#### tyrant

# 1. ['taı(ə)rənt] n

тиран, деспот

petty tyrant - самодур

to play the tyrant - быть тираном, тиранствовать

2. ['taı(ə)rənt] v

### быть тираном, тиранствовать; тиранить

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# tyr ant [tyrant tyrants] BrE ['taɪrənt] NAmE ['taɪrənt] noun

# a person who has complete power in a country and uses it in a cruel and unfair way

### Syn: †dictator

- The country was ruled by a succession of tyrants.
- (figurative) His boss is a complete tyrant.

## Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French, via Latin from Greek turannos.

# Example Bank:

- The country had long been ruled by tyrants.
- The country was ruled by a tyrant.
- The kings of Sparta would not serve under the tyrants of Syracuse.
- He was one of the classical tyrants of Ancient Rome.
- Many of the naval officers were no more than petty tyrants.

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# ty rant /'taɪərənt \$ 'taɪr-/ BrE \* AmE \* noun [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: tyran, tyrant, from Latin tyrannus, from Greek tyrannos]

1. a ruler who has complete power and uses it in a cruel and unfair way:

The country had long been ruled by tyrants.

**2**. someone who has power over other people, and uses it cruelly or unfairly: My headmaster was a real tyrant.

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