

devour[dɪˈvaʊə] *v*

1. 1) пожирать; есть жадно; поглощать
to devour one's prey - пожирать добычу
to devour one's dinner - проглотить обед
- 2) поглощать, проглатывать
to devour a novel - проглотить роман
to devour smb. with one's eyes - пожирать кого-л. глазами
he devoured every word - он жадно ловил каждое слово
2. разрушать, истреблять, уничтожать
the fire devoured the house - пламя пожирало дом
3. **обыкн. pass** терзать, мучить
to devour one's heart - изводить себя; терзаться, страдать молча
devoured by anxiety - мучимый беспокойством
devoured by curiosity - снедаемый любопытством

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de-vour [devour devours devoured devouring] *BrE* [dɪˈvaʊə(r)] *AmE*[dɪˈvaʊə] *v* **verb**

1. ~ **sth** to eat all of sth quickly, especially because you are very hungry
Syn: gobble up
• He devoured half of his burger in one bite.
2. to read or look at sth with great interest and enthusiasm
• She devoured everything she could lay her hands on: books, magazines and newspapers.
3. ~ **sb/th** (*formal*) to destroy sb/sth

Syn: ↑ engulf

• Flames devoured the house.

Idiom: ↑ devoured by something**Verb forms:** verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	devour
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪˈvaʊə(r)/
	<i>NA</i> /dɪˈvaɪər/
he / she / it	devours
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪˈvaʊəz/
	<i>NA</i> /dɪˈvaɪəz/
past simple, past participle	devoured
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪˈvaʊəd/
	<i>NA</i> /dɪˈvaɪəd/
-ing form	devouring
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪˈvaʊərɪŋ/
	<i>NA</i> /dɪˈvaɪərɪŋ/

Word Origin:Middle English: from Old French *devorer*; from Latin *devorare*; from *de-* 'down' + *vorare* 'to swallow'.**Example Bank:**

- His dark eyes devoured her beauty.
- The animal quickly devoured its prey.

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1. to eat something quickly because you are very hungry:
The boys devoured their pancakes.
2. to read something quickly and eagerly, or watch something with great interest:
He devoured science fiction books.
3. **be devoured by something** to be filled with a strong feeling that seems to control you:
Cindy felt devoured by jealousy.
4. **literary** to destroy someone or something:
Her body had been almost entirely devoured by the disease.
5. to use up all of something:
a job that devours all my energy
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THESAURUS■ **to eat something quickly**

- **gobble something up/down** *informal* to eat something very quickly, especially because you like it very much or you are greedy: You've gobbled up all the ice-cream! | The children gobbled it down in no time.
- **wolf something down** *informal* to eat food quickly, especially because you are very hungry or in a hurry: The boy wolfed down everything on his plate and asked for more.

- **bolt something down** *British English* to eat food very quickly, especially because you are in a hurry: He bolted down his breakfast and was out of the door within 5 minutes. | You shouldn't bolt your food down like that.
- **devour** /dɪ'vaʊə/\$ -'vaʊr/ *especially written* to eat all of something quickly because you are very hungry: In a very short time, the snake had devoured the whole animal.

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