

onslaught

[ˈɒnsloʊt] *n*

стремительная атака, натиск, нападение; удар

to make an onslaught (on smb., smth.) - яростно напасть, совершить нападение (на кого-л., что-л.)

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on-slaught [onslaught onslaughts] *BrE* [ˈɒnsloʊt] *AmE* [ˈɑːnsloʊt] *AmE*

[ˈɒnsloʊt] *noun countable, usually singular*

a strong or violent attack

- ~ **(against/on sb/sth)** the enemy onslaught on our military forces
- ~ **(of sth)** The town survives the onslaught of tourists every summer.
- an onslaught of abuse

Word Origin:

early 17th cent. (also in the form anslaughter): from Middle Dutch **aenslag**, from **aen** 'on' + **slag** 'blow'. The change in the ending was due to association with (now obsolete) slaughter 'slaughter'.

Example Bank:

- His approach was met with a vicious onslaught.
- She could not withstand such a sudden onslaught.
- She unleashed a verbal onslaught on her critics.
- The leadership launched an onslaught against Trotsky and his supporters.
- a renewed onslaught against the proposed bill
- the latest onslaught from the Russian team
- the relentless onslaught of modernism
- to face the verbal onslaught of an angry teenager
- He charged single-handedly into the enemy onslaught.

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on-slaught /ˈɒnsloʊt/ \$ ˈɑːnsloʊt *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Dutch; Origin: aanslag 'act of striking'; influenced by slaught 'slaughter' (13-17 centuries)]

1. a large violent attack by an army

onslaught on/against

In December they launched a full-scale onslaught on the capital.

2. strong criticism of someone

onslaught on/against

his public onslaught on the Conservatives

under the onslaught of something

He praised his wife for her dignity under the onslaught of the tabloid press.

3. **the onslaught of something** the effect of something that is unpleasant and could cause damage:

plants that will survive the onslaught of winter

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- **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 guerrillas. | 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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