

**obliterate**

1. [ə'blɪtəreɪt] *а поэт.*

1. стёртый, уничтоженный; забытый  
obliterate tunes - забытые мелодии
2. слабый, неясный; неотчётливый едва видимый

2. [ə'blɪtəreɪt] *в книжн.*

1. стирать, удалять, изглаживать; уничтожать; разрушать  
to obliterate one's signature - стирать свою подпись  
to obliterate one's footprints /tracks/ - уничтожать следы  
to obliterate a salient - **воен.** срезать выступ линии фронта  
times has obliterated many monuments of former greatness - время уничтожило много памятников былого величия
2. изгонять, изглаживать (*из памяти*); уничтожать (*память о чём-л.*)  
all feelings of hatred had long been obliterated - чувство ненависти давно прошло
3. отменять; аннулировать

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**ob-lit-er-ate** [obliterate obliterates obliterated obliterating] *BrE* [ə'blɪtəreɪt]

*NAmE* [ə'blɪtəreɪt] **verb often passive ~ sth**

to remove all signs of sth, either by destroying or covering it completely

- The building was completely obliterated by the bomb.
- The snow had obliterated their footprints.
- Everything that happened that night was obliterated from his memory.

Derived Word ↑ **obliteration**

Verb forms:

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present simple	
I / you / we /they	obliterate
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'blɪtəreɪt/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'blɪtəreɪt/
he / she /it	obliterates
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'blɪtəreɪts/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'blɪtəreɪts/
past simple, past participle	obliterated
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'blɪtəreɪtɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'blɪtəreɪtɪd/
-ing form	obliterating
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'blɪtəreɪtɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'blɪtəreɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent.: from Latin **obliterat-** 'struck out, erased', from the verb **obliterare**, based on **littera** 'letter, something written'.

Example Bank:

- The village was totally obliterated by the bomb.

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**obliterate** /ə'blɪtəreɪt/ *BrE* **AmE** **verb** [transitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of obliterare, from *littera* 'letter']

1. to destroy something completely so that nothing remains:  
Hiroshima was nearly obliterated by the atomic bomb.
2. to remove a thought, feeling, or memory from someone's mind:  
Nothing could obliterate the memory of those tragic events.
3. to cover something completely so that it cannot be seen:  
Then the fog came down, obliterating everything.

—**obliteration** /ə,blɪtə'reɪʃən/ **noun** [uncountable]

**THESAURUS**

- **destroy** to damage something so badly that it no longer exists or cannot be used or repaired: The earthquake almost completely destroyed the city. | The twin towers were destroyed in a terrorist attack.
- **devastate** to damage a large area very badly and destroy many things in it: Allied bombings in 1943 devastated the city. | The country's economy has been devastated by years of fighting.
- **demolish** to completely destroy a building, either deliberately or by accident: The original 15th century house was demolished in Victorian times. | The plane crashed into a suburb of Paris, demolishing several buildings.
- **flatten** to destroy a building or town by knocking it down, bombing it etc, so that nothing is left standing: The town centre was flattened by a 500 lb bomb.
- **wreck** to deliberately damage something very badly, especially a room or building: The toilets had been wrecked by vandals. | They just wrecked the place.
- **trash** *informal* to deliberately destroy a lot of the things in a room, house etc: Apparently, he trashed his hotel room while on drugs.
- **obliterate** *formal* to destroy a place so completely that nothing remains: The nuclear blast obliterated most of Hiroshima.
- **reduce something to ruins/rubble/ashes** to destroy a building or town completely: The town was reduced to rubble in the First

World War.

▪ **ruin** to spoil something completely, so that it cannot be used or enjoyed: Fungus may ruin the crop. | The new houses will ruin the view.

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