

**suffocate**

[ˈsʌfəkeɪt] *v*

- душить, удушать  
suffocated by poisonous fumes - задохнувшийся от ядовитого дыма  
he was suffocated in water - он захлебнулся в воде
- душить, подавлять (*разеумие и т. п.*)  
this weed suffocates everything - этот сорняк глушит все растения
- задышаться  
to suffocate with rage - задышаться от ярости

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**suf-fo-cate** [suffocate suffocates suffocated suffocating] *BrE* [ˈsʌfəkeɪt]

*NAmE* [ˈsʌfəkeɪt] *verb*

- intransitive, transitive** to die because there is no air to breathe; to kill sb by not letting them breathe air
  - Many dogs have suffocated in hot cars.
  - ~ **sb/sth** The couple were suffocated by fumes from a faulty gas fire.
  - He put the pillow over her face and suffocated her.
  - (*figurative*) She felt suffocated by all the rules and regulations.
- intransitive be suffocating** if it is suffocating, it is very hot and there is little fresh air
  - Can I open a window? It's suffocating in here!

Derived Word ↑suffocation

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	suffocate
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈsʌfəkeɪt/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈsʌfəkeɪt/
he / she / it	suffocates
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈsʌfəkeɪtɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈsʌfəkeɪtɪz/
past simple, past participle	suffocated
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈsʌfəkeɪtɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈsʌfəkeɪtɪd/
-ing form	suffocating
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈsʌfəkeɪtɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈsʌfəkeɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 15th cent. (earlier (late Middle English) as suffocation): from Latin **suffocat-** 'stifled', from the verb **suffocare**, from **sub-** 'below' + **fauces** 'throat'.

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[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** past participle of suffocare, from sub- (⇒ **sub-**) + fauces 'throat']

- [intransitive and transitive]** to die or make someone die by preventing them from breathing:
  - The animal seizes its prey by the throat and suffocates it to death.
  - One of the puppies suffocated inside the plastic bag.
- be suffocating** to feel uncomfortable because there is not enough fresh air:
  - Can you open a window? I'm suffocating.
- [transitive]** to prevent a relationship, plan, business etc from developing well or being successful:
  - Jealousy can suffocate any relationship.

—**suffocation** /ˌsʌfəˈkeɪʃən/ *noun* [uncountable]

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