

sabotage

1. [ˈsæbətɑːʒ] *n*

- 1. саботаж
- 2. диверсия; подрывная деятельность; вредительство
to perform an act of sabotage - осуществлять диверсию /диверсионный акт/

2. [ˈsæbətɑːʒ] *v*

- 1. саботировать
- 2. 1) организовывать диверсию; проводить подрывную работу; заниматься вредительством
- 2) *разг.* срывать
to sabotage a scheme of work - срывать выполнение плана работы

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

sabo-tage [**sabotage sabotages sabotaged sabotaging**] **noun, verb** *BrE*

[ˈsæbətɑːʒ] *NA* [ˈsæbətɑːʒ] *AmE*

noun uncountable

- 1. the act of doing deliberate damage to equipment, transport, machines, etc. to prevent an enemy from using them, or to protest about sth
 - an act of **economic/military/industrial sabotage**
 - Police investigating the train derailment have not ruled out sabotage.
- 2. the act of deliberately spoiling sth in order to prevent it from being successful

Word Origin:

early 20th cent.: from French, from **saboter** 'kick with sabots (a simple shoe), wilfully destroy'.

Example Bank:

- They conducted a campaign of economic sabotage.
- The fire may have been an act of sabotage.

verb

- 1. ~ **sth** to damage or destroy sth deliberately to prevent an enemy from using it or to protest about sth
 - The main electricity supply had been sabotaged by the rebels.
- 2. ~ **sth** to prevent sth from being successful or being achieved, especially deliberately
 - Protesters failed to sabotage the peace talks.
 - The rise in interest rates sabotaged any chance of the firm's recovery.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	sabotage
	BrE / ˈsæbətɑːʒ/
	NA mE / ˈsæbətɑːʒ/
he / she / it	sabotages
	BrE / ˈsæbətɑːʒɪz/
	NA mE / ˈsæbətɑːʒɪz/
past simple, past participle	sabotaged
	BrE / ˈsæbətɑːʒd/
	NA mE / ˈsæbətɑːʒd/
-ing form	sabotaging
	BrE / ˈsæbətɑːʒɪŋ/
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Example Bank:

- They accused him of deliberately sabotaging the peace talks.
- They had tried to sabotage our plans.

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1. **sab-o-tage** ¹ /ˈsæbətɑːʒ/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ³ **verb** [transitive]

- 1. to secretly damage or destroy equipment, vehicles etc that belong to an enemy or opponent, so that they cannot be used:
 - ² Every single plane had been sabotaged.
- 2. to deliberately spoil someone's plans because you do not want them to succeed:
 - ² Demonstrators have sabotaged the conference.
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THESAURUS

- **damage** to cause physical harm to something or someone, or have a bad effect on them: Several buildings were damaged by the earthquake. | The other car wasn't damaged. | The scandal could damage his career.
- **harm** to have a bad effect on something: They use chemicals that will harm the environment. | The oil crisis could harm the economy.
- **spoil** to have a bad effect on something and make it less successful, enjoyable, useful etc: We didn't let the rain spoil our

holiday. | Local people say the new buildings will spoil the view.

- **vandalize** to deliberately damage buildings, vehicles, or public property: All the public telephones in the area had been vandalized.
- **sabotage** /'sæbətɑːʒ/ to secretly damage machines or equipment so that they cannot be used, especially in order to harm an enemy: There is evidence that the airplane was sabotaged.
- **tamper with something** to deliberately and illegally damage or change a part of something in order to prevent it from working properly: The car's brakes had been tampered with.
- **desecrate** to damage a church or other holy place: The church had been desecrated by vandals.
- **deface** /dɪ'feɪs/ to deliberately spoil the appearance of something by writing on it, spraying paint on it etc: Someone had defaced the statue and painted it bright orange.

II. **sabotage**² *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [uncountable]

[Date: 1800-1900; Language: French; Origin: saboter 'to walk along noisily, do work badly, sabotage', from sabot 'wooden shoe']

deliberate damage that is done to equipment, vehicles etc in order to prevent an enemy or opponent from using them:

- The terrorists were planning acts of sabotage to destabilize the country.
- industrial sabotage

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415 **33309**⁴⁶³ *vvi*

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