

**attrition**[ə'triʃ(ə)n] *n*

1. 1) трение; истирание
- 2) потёртость
2. истощение, изнурение  
a war of attrition - война на истощение
3. 1) *геол.* абразия
- 2) выскабливание, абразия
4. отсев (*студентов, сотрудников и т. п.*); убыль (*персонала*)
5. *рел.* сокрушение сердца

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**at·tri·tion** *BrE* [ə'triʃn] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* [ə'triʃn] <sup>ⓘ</sup> **noun uncountable** (formal)

1. a process of making sb/sth, especially your enemy, weaker by repeatedly attacking them or creating problems for them
  - It was a **war of attrition** .
  - These were the economics not of efficiency but of attrition.
2. (especially *NAmE*) (*BrE* also **natural 'wastage'**) the process of reducing the number of people who are employed by an organization by, for example, not replacing people who leave their jobs  
See also: ↑[natural wastage](#)

Word Origin:[**attrition**] late Middle English : from late Latin *attritio*(n-), from *atterere* 'to rub'.**attrition**

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1. the process of gradually destroying your enemy or making them weak by attacking them continuously:  
\* a war of attrition
2. *especially American English* when people leave a company or course of study and are not replaced:  
\* Staff reductions could be achieved through attrition and early retirements.

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