

investigate[ɪnˈvestɪgeɪt] *v*

- 1) расследовать; рассматривать (*дело*); получать сведения (*о ком-л., о чём-л.*)
to investigate a crime - расследовать преступление
to investigate the character of the applicant - разузнать о подателе заявления
- 2) исследовать; изучать (*вопрос*)
to investigate the market for sales of a product - изучать рынок для реализации продукта
- 3) *редк.* следить, прослеживать; выслеживать

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in-ves-ti-gate **AW** [investigate investigates investigated investigating] **BrE**[ɪnˈvestɪgeɪt] ^{AW} **NAmE** [ɪnˈvestɪgeɪt] ^{AW} **verb**

- 1. intransitive, transitive** to carefully examine the facts of a situation, an event, a crime, etc. to find out the truth about it or how it happened
- The FBI has been called in to investigate.
 - (informal) 'What was that noise?' 'I'll go and investigate.'
 - ~ **sth** Police are investigating possible links between the murders.
 - ~ **what, how, etc...** Police are investigating what happened.
- 2. transitive ~ sb (for sth)** to try to find out information about sb's character, activities, etc
- This is not the first time he has been investigated by the police for fraud.
- 3. transitive, intransitive** to find out information and facts about a subject or problem by study or research
- ~ **(sth)** Scientists are investigating the effects of diet on fighting cancer.
 - ~ **how, what, etc...** The research investigates how foreign speakers gain fluency.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	investigate
	BrE /ɪnˈvestɪgeɪt/
	NAmE /ɪnˈvestɪgeɪt/
he / she / it	investigates
	BrE /ɪnˈvestɪgeɪts/
	NAmE /ɪnˈvestɪgeɪts/
past simple, past participle	investigated
	BrE /ɪnˈvestɪgeɪtɪd/
	NAmE /ɪnˈvestɪgeɪtɪd/
-ing form	investigating
	BrE /ɪnˈvestɪgeɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE /ɪnˈvestɪgeɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:early 16th cent.: from Latin **investigat-** 'traced out', from the verb **investigare**, from **in-** 'into' + **vestigare** 'track, trace out'.Thesaurus:**investigate** *verb*, **T**

- Police are investigating links between the two murders.
- explore** • • **look into sth** • • **research** • • **inquire/enquire into sth** • • **delve into sth** • |especially journalism **probe** •
- investigate/explore/look into/research/inquire into **what/why/how/whether...**
- investigate/explore/look into/research/inquire into a **problem/matter**
- investigate/explore/look into/research/delve into a **subject**

Collocations:**Crime***Committing a crime*

- commit** a crime/a murder/a violent assault/a brutal killing/an armed robbery/fraud
- be involved in** terrorism/a suspected arson attack/people smuggling/human trafficking
- engage/participate in** criminal activity/illegal practices/acts of mindless vandalism
- steal** sb's wallet/purse/(*BrE*) mobile phone/(*NAmE*) cell phone
- rob** a bank/a person/a tourist
- break into/** (*BrE*) **burgle/** (*NAmE*) **burglarize** a house/a home/an apartment
- hijack** a plane/ship/bus
- smuggle** drugs/weapons/arms/immigrants
- launder** drug money (through sth)
- forge** documents/certificates/passports
- take/accept/pay sb/offer (sb)** a bribe
- run** a phishing/an email/an Internet scam

Fighting crime

- combat/fight** crime/terrorism/corruption/drug trafficking
- prevent/stop** credit-card fraud/child abuse/software piracy
- deter/stop** criminals/burglars/thieves/shoplifters/vandals
- reduce/tackle/crack down on** knife/gun/violent/street crime; (*especially BrE*) antisocial behaviour
- foil** a bank raid/a terrorist plot
- help/support/protect** the victims of crime

Investigating crime

- report** a crime/a theft/a rape/an attack/(*especially BrE*) an incident to the police
 - witness** the crime/attack/murder/incident
 - investigate** a murder/(*especially NAmE*) a homicide/a burglary/a robbery/the alleged incident
 - conduct/launch/pursue** an investigation (into...); (*especially BrE*) a police/murder inquiry
 - investigate/reopen** a criminal/murder case
 - examine /investigate/find fingerprints at** the crime scene/the scene of crime
 - collect/gather** forensic evidence
 - uncover** new evidence/a fraud/a scam/a plot/a conspiracy/political corruption/a cache of weapons
 - describe/identify** a suspect/the culprit/the perpetrator/the assailant/the attacker
 - question/interrogate** a suspect/witness
 - solve/crack** the case
- more collocations at [↑justice](#)

Example Bank:

- He is being investigated for illegal business dealings.
- Police have been called in to investigate the complaints.
- The allegations have not yet been properly investigated.
- The company has pledged to investigate claims that its products are unsafe.
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investigate *W2 AC* /in'vestɪgeɪt, ɪn'vestɪgeɪt/ *BrE = AmE = verb*

[Word Family: **noun:** ↑ investigation, investigatory; **adjective:** ↑ investigative, ↑ investigatory; **verb:** ↑ investigate]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of *investigare* 'to follow the track of', from *vestigium* 'track']

1. [**intransitive and transitive**] to try to find out the truth about something such as a crime, accident, or scientific problem:

- The state police are investigating the incident.
- The study investigates the impact of violent TV programming on children.
- I heard a noise and went downstairs to investigate.

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In everyday English, people often say **look into** something rather than **investigate** something:

- I'll ask my colleague to **look into** it.

2. [**transitive**] to try to find out more about someone's character, actions etc, because you think they may have been involved in a crime:

- Penney was already being investigated by the police on suspicion of murder.

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- **investigate** to try to find out the truth about something such as a crime, accident, or scientific problem: Police are investigating an explosion in the city centre. | The aim of the study is to investigate how climate change is affecting animal behaviour. | There were fears he may have drowned in the lake, so divers were sent down to investigate.
- **look into something** to find out more about a problem, especially after someone has asked you to do this: The manager promised to look into my complaint. | Please could you look into the matter for me?
- **explore** to consider or discuss something, in order to help you decide what you should do: Military leaders are exploring new ways of defending the United States from terrorism. | I'm going to explore the possibility of a part-time job.
- **probe** [**intransitive and transitive**] to try to find secret or hidden information, especially by asking questions: The press began probing into the actor's private life. | We have been probing the reasons why the government has been so slow to react to the problem of climate change.
- **delve** [**intransitive**] to look somewhere in order to try to find more information about something, especially something that is difficult to find out about: Over the past year Ms Deen has been delving into the national archives, in order to discover information on the early Muslim settlers. | I think we need to delve a little deeper.
- **be under investigation** if someone or their activities are under investigation, the police are trying to find out if they have done something illegal: Several public figures are under investigation for corruption.

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