *n* **ОБЫКН. ВОЕН.**

1) засада

- to be /to lie, to lurk, to wait/ in ambush - находиться в засаде
- to trap the enemy by ambush - заманить противника в засаду /ловушку/
- to be attacked from (an) ambush - подвергнуться нападению из засады
- to fall into an ambush - попасть в засаду
- to make /to lay/ an ambush - устраивать засаду

2) засада, отряд, находящийся в засаде

the ambush was a dozen well-armed men - в засаде находилось /сидело/ двенадцать хорошо вооружённых людей

2. [ˈæmbʊʃ] *v* **ОБЫКН. ВОЕН.**

1) устраивать засаду

2) нападать из засады

3) заманивать в засаду

the police ambushed the criminal and arrested him - полиция заманила преступника в засаду и арестовала его

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am·bush [ambush ambushes ambushed ambushing] **noun, verb** BrE [ˈæmbʊʃ]

“ NAmE [ˈæmbʊʃ] ”

noun countable, uncountable

the act of hiding and waiting for sb and then making a surprise attack on them

- Two soldiers were killed in a terrorist ambush.
- They were **lying in ambush**, waiting for the aid convoy.
- The government was defeated in its attempt to pass the law by an opposition ambush.

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense ‘place troops in hiding in order to surprise an enemy’): from Old French **embusche** (noun), **embuschier** (verb), based on a late Latin word meaning ‘to place in a wood’; related to ↑bush.

Example Bank:

- The soldiers set up an ambush on the road.
- They staged an ambush on an army patrol.
- Twelvemen were killed in the ambush.
- We ran into an ambush in the valley.

verb ~ sb/sth

to make a surprise attack on sb/sth from a hidden position

- The guerrillas ambushed them near the bridge.
- (figurative) She was ambushed by reporters.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	ambush
	BrE / ˈæmbʊʃ/
	NAmE / ˈæmbʊʃ/
he / she / it	ambushes
	BrE / ˈæmbʊʃtʃ/
	NAmE / ˈæmbʊʃtʃ/
past simple, past participle	ambushed
	BrE / ˈæmbʊʃt/
	NAmE / ˈæmbʊʃt/
-ing form	ambushing
	BrE / ˈæmbʊʃɪŋ/
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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: embuschier, from en ‘in’ + busche ‘wood’]

a sudden attack on someone by people who have been hiding and waiting for them, or the place where this happens:

- The soldiers were killed in an ambush.
- In winter the danger of ambush is much reduced.

lie/wait in ambush

• Armed police lay in ambush behind the hedge.

—ambush **verb** [transitive]:

• Everybody thought our train would be ambushed, but we got out safely.

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THESAURUS

- **attack** *noun* [uncountable and countable] an act of using weapons against an enemy in a war: The US was threatening to launch an attack on Iran. | The men had been carrying out rocket attacks on British forces. | Bombs have been falling throughout the night, and the city is still under attack (=being attacked).

- **invasion** *noun* [uncountable and countable] an occasion when an army enters a country and tries to take control of it: The Allies began their invasion of Europe. | The threat of foreign invasion is very real.

- **raid** *noun* [countable] a short attack on a place by soldiers or planes, intended to cause damage but not take control: an air raid | NATO warplanes carried out a series of bombing raids on the city. | The village has been the target of frequent raids by rebel groups.

- **strike** *noun* [countable] a sudden military attack, especially after a serious disagreement: Senior Israeli officials warned that they were still considering a military strike. | the possibility of a nuclear strike

- **assault** *noun* [countable] a military attack intended to take control of a city, area, or building controlled by an enemy: The final military assault on Kwangju began at 3 am on May 27. | Hitler launched an all-out assault (=using as many soldiers, weapons, planes etc as possible) on Russia.

- **ambush** *noun* [uncountable and countable] a sudden attack by people who have been waiting and hiding, especially an attack on a vehicle or people who are travelling somewhere: Five soldiers were shot in the back and killed in the ambush. | Enemy forces waiting in ambush opened fire on the vehicle.

- **counterattack** *noun* [uncountable and countable] a military attack made in response to an attack by an enemy: Government forces launched a counterattack against the guerillas. | If they successfully occupied the city, they would need to be capable of defending it against enemy counterattack.

- **onslaught** *noun* [countable] *formal* a large violent attack by an army: In 1544 there was a full-scale onslaught on France, in which the English took Boulogne. | The troops were preparing for another onslaught against the enemy.

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