

casualty[ˈkæzʊəlti] *n*

1. 1) несчастный случай; катастрофа
- 2) авария; повреждение
2. **воен.**
- 1) выбывший из строя; раненый; поражённый; убитый
 - casualty sweep - поиски раненых на поле боя
 - to become a casualty - быть раненым *или* убитым; выбыть из строя
 - to clear /to dispose/ of casualties - эвакуировать раненых
 - to detect casualties - разыскивать раненых на поле боя
- 2) **pl** потери в людях, в живой силе; урон
 - casualty report - донесение о боевых потерях
 - casualty return - сводка о потерях в личном составе
 - to sustain casualties - понести потери
 - the regiment suffered heavy casualties - полк понёс тяжёлые потери
3. **часто pl воен.** повреждённая материальная часть; подбитая машина, подбитое орудие; повреждённая техника
 - the tank became a casualty - танк был подбит /выведен из строя/
 - casualty position - местонахождение повреждённой техники
4. **юр.** случай; обстоятельство которое нельзя было предусмотреть *или* предотвратить
5. смерть от ранения *или* несчастного случая
 - in case of casualty - в случае скоростной смерти
6. **редк.** случайное поступление; случайный расход

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casu·alty [casualty casualties] *BrE* [ˈkæzʊəlti] ^m *NAmE* [ˈkæzʊəlti] ^m **noun** (pl. casu·alties)

1. **countable** a person who is killed or injured in war or in an accident
 - road casualties
 - Both sides had suffered **heavy casualties** (= many people had been killed) .
2. **countable** a person that suffers or a thing that is destroyed when sth else takes place

Syn: ↑victim

 - She became a casualty of the reduction in part-time work (= she lost her job) .
 - Small shops have been a casualty of the recession.
3. **uncountable** (*also* 'casualty department', 'accident and e'mergency') (all *BrE*) (*NAmE* **e'mergency room**) the part of a hospital where people who need urgent treatment are taken
 - The victims were rushed to casualty .
 - We waited in casualty until a doctor could see us.

See also: ↑accident and emergency ▪ ↑emergency room

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'chance, a chance occurrence'): from medieval Latin *casualitas*, from *casualis*, from *casus* 'fall', on the pattern of words such as penalty.

Collocations:**War and peace***Starting a war*

declare /make/wage war (on sb/sth)
go to war (against/with sb)
cause/spark/provoke/foment/quell unrest
incite/lead /crush/suppress a revolt/rebellion
launch/mount/carry out a surprise/terrorist attack
prevent/halt/represent an escalation of the conflict
be torn apart by/be on the brink of civil war
enter/invade /occupy sb's territory
lead /launch/resist/repel an invasion

Military operations

adopt/develop /implement /pursue a military strategy
carry out/execute /perform military operations/manoeuvres (*especially US*) maneuvers
send/deploy/station/pull back/withdraw troops
go on/fly/carry out a reconnaissance/rescue mission
train/equip/deploy army/military/combat units
lead /launch/conduct a raid/a surprise attack/an (air/airborne/amphibious) assault (on sb)
employ/use guerrilla tactics
conduct/wage biological/guerrilla warfare
fight/crush/defeat the rebels/the insurgency
suffer/inflict a crushing defeat
achieve /win a decisive victory
halt/stop the British/German/Russian advance
order/force a retreat

Fighting

join/serve in the army/navy/air force
 be/go/remain /serve on active duty
 serve/complete /return from a tour of duty
 be sent to the front (line)
 attack/strike/engage /defeat/kill/destroy the enemy
 see/report/be engaged in heavy fighting
 call for/be met with armed resistance
 come under heavy/machine-gun/mortar fire
 fire a machine-gun/mortar shells/rockets (at sb/sth)
 shoot a rifle/a pistol/bullets/missiles
 launch/fire a cruise/ballistic/anti-tank missile
 use biological/chemical/nuclear weapons
 inflict/suffer/sustain heavy losses/casualties
 be hit/killed by enemy/friendly/artillery fire
 become/be held as a prisoner of war

Civilians in war

harm/kill/target/protect innocent/unarmed civilians
 cause/avoid/limit/minimize civilian casualties/collateral damage
 impose/enforce/lift a curfew
 engage in/be a victim of ethnic cleansing
 be sent to an internment/a concentration camp
 accept/house/resettle refugees fleeing from war
 fear/threaten military/violent reprisals
 commit/be accused of war crimes/crimes against humanity/genocide

Making peace

make/bring/win/achieve /maintain /promote peace
 call for/negotiate/broker/declare a ceasefire/a temporary truce
 sign a ceasefire agreement
 call for/bring/put an end to hostilities
 demand /negotiate /accept the surrender of sb/sth
 establish/send (in) a peacekeeping force
 negotiate /conclude/ratify/sign/accept/reject/break/violate a peace treaty

Example Bank:

- He works as a doctor in casualty.
- Our division suffered only light casualties.
- The guerrillas inflicted heavy casualties on the local population.
- The main casualty of this scandal will be the minister's reputation.
- Their relationship became a casualty of war.
- Both sides had suffered heavy casualties.
- Our primary objective is reducing road casualties.
- She became a casualty of the reduction in part-time work.
- Small businesses have been a casualty of the recession.
- They say that truth is the first casualty of war.

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cas **u** **l** **l** **ty** /'kæʒuəlti/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun** (plural **casualties**)

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Medieval Latin; Origin: casualitas 'chance, bad luck, loss', from Late Latin casualis; ⇒ ↑casual]

1. [countable] someone who is hurt or killed in an accident or war:

- Our aim is to reduce road casualties.
- civilian casualties (=people who are not soldiers who are injured or killed)

cause/inflict casualties

- The rebels have inflicted heavy casualties.

2. [singular] someone or something that suffers as a result of a particular event or situation

casualty of

- The Safer City Project is the latest casualty of financial cutbacks.

3. [uncountable] (also **Casualty**) *British English* the part of a hospital that people are taken to when they are hurt in an accident or suddenly become ill **SYN Emergency Room** *American English*

in casualty

- Jean ended up in casualty last night.

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■ parts of a hospital

- **A&E/casualty** *British English*, **emergency room/ER** *American English* the part of a hospital where people who are injured or who need urgent treatment are brought: A&E waiting times have gone down. | A 33-year-old man was brought to the emergency room in a coma.
- **operating theatre** *British English*, **operating room** *American English* a room in a hospital where operations are done: Mrs Barnett was in the operating theatre for 11 hours while the transplant was carried out.

- **intensive care** the part of a hospital where people who are very seriously ill or badly injured are cared for: Mr Dye is in intensive care with head injuries.
- **unit** part of a hospital where a particular kind of treatment is carried out: the burns unit | the fertility unit
- **ward** a large room in a hospital where people who need medical treatment stay: the women's ward | She works as a nurse on a busy hospital ward.

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