

**idol** [aidl] *n*

- идол, божество  
nuclear idol - ядерный молох
- кумир, предмет слепого поклонения  
to make an idol of smb. - боготворить кого-л., делать кого-л. кумиром

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**idol** [idol idols] *BrE* ['aidl] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* ['aidl] <sup>m</sup> **noun**

- a person or thing that is loved and admired very much
  - a **pop/football/teen, etc. idol**
  - the idol of countless teenagers
  - He has been my idol since I was a child.
  - a **fallen idol** (= sb who is no longer popular)
- a statue that is worshipped as a god

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *idole*, from Latin *idolum* 'image, form' (used in ecclesiastical Latin in the sense 'idol'), from Greek *eidōlon*, from *eidos* 'form, shape'.

Example Bank:

- Many fallen idols blame anyone but themselves for their downfall.
- She is still my biggest idol.
- She'd always wanted to meet her idol.
- Superheroes are false idols.
- Teenagers made Dean their idol.
- The film made an idol of her.
- a matinee idol of a bygone era
- her screen idol, Marilyn Monroe
- kids trying to emulate their idols
- As a young man, he was a teen idol.
- She has been my idol since I was a child.
- There were stuffed animals on the bed and posters of pop idols on the walls.

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[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: *idole*, from Greek *eidolon* 'image, idol']

- someone or something that you love or admire very much **SYN hero**

**idol of**

- She is the idol of countless teenagers.
- She had made an idol of her husband.
- a pop idol

- a picture or ↑**statue** that is worshipped as a god ⇒ **effigy**

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**THESAURUS**

- god** a male spirit or being who is believed by some religions to control the world or part of it, or who represents a particular quality: Odin was the Viking god of war.
- goddess** a female god: Artemis, the Greek goddess of the moon
- deity** a god. **Deity** is more formal than **god**: a Hindu deity | Roman deities | the Supreme Deity
- idol** a picture or statue that people pray to as a god: a bronze idol

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