

ruin

1. **[ˈruːɪn]** *n*
 - 1) **гибель, крушение**
the ruin of one's hopes - крушение надежд
 - 2) **разорение, крах**
to bring to ruin - довести до гибели /до краха/; разорить; погубить
ruin stares him in the face - он на грани разорения
2. **pl** **развалины, руины**
to lie in ruins - лежать в развалинах
to lay a town in ruins - превратить город в развалины
the ruins of Rome - римские руины
3. 1) **мк. sing** **пагубное, вредное влияние; причина гибели**
gambling was his ruin /the ruin of him/ - азартная игра его погубила
- 2) **обещание (женщины)**
4. **сл.** **джин низкого качества (обыкн. blue ruin, mother's ruin)**

2. [ˈruːɪn] *v*

1. 1) **разрушать; уничтожать**
the storm ruined the crops - буря уничтожила урожай
 - 2) **портить, губить**
to ruin one's career [one's life] - погубить свою карьеру [свою жизнь]
to ruin smb.'s reputation - погубить чью-л. репутацию
 - 3) **обесчестить (женщину)**
- 2. разорять**
to ruin oneself - разориться
he was ruined by his own extravagance - он разорился из-за своей расточительности
- 3. преим. поэт.** **рухнуть**

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ruin [ruin ruins ruined ruining] **verb, noun** BrE ['ruːɪn] NAmE ['ruːɪn]

verb

- 1. ~ sth** to damage sth so badly that it loses all its value, pleasure, etc; to spoil sth

Syn: ↑wreck

- The bad weather ruined our trip.
- That one mistake ruined his chances of getting the job.
- My new shoes **got ruined** in the mud.
- The crops were ruined by the late frost.

- 2. ~ sb/sth** to make sb/sth lose all their money, their position, etc

- If she loses the court case it will ruin her.
- The country was ruined by the war.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	ruin
	BrE / 'ruːɪn/
	NAmE / 'ruːɪn/
he / she /it	ruins
	BrE / 'ruːɪnz/
	NAmE / 'ruːɪnz/
past simple, past participle	ruined
	BrE / 'ruːɪnd/
	NAmE / 'ruːɪnd/
-ing form	ruining
	BrE / 'ruːɪnɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'ruːɪnɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

ruin verb T

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spoil • • wreck • • mar •

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

ruin/spoil/wreck/mar sb's **career**

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

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

ruin/wreck **sb's health/sb's marriage /the economy**

Ruin or spoil? 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:

- A knee injury threatened to ruin her Olympic hopes.

- All this mud is going to ruin my shoes.
- The experience has completely ruined her life.
- The long legal battle ruined him financially.
- My shoes got totally ruined in the mud.
- She's ruined everything.
- That one mistake ruined my chances of getting the job.
- The bad weather completely ruined our trip.
- The crop that year was ruined by drought.
- They accused the government of ruining the economy.
- Years of drinking had ruined his health.
- You've ruined my whole life!

Idiom: ↑in ruins

noun

1. uncountable the state or process of being destroyed or severely damaged

- A large number of churches **fell into ruin** after the revolution.
- The house had been left to go to ruin.
- The terrorist attack had left the city in a state of ruin.

2. uncountable the fact of having no money, of having lost your job, position, etc

- The divorce ultimately led to his ruin.
- The bank stepped in to save the company from **financial ruin**.
- The war brought the country to the brink of ruin.

3. singular something that causes a person, company, etc. to lose all their money, job, position, etc.

Syn: ↑downfall

- Gambling was his ruin.

4. countable (also **ruins plural**) the parts of a building that remain after it has been destroyed or severely damaged

- The old mill is now little more than a ruin.
- We visited the ruins of a Norman castle.
- Two bodies were found among the charred ruins of the house.
- (figurative) He was determined to build a new life out of the ruins of his career.

more at go to rack and ruin **at** ↑rack _{n.}

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remains • • **wreckage** • • **rubble** • • **debris** • • **wreck** •

the ruins/remains/wreckage/wreck **of** a building/vehicle, etc.

in/amid/among/amongst the ruins/remains/wreckage/wreck a building/vehicle, etc.

ancient/Roman ruins/remains

reduce sth to ruins/rubble

Example Bank:

- Drinking has been the ruin of her.
- He's on the road to political ruin.
- The church now lies in ruins.
- The company faces ruin over the new road plans.
- The cost would have meant financial ruin for us.
- The cottage gradually fell into ruin.
- The earthquake left the town in ruins.
- They've let the house go to rack and ruin.
- the ancient ruins of Jericho
- the charred ruins of their home
- He said that the plan would be the ruin of European agriculture.
- It is perhaps the best preserved monastic ruin in the country.

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I. **ruin**¹ **S3** /'ruːɪn, ruːɪn/ **BrE** " **AmE** " verb [transitive]

1. to spoil or destroy something completely:

- This illness has ruined my life.
- His career would be ruined.
- All this mud's going to ruin my shoes.

2. to make someone lose all their money:

- Jefferson was ruined by the lawsuit.

⇒ ↑ruined

II. **ruin**² **BrE** " **AmE** " noun

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: ruine, from Latin ruina]

1. [uncountable] a situation in which you have lost all your money, your social position, or the good opinion that people had about you:

▪ small businesses facing **financial ruin**

be on the road to ruin (=be doing something that will make you lose your money, position etc)

2. [countable] (also **ruins**) the part of a building that is left after the rest has been destroyed:

▪ an interesting old ruin

▪ the ruins of a bombed-out office block

3. **the ruins of something** the parts of something such as an organization, system, or set of ideas that remain after the rest have been destroyed:

▪ the ruins of a government that once held so much promise

4. **be/lie in ruins**

a) if a building is in ruins, it has fallen down or been badly damaged

b) if someone's life, a country's **economy** etc is in ruins, it is affected by very great problems:

▪ Her marriage was in ruins.

5. **fall into ruin** (also **go to ruin**) if something falls into ruin, it gets damaged or destroyed because no one is taking care of it:

▪ He had let the farm go to ruin.

6. **be the ruin of somebody** to make someone lose all their money, their good health, the good opinion that other people have of them etc:

▪ Drinking was the ruin of him.

⇒ **go to rack and ruin** at **rack**¹⁽⁴⁾

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

▪ **financial ruin** (=when someone loses all or most of their money) She faces financial ruin after losing the court case.

▪ **economic ruin** (=when someone loses all their money or when a country loses a lot of its trade, industry, and wealth)

Their policies have been driving this country to economic ruin for the past 13 years.

▪ **political ruin** The scandal left the government on the brink of political ruin.

▪ **social ruin** (=when someone loses their position or rank in society) In those days, breaking off your engagement could mean social ruin.

■ verbs

▪ **face ruin** Many shopkeepers are facing ruin.

▪ **mean ruin** (=cause ruin for somebody) They fear that the proposals could mean ruin for small football clubs.

▪ **spell ruin** (=cause ruin for somebody) Unwise investment can spell financial ruin.

▪ **lead to ruin** This policy could lead to utter ruin.

▪ **save somebody from ruin** He believes the invention saved him from financial ruin.

■ phrases

▪ **bring ruin on/to somebody** (=cause ruin for somebody) Her behaviour brought ruin on her family.

▪ **drive somebody to ruin** (=cause ruin for somebody) Farmers told how foot-and-mouth disease was driving them to ruin.

▪ **be on the brink/verge of ruin** (=be close to ruin) The recession could leave many businesses on the brink of ruin.

▪ **be on the road to ruin** (=be certain to happen at some time in the future) Is America on the road to ruin?

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