

martyr

1. ['mɑ:tə] n

мученик; мученица; страдалец; страдальца

to die a martyr in /to/ a cause - умереть за какое-л. дело

to make a martyr of oneself - строить /изображать/ из себя мученика /страдальца/

to be a martyr to rheumatism [gout] - страдать ревматизмом [подагрой]

2. ['mɑ:tə] v

1. замучить; предать мученической смерти

2. страдать

he martyred himself for the cause - он принёс себя в жертву делу

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mar·tyr [martyr martyrs martyred martyring] noun, verb BrE ['mɑːtə(r)]^m

NAme ['mɑːrtə]^m

noun

1. a person who suffers very much or is killed because of their religious or political beliefs

- the early Christian martyrs
- **a martyr to** the cause of freedom

2. (usually disapproving) a person who tries to get sympathy from other people by telling them how much he or she is suffering

- He makes a martyr of himself whenever it's his turn to do the housework.

3. ~ to sth (informal) a person who suffers very much because of an illness, problem or situation

- She's a martyr to her nerves.
- I feel like a martyr to this vacuum cleaner.

Word Origin:

Old English martir, via ecclesiastical Latin from Greek **martur** 'witness' (in Christian use, 'martyr').

Example Bank:

- Putting him to death would only make him a martyr.
- Stop playing the martyr.
- a martyr to the cause

verb usually passive ~ sb

to kill sb because of their religious or political beliefs

- Many first-century Christians were martyred for their faith.

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | martyr |
| | BrE / 'mɑːtə(r)/ |
| | NAme / 'mɑːrtə/ |
| he / she / it | martyrs |
| | BrE / 'mɑːtɪz/ |
| | NAme / 'mɑːrtɪz/ |
| past simple, past participle | martyred |
| | BrE / 'mɑːtɪd/ |
| | NAme / 'mɑːrtɪd/ |
| -ing form | martyring |
| | BrE / 'mɑːtɪrɪŋ/ |
| | NAme / 'mɑːrtɪrɪŋ/ |

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I. **mar·tyr**¹ /'mɑːtə/\$ 'mɑːrtə/ BrE^m AmE^m noun [countable]

[Date: 800-900; Language: Late Latin; Origin: Greek **martys** 'witness']

1. someone who dies for their religious or political beliefs and is admired by people for this:

- St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr

martyr to

- He was a martyr to the cause of racial harmony.
- The army has been held back because the government is reluctant to make martyrs of the protesters.

2. someone who tries hard to get other people's sympathy by complaining about how hard their life is – used to show disapproval:

- I think she rather relishes the role of martyr.

3. **be a martyr to something** *British English spoken* to suffer a lot because of an illness, problem, or bad situation:

- She's a martyr to her arthritis.

II. **mar·tyr**² BrE^m AmE^m verb [transitive usually passive]

if someone is martyred, they are killed because of their religious beliefs:

" Becket was martyred in 1170.
be martyred for something
" Catherine was martyred for her faith.

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