

**oblivion**

- [ə'blɪvɪən] *n*
- забвение  
to go to /to pass into/ oblivion - быть преданным забвению, быть забытым
  - забытьё  
to sink /to fall/ into oblivion - а) впадать в забытьё; б) предаться забвению  
his nap gave him 30 minutes of oblivion - короткий сон позволил ему на 30 минут забыться  
he sat the fire in peaceful oblivion - он сидел у огня в полном забытьи
  - помилование, амнистия  
oblivion of political offences - амнистия политических заключённых  
Act /Bill/ of Oblivion - Акт об амнистии (*особ. 1660 и 1690 гг. в Великобритании*)

**oblivion** Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.  
**ob·liv·ion** [oblivion oblivions] *BrE* [ə'blɪvɪən] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [ə'blɪvɪən] <sup>u</sup> **noun**  
**uncountable**

- a state in which you are not aware of what is happening around you, usually because you are unconscious or asleep
  - He often drinks himself into oblivion
  - Sam longed for the oblivion of sleep.
- the state in which sb/sth has been forgotten and is no longer famous or important  
**Syn:** ↑obscurity
  - An unexpected victory saved him from political oblivion.
  - Most of his inventions have been consigned to oblivion.
- a state in which sth has been completely destroyed
  - Hundreds of homes were bombed into oblivion during the first weeks of the war.

Word Origin:  
 late Middle English: via Old French from Latin *oblivio(n-)*, from *oblivisci* 'forget'.

Example Bank:

- Most of his work has now been consigned to oblivion.
- a minor masterpiece, saved from oblivion

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin *oblivio*, from *oblivisci* 'to forget']

- when something is completely forgotten or no longer important  
**sink/slip/pass etc into oblivion**
  - Wind power presents too many advantages to be allowed to sink into oblivion.
  - The loser's name has been consigned to oblivion (=completely forgotten).
- the state of being unconscious or of not noticing what is happening:
  - the oblivion of sleep
  - He had drunk himself into oblivion.
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**COLLOCATIONS**

- verbs**
  - **fade into oblivion** (=gradually become forgotten or no longer important) Many political figures just fade into oblivion.
  - **sink/slip/slide into oblivion** (=fade into oblivion) It was once a popular game, but it has since sunk into oblivion. | The old machines eventually slid into oblivion.
  - **consign something/somebody to oblivion** *formal* (=make something or someone be completely forgotten, or to become unimportant) The achievements of these years should not be consigned to oblivion.
  - **save somebody/something from oblivion** The charity has saved many fine old buildings from oblivion.
- adjectives**
  - **political oblivion** (=used to say that something is forgotten in politics) The party attracted little support and collapsed into political oblivion.
  - **instant oblivion** (=used to say that something or someone is forgotten immediately) His first album led to instant oblivion.
- phrases**
  - **be on the road to oblivion** (=to be becoming forgotten or unimportant over a fairly long period of time) Is this ancient tradition on the road to oblivion?

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