

**waste****1. [weist] n**

1. растрачивание, ненужная или излишняя трата, расточительство  
waste of time - напрасная трата времени  
waste of fuel - перерасход топлива  
what a waste of energy! - какая пустая /бессмысленная/ трата сил!  
to go /to run/ to waste - а) тратиться непроизводительно; б) оставаться неиспользованным; в) идти в отходы  
to cut to waste - а) кроить (*ткань*) нерасчётливо /неэкономно/; б) *сл.* напрасно тратить (*время*)
2. 1) потери, убыль; ущерб, убыток
- 2) *юр.* повреждение, порча; небрежное отношение (*арендатора к нанятому имуществу и т. п.*)
3. 1) отходы (*мж.* waste products); обрезки, обрывки (*бумаги и т. п.*) выжимки
- 2) концы, обтирочный материал
- 3) *текст.* угар; очёски; рвань  
thread /yarn/ waste - путанка, рвань пряжи  
cotton waste - пакля  
waste of flax - кострика
- 4) металлический лом, скрап
- 5) *полигр.* макулатура; лишние листы (*оставшиеся после изготовления тиража*)
- 6) утиль
- 7) мусор; отбросы
- 8) *р/* сточные воды
- 9) *физиол.* выделения (*организма*)
4. 1) износ, изнашивание
- 2) потеря веса, исхудание
- 3) уменьшение (*энергии и т. п.*); упадок (*сил и т. п.*)
5. 1) пустыня
- 2) пустынное пространство  
a waste of waters - пустыня моря; морской простор
6. 1) пустошь, пустырь; бросовая земля
- 2) *юр.* бесхозная земля
7. *горн.* пустая порода
8. *геол.* материал уносимый потоком в море

**2. [weist] a**

1. пустынный; незаселённый; невозделанный; непроизводительный; неплодородный; засушливый  
to lie waste - быть неиспользованной /невозделанной, необработанной (о земле)  
waste life - бесплодно прожитая жизнь  
the waste periods of history - *образн.* бедные событиями исторические периоды
2. опустошённый  
to lay waste - опустошать, разорять  
to be waste - *амер. сл.* промотаться, сидеть без денег
3. излишний, ненужный; напрасный  
waste stowage /tonnage/ - *мор.* неиспользованный тоннаж
4. негодный; бракованный  
waste products - отходы  
waste iron - железный лом  
waste wood - щепа, отходы древесины
5. *тех.* отработанный  
waste steam - отработанный пар  
waste heat - отработанное тепло

**3. [weist] v**

1. 1) расточать, растрачивать, непроизводительно расходовать, напрасно тратить (*деньги и т. п.*); терять (*время и т. п.*)  
to waste words /breath/ - говорить на ветер  
to waste one's life - прожигать /проводить бесцельно/ жизнь  
his efforts were wasted - его усилия пропали даром  
to be wasted on /upon/ smb. - остаться непонятым, непризнанным, не произвести впечатления на кого-л.  
actor wasted on provincial audiences - актёр, загубивший свой талант в провинциальных театрах  
my joke was wasted on him - моя шутка до него не дошла  
all advice will be wasted on him - давать ему советы бесполезно
- 2) пропадать попусту; растрачиваться без пользы  
turn the water off, don't let it waste - закрой кран, чтобы вода зря не текла
- 3) упускать  
to waste an opportunity - упустить возможность
2. 1) опустошать; разорять; портить; разрушать  
Roman legions wasted their country - римские легионы опустошили /разорили/ их страну
- 2) *юр.* портить арендованное имущество
3. истощаться, иссякать, приходиться к концу  
his resources were rapidly wasting - его ресурсы быстро иссякали
4. 1) изнурять, истощать  
frame wasted by disease - тело, истощённое болезнью

2) чахнуть, умирать (*тж.* waste away)

to waste away for lack of food - (медленно) умирать с голоду

5. *редк.* идти, течь (о времени)

the day wastes - день на исходе

6. *амер. сл.*

1) избить до полусмерти

2) убить, уничтожить (человека)

7. *спорт.* терять в весе; сгонять вес (*тренировкой*)

◇ waste not, want not - *посл.* ≅ мотовство до нужды доведёт

## waste

**waste** [waste wastes wasted wasting] verb, noun, adjective BrE [weɪst] <sup>1</sup>

NAmE [weɪst] <sup>2</sup>

verb

### NOT USE WELL

1. to use more of sth than is necessary or useful

• ~ **sth** to waste time/food/energy

• ~ **sth on sth** Why waste money on clothes you don't need?

• We got straight down to business without wasting time on small talk.

• ~ **sth (in) doing sth** She **wasted no time** in rejecting the offer (= she rejected it immediately).

• You're **wasting your time** trying to explain it to him (= because he will not understand).

2. ~ **sth (on sb/sth)** to give, say, use, etc. sth good where it is not valued or used in the way that it should be

• Don't waste your sympathy on him— he got what he deserved

• Her comments were not wasted on Chris (= he understood what she meant).

3. *usually passive* to not make good or full use of sb/sth

• ~ **sb/sth** It was a wasted opportunity.

• His talents are wasted in that job.

• ~ **sb/sth as sth** You're wasted as a sales manager— you should have been an actor.

### KILL SB

4. ~ **sb** (*informal, especially NAmE*) to get rid of sb, usually by killing them

### DEFEAT SB

5. ~ **sb** (*NAmE, informal*) to defeat sb very badly in a game or competition

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	waste
	BrE /weɪst/
	NAmE /weɪst/
he / she /it	wastes
	BrE /weɪsts/
	NAmE /weɪsts/
past simple, past participle	wasted
	BrE /weɪstɪd/
	NAmE /weɪstɪd/
-ing form	wasting
	BrE /weɪstɪŋ/
	NAmE /weɪstɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old Northern French **wast(e)** (noun), **waster** (verb), based on Latin **vastus** 'unoccupied, uncultivated'.

Example Bank:

- Don't waste your money on a hotel room.
- He didn't want to waste valuable time in idle gossip.
- Hurry up— there's no time to waste!
- I'm not going to waste any more time on the problem.
- In the end her efforts were not entirely wasted.
- Their father hated to waste energy.
- You're just wasting your breath. She never listens.
- Don't waste your sympathy on her— she got what she deserved
- Her comments were not wasted on Chris.
- She wasted no time in rejecting the offer.
- The health authority wasted millions of pounds on a computer system that never worked.
- Why waste money on clothes you don't need?
- You're wasted as a sales manager— you should have been an actor.
- You're wasting your time trying to explain it to him.

Idioms: ↑lay something waste ▪ ↑lay waste something ▪ ↑waste not, want not ▪ ↑waste of space ▪ ↑waste your breath

Derived ↑waste away

**NOT GOOD USE**

- 1. uncountable, singular ~ (of sth)** the act of using sth in a careless or unnecessary way, causing it to be lost or destroyed
  - I hate unnecessary waste.
  - It seems such a waste to throw good food away.
  - I hate to see good food **go to waste** (= be thrown away) .
  - The report is critical of the department's waste of resources.
  - What a waste of paper!
- 2. singular** a situation in which it is not worth spending time, money, etc. on sth
  - These meetings are a complete **waste of time** .
  - They believe the statue is a waste of taxpayers' money.

**MATERIALS**

- 3. uncountable (also wastes plural)** materials that are no longer needed and are thrown away
  - **household/industrial waste**
  - toxic wastes
  - **waste disposal** (= the process of getting rid of waste)
- 4. (also ,waste 'matter) uncountable** material that the body gets rid of as solid or liquid material
  - The farmers use both animal and human waste as fertilizer.

**LAND**

- 5. wastes plural (formal)** a large area of land where there are very few people, animals or plants
  - the frozen wastes of Siberia

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- If nobody comes all this food will go to waste.
- Industrialized countries continue to export their waste.
- More people are dumping waste illegally.
- The river was used for years as an industrial waste dump.
- The whole thing has been a complete waste of time.
- Three quarters of all construction waste was recycled.
- Tonnes of waste are produced every year.
- Try to avoid unnecessary waste.
- a ban on waste imports
- a criminal waste of public money
- a dump containing hazardous waste
- a tragic waste of human life
- a waste of energy/resources
- a waste processing plant
- an incinerator for burning hospital waste
- areas contaminated by industrial waste
- facilities for processing radioactive waste
- new regulations on the feeding of slaughterhouse waste to cattle
- technology to convert solid waste into renewable energy
- the best solutions for managing waste
- the frozen wastes of Antarctica
- the highly expensive task of cleaning up toxic waste
- the vast amounts of electronic waste being shipped to developing countries
- A removable hatch allows access to the waste pipes.
- Around four million tons of industrial waste are disposed of each year.
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- They believe the statue is a waste of taxpayers' money.
- the disposal of toxic/radioactive wastes

adjective usually before noun

**LAND**

- 1. not suitable for building or growing things on and therefore not used**

**Syn:** †derelict

- The car was found on a piece of waste ground.

**MATERIALS**

- 2. no longer needed for a particular process and therefore thrown away**

- waste plastic
- Waste water is pumped from the factory into a nearby river.

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### I. **waste**<sup>1</sup> **S2 W3** /weɪst/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun*

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑wastage, ↑waste, ↑wastefulness, ↑waster, ↑wastrel; **adjective**: ↑waste, ↑wasteful, ↑wasted, ↑wasting; **verb**: ↑waste; **adverb**: ↑wastefully]

[Sense 1-5: **Date**: 1200-1300; **Origin**: ⇒ ↑waste<sup>2</sup>]

[Sense 6: **Date**: 1100-1200; **Language**: Old North French; **Origin**: wast, from wast (adjective); ⇒ ↑waste<sup>3</sup>]

1. **BAD USE** [singular, uncountable] when something such as money or skills are not used in a way that is effective, useful, or sensible

#### waste of

- Being unemployed is such a waste of your talents.
- Many believe that state aid is a waste of taxpayers' money.
- What a waste of all that good work!
- excessive waste in state spending

2. **go to waste** if something goes to waste, it is not used:

Don't let all this food go to waste.

3. **be a waste of time/money/effort etc** to be not worth the time, money etc that you use because there is little or no result:

We should never have gone – it was a total waste of time.

4. **UNWANTED MATERIALS** [uncountable] unwanted materials or substances that are left after you have used something:

The emphasis now is on recycling waste. ⇒ ↑nuclear waste, ↑toxic waste

5. **a waste of space** *spoken* someone who has no good qualities

6. **LANDwastes** [plural] *literary* a large area of land where there are very few people, plants, or animals

#### wastes of

the icy wastes of Antarctica

#### icy/frozen/snowy etc wastes

⇒ ↑waste ground, ↑wasteland

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 4)

#### ■ verbs

- **recycle waste** How much of our household waste is recycled?
- **dispose of waste** environmentally friendly ways to dispose of waste
- **dump waste** They were fined for illegally dumping waste.
- **incinerate waste** (=burn it) For many years, solid waste was incinerated.
- **reprocess waste** (=treat radioactive waste so that it can be used again) The plant reprocesses nuclear waste.

#### ■ adjectives

- **household/domestic waste** Newspapers and magazines make up 10% of household waste.
- **industrial/chemical waste** pollution caused by industrial waste
- **hazardous/toxic waste** the illegal dumping of hazardous waste
- **radioactive/nuclear waste** plans for the safe transportation of radioactive waste
- **organic waste** (=waste from plants, fruits, and vegetables) Organic waste can be composted to make garden fertilizer.
- **human waste** (=from people going to the toilet) The prison was full of the smell of human waste.

#### ■ waste + NOUN

- **a waste pipe** a washing machine waste pipe

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### THESAURUS

- **rubbish** *especially British English* things that people throw away, such as old food, dirty paper etc: People are being encouraged to recycle their household rubbish. | the rubbish bin
- **garbage/trash** *American English* rubbish: The garbage is collected every Tuesday. | There were piles of trash in the backyard. | a black plastic garbage bag
- **refuse** *formal* rubbish: The strike has disrupted refuse collection. | It's a site which is used for domestic refuse.
- **litter** empty bottles, pieces of paper etc that people have dropped on the ground: Parents should teach children not to drop litter. | There was a lot of litter on the beach.
- **waste** rubbish, or materials that need to be dealt with after they have been used in industrial processes: nuclear waste | toxic waste | household waste | The company was fined for dumping toxic waste in the sea.

### II. **waste**<sup>2</sup> **S2 W3** *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *verb* [transitive]

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[**Date**: 1200-1300; **Language**: Old North French; **Origin**: waster, from Latin vastare; ⇒ ↑devastate]

1. **NOT USE SENSIBLY** to use more money, time, energy etc than is useful or sensible:

Leaving the heating on all the time wastes electricity.

#### waste something on somebody/something

Don't waste your money on that junk!

2. **NOT USE FULLY** [usually passive] to not make full use of someone or something:

- " Hannah's wasted in that clerical job.
- " His talents were being wasted as a lawyer.

3. **be wasted on somebody** if something is wasted on someone, they do not understand how good or useful it is:

- " Her good advice was wasted on the children.

4. **waste your breath** *spoken* to say something that has no effect:

- " Don't try to reason with Paul – you're wasting your breath.

5. **waste no time (in) doing something** to do something as quickly as you can because it will help you:

- " He wasted no time in introducing himself.

6. **waste not, want not** *spoken* used to say that if you use what you have carefully, you will still have some of it if you need it later

7. **HARM SOMEBODY** *American English informal* to kill someone, severely injure them, or defeat them

**waste away** *phrasal verb*

to gradually become thinner and weaker, usually because you are ill

III. **waste**<sup>3</sup> **W3** *BrE* <sup>\*</sup> *AmE* <sup>\*</sup> *adjective* [only before noun]

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1. waste materials, substances etc are unwanted because the good part of them has been removed

2. waste land is empty or not looked after by anyone

⇒ ↑wasteland, ⇒ **lay waste** at ↑lay<sup>2</sup>(11)

## waste

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