

**spoil****1. [spɔɪl] n**

- I
- 1) военная добыча, трофеи  
spoils (of war) - военная добыча, трофеи  
to the victors belong the spoils - трофеи принадлежат победителю
  - 2) оружие, доспехи, взятые у убитого *или* побеждённого врага
  - 3) награбленное добро  
spoil(s) of thieves - воровская добыча
  - 4) *арх.* мародёрство, грабёж  
to give a town up to spoil - отдать город на разграбление
- II
- 1) *редк.* порча, нанесение вреда
  - 2) вред  
to do much spoil (up) on smb. - причинить кому-л. много вреда
  - 2) *амер. полигр.* бракованный оттиск
  - 3) *горн.* пустая порода
  - 2) вынутый грунт
  - 4) *карт.* ничья в карточной игре для пятерых

**2. [spɔɪl] v (spoilt, spoiled [-{spɔɪl}d])**

- I
1. портить  
to spoil a dish [one's eyes] - (ис)портить блюдо [глаза]  
to spoil a joke in the telling - не суметь передать соль шутки  
to spoil smb.'s joy [smb.'s pleasure] - отравить кому-л. радость [удовольствие]  
to spoil a fountain pen - сломать авторучку  
to spoil one's best frock by wearing it too often - затаскать выходное платье  
the black eye spoils his beauty - подбитый глаз его не украшает  
the damp has spoilt my watch - мои часы испортились от сырости  
the picture is spoilt by too much detail - картина проигрывает от обилия деталей  
it will spoil my appetite - это испортит мне аппетит  
it will spoil all the fun - это всё дело испортит, так всё удовольствие пропадёт  
these thoughts spoilt my sleep - эти мысли не давали мне уснуть  
the holidays were spoilt by bad weather - отпуск /отдых/ пропал из-за плохой погоды
  2. баловать  
to spoil a child with praise - избаловать ребёнка похвалой  
he was spoilt by favours - благосклонное отношение испортило его
  3. портиться, тухнуть, гнить (*о продуктах*)  
cargoes liable to spoil - скоропортящиеся грузы  
will not spoil with keeping - не портится при длительном хранении  
fish spoils quickly - рыба быстро портится
  4. (for) иметь тягу (*к чему-л.*)  
to be spoiling for smth. - рваться сделать что-л.  
to be spoiling for a fight - а) рваться в бой; б) лезть в драку

**II (spoiled)**

1. *книжн.* грабить, расхищать; мародёрствовать, заниматься грабежом  
to spoil the dead - снимать одежду (и оружие) с убитых  
to go spoiling through a country - пройти всю страну, занимаясь грабежом и мародёрством  
to spoil a country [a city] - (раз)грабить/опустошить/ страну [город]  
to spoil smb.'s goods - захватить/унести/ чьё-л. добро в качестве добычи
  2. (of) *редк.* лишать (*чего-л.*)  
he was spoiled of his watch - у него отняли часы
- ◇
- to spoil the Egyptians - а) *библ.* обирать египтян; б) поживиться за счёт врага  
to spoil the ship for a ha'p'orth of tar - потерять что-л. ценное из-за грошовой экономии

**spoil**

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**spoil** [spɔɪl spoils spoilt spoiled spoiling] verb, noun BrE [spɔɪl] <sup>m</sup> NAmE[spɔɪl] <sup>m</sup>verb (spoiled, spoiled BrE [spɔɪld] <sup>m</sup>; NAmE [spɔɪld] <sup>m</sup>) (BrE also spoilt, spoilt BrE [spɔɪlt] <sup>m</sup>; NAmE [spɔɪlt] <sup>m</sup>)

1. **transitive** ~ **sth** to change sth good into sth bad, unpleasant, useless, etc.

**Syn:** ↑ruin

- Our camping trip was spoiled by bad weather.
- Don't let him spoil your evening
- The tall buildings have spoiled the view.
- Don't eat too many nuts— you'll **spoil your appetite** (= will no longer be hungry at the proper time to eat) .
- (BrE) spoiled ballot papers (= not valid because not correctly marked)
- I won't tell you what happens in the last chapter— I don't want to spoil it for you.

2. **transitive** ~ **sb** to give a child everything that they ask for and not enough discipline in a way that has a bad effect on their character and behaviour

**Syn:** ↑overindulge

- She spoils those kids of hers.

3. **transitive** ~ **sb/yourself** to make sb/yourself happy by doing sth special

- Why not spoil yourself with a weekend in a top hotel?
- He really spoiled me on my birthday.

4. **intransitive** (of food) to become bad so that it can no longer be eaten

**Syn:** ↑go off

**more at** too many cooks spoil the broth **at** ↑cook n.

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	spoil
	BrE /spɔɪ/
	NAME /spɔɪ/
he / she / it	spoils
	BrE /spɔɪz/
	NAME /spɔɪz/
past simple, past participle	spoiled
	BrE /spɔɪd/
	NAME /spɔɪd/ (BrE also) spoilt
	BrE /spɔɪl/
	NAME /spɔɪl/
-ing form	spoiling
	BrE /ˈspɔɪlɪŋ/
	NAME /ˈspɔɪlɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

Middle English (in the sense 'to plunder'): shortening of Old French **espoille** (noun), **espoillier** (verb), from Latin **spoliare**, from **spolium** 'plunder, skin stripped from an animal', or a shortening of ↑despoil.

**Thesaurus:**

**spoil** verb T

- I don't want to spoil your fun, but it's time to go.

**ruin** • • **wreck** • • **mar** •

spoil/ruin/wreck sth **for** sb

spoil/ruin/wreck **things/everything**

spoil/ruin/wreck sb's **plans/day/evening/life/chances/hope**

**Spoil or ruin? Ruin** is stronger than **spoil**. If sth is **ruined** it is completely **spoiled**. If sth is **spoiled** it may just be less good than it should be.

**Example Bank:**

- Don't let the bad weather spoil your trip.
- He spoils the children with expensive toys.
- Her selfish behaviour completely spoiled the evening
- I don't want to spoil things for everyone else.
- It would be a pity to spoil the surprise.
- My grandparents used to spoil me rotten.
- Now, don't be hard on the children and spoil their fun!
- The bad weather really spoiled things for us.
- Those children are thoroughly spoiled!
- Why did they have to act so aggressively and spoil everything?
- Don't have anything to eat now— you'll spoil your appetite.
- I don't want to spoil your fun, but it's nearly time to go home.
- I won't tell you what happens in the last chapter— I don't want to spoil it for you.
- The new buildings have completely spoiled the view.
- The performance was spoiled by the constant noise from the audience.
- Why do you always have to spoil everything?

**Idioms:** ↑spoil the ship for a ha'p'orth of tar = ↑spoilng for a fight

noun

1. **the spoils plural** (formal or literary) goods taken from a place by thieves or by an army that has won a battle or war

- the **spoils of war**
- The robbers divided up the spoils.

2. **spoils plural** the profits or advantages that sb gets from being successful
- the spoils of high office
  - The two teams shared the spoils with a 1–1 result.
3. **uncountable (technical)** waste material that is brought up when a hole is dug, etc.

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I. **spoil**<sup>1</sup> **S3** /spɔɪl/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* (past tense and past participle **spoiled** or **spoilt** /spɔɪlt/ *British English*)

[**Word Family**: noun: spoils, †spoil, †spoiler; verb: †spoil; adjective: SPOILT/SPOILED ≠UNSPOILT/UNSPOILED]  
 [Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: espoillier, from Latin spoliare 'to strip, rob', from spolium; SPOILS]

1. **DAMAGE [transitive]** to have a bad effect on something so that it is no longer attractive, enjoyable, useful etc **SYN** ruin:

- " The whole park is spoiled by litter.
- " We didn't let the incident spoil our day.
- " I don't want to spoil your fun.
- " Why do you always have to spoil everything? ⇒ **spoil/ruin your appetite** at †appetite(1)

2. **TREAT TOO KINDLY [transitive]** to give a child everything they want, or let them do whatever they want, often with the result that they behave badly:

- " She's an only child, but they didn't really spoil her.
- " His mother and sisters spoil him rotten (=spoil him very much).

3. **TREAT KINDLY [transitive]** to look after someone in a way that is very kind or too kind:

- " You'll have to let me spoil you on your birthday.

**spoil yourself**

- " Go on, spoil yourself. Have another piece of cake.

4. **DECAY [intransitive]** to start to decay:

- " Food will spoil if the temperature in your freezer rises above 8°C.

5. **VOTING [transitive]** *British English* to mark a †ballot paper wrongly so that your vote is not included

6. **be spoiling for a fight/argument** to be very eager to fight or argue with someone

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**THESAURUS**

- **spoil** to have a bad effect on something so that it is much less attractive, enjoyable etc: New housing developments are spoiling the countryside. | The bad weather completely spoiled our holiday.
- **ruin** to spoil something completely and permanently: Using harsh soap to wash your face can ruin your skin. | The argument ruined the evening for me.
- **mar** *written* to spoil something by making it less attractive or enjoyable: His handsome Arab features were marred by a long scar across his face. | Outbreaks of fighting marred the New Year celebrations.
- **detract from something** to slightly spoil something that is generally very good, beautiful, or impressive: The huge number of tourists rather detracts from the city's appeal. | There were a few minor irritations, but this did not detract from our enjoyment of the holiday.
- **undermine** to spoil something that you have been trying to achieve: The bombings undermined several months of careful negotiations.
- **sour** to spoil a friendly relationship between people or countries: The affair has soured relations between the UK and Russia.
- **poison** to spoil a close relationship completely, so that people can no longer trust each other: Their marriage was poisoned by a terrible dark secret.
- **mess something up** *informal* to spoil something important or something that has been carefully planned: If there's any delay, it will mess up our whole schedule.

II. **spoil**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

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1. **spoils [plural]** *formal*

a) the things that someone gets by being successful:

- " They tried to take more than a fair share of the spoils.

b) things taken by an army from a defeated enemy, or things taken by thieves

**the spoils of war/victory etc**

2. **[uncountable]** waste material such as earth and stones from a mine or hole in the ground:

- " spoil heaps

**spoil**

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spoiled 2205

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unspoiled 373

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