

**culprit**['kʌlprɪt] *n*

- виновный; преступник
- юр.* обвиняемый; подсудимый

**culprit**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**cul·prit** [culprit culprits] *BrE* ['kʌlprɪt] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* ['kʌlprɪt] <sup>ˈ</sup> **noun**

- a person who has done sth wrong or against the law
  - The police quickly identified the real culprits.
- a person or thing responsible for causing a problem
  - The main culprit in the current crisis seems to be modern farming techniques.

Word Origin:

late 17th cent. (originally in the formula Culprit, how will you be tried?, said by the Clerk of the Crown to a prisoner pleading not guilty): perhaps from a misinterpretation of the written abbreviation cul. prist for Anglo-Norman French **Culpable**: prest d'averrernotre bille '(You are) guilty: (We are) ready to prove our indictment'; in later use influenced by Latin culpa 'fault, blame'.

Example Bank:

- Keep the kitchen clear of all sources of bacteria, not forgetting the biggest culprit of all— the dishcloth.
- Police hunting the culprits have condemned the attack.

**culprit**

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**cul·prit** /'kʌlprət, 'kʌlprɪt/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Anglo-French; Origin: cul (from culpable 'guilty') + prit 'ready (to prove it)']

- the person who is guilty of a crime or doing something wrong ⇒ **victim**:
  - Police finally managed to catch the culprit.
- informal* the reason for a particular problem or difficulty:
  - High production costs are the main culprit.

**culprit**

Freakuency Pack

12500 **9404**<sup>MCW</sup>15000 **6394**<sup>COCA</sup>RANGE: **8k** CULPRIT 1903

culprit 1345

culprits 558

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

1212 **17478**<sup>1345</sup> *nn1*