

**mercenary**

1. [ˈmɜːs(ə)n(ə)rɪ] *n*  
наёмный солдат, наёмник
2. [ˈmɜːs(ə)n(ə)rɪ] *a*
  1. корыстный; торгашеский  
mercenary politicians - корыстные /продажные/ политиканы  
mercenary marriage - брак по расчёту  
to act from mercenary motives - действовать из корыстных побуждений
  2. наёмный

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**mer-cen-ary** [mercenary mercenaries] *noun, adjective* BrE [ˈmɜːsənəri]

NAme [ˈmɜːrsənəri]

*noun* (pl. **mer-cen-aries**)

a soldier who will fight for any country or group that offers payment

- foreign mercenaries
- mercenary soldiers

Word Origin:

late Middle English (as a noun): from Latin **mercenarius** 'hireling', from **merces**, **merced-** 'reward'.

Example Bank:

- Six years ago, he became a mercenary for a private military corporation.
- a small army of mercenaries
- Swiss pikemen fought as mercenaries in the armies of many European states.

*adjective* (disapproving)

only interested in making or getting money

- a **mercenary society/attitude**
- She's interested in him for purely mercenary reasons.

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I. **mer-ce-na-ry** <sup>1</sup> /ˈmɜːsənəri \$ ˈmɜːrsənəri BrE <sup>a</sup> AmE <sup>a</sup> *noun* (plural **mercenaries**)

[countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: mercenarius, from merces 'payment for work', ⇒ ↑mercy]

a soldier who fights for any country or group that will pay him:

- an army of foreign mercenaries
- a mercenary soldier

II. **mercenary** <sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>a</sup> AmE <sup>a</sup> *adjective*

only interested in the money you may be able to get from a person, job etc:

- She did it for purely mercenary reasons.
- a mercenary attitude

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