

**destruction**[dis'trʌkʃ(ə)n] *n*

## 1. 1) разрушение, уничтожение

destruction fire - *воен.* огонь на разрушение /уничтожение/

destruction by fire /caused by fire/ - разрушения, причинённые пожаром

war means death and destruction - война означает /несёт/ смерть и разрушение

## 2) умерщвление

destruction of beasts of prey - уничтожение хищников

child destruction - *юр.* умерщвление плода

## 3) гибель; крушение; разорение

destruction of hopes - крушение надежд

to bring smb. to destruction - разрушить что-л., довести что-л. до краха

to bring smb. to destruction - погубить кого-л.

to lie on the path to destruction - находиться на пути к гибели, быть на краю пропасти

to rush to one's own destruction - стремительно идти навстречу собственной гибели

4) разложение, деструкция (*материала и т. п.*)

## 2. причина гибели, краха или разорения

gambling [drinking] was his destruction - его погубили карты [вино]

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**de-struc-tion** [destruction destructions] *BrE* [dɪ'strʌkʃn] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [dɪ'strʌkʃn]<sup>u</sup> **noun uncountable**

the act of destroying sth; the process of being destroyed

• the destruction of the rainforests

• weapons of mass destruction

• a tidal wave bringing **death and destruction** in its wake• The central argument is that capitalism **sows the seeds of its own destruction** (= creates the forces that destroy it) .Word Origin:Middle English: from Latin **destructio(n-)**, from the verb **destruere**, from **de-** (expressing reversal) + **struere** 'build' .Example Bank:

- By doubling its prices, the industry sowed the seeds of its own destruction.
- Children will quickly test their toys to destruction.
- He gasped as he saw how much destruction she had wrought with the hammer.
- He had miraculously survived the destruction of the spacecraft.
- He witnessed the destruction of most of his work in a studio fire.
- Some shopkeepers closed early to prevent the wholesale destruction of their property by the hooligans.
- The earthquake caused loss of life and property destruction.
- The tornado left a trail of destruction behind it.
- Three of the paintings escaped destruction.
- a war of mutual destruction
- modern weapons of mass destruction
- the destruction brought about by war
- the environmental destruction caused by road building
- the threat of nuclear destruction which haunts the post-war world
- the wanton destruction of public property
- those who seek the destruction of our way of life

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**de** [strʌkʃən] **W3** /dɪ'strʌkʃən/ *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> **noun** [uncountable][**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑destroyer, ↑destruction; **adjective:** ↑indestructible, ↑destructive; **verb:** ↑destroy; **adverb:** ↑destructively][**Date:** 1200-1300; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** destructus, past participle of destruere; ⇒ ↑destroy]the act or process of destroying something or of being destroyed ⇒ **destroy****destruction of**

- the destruction of the rainforest
- weapons of mass destruction
- the environmental destruction caused by the road building programme
- The floods brought death and destruction to the area.

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**COLLOCATIONS**■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + destruction**

- **total/complete destruction** In a populated area, a wave that high would cause total destruction.
- **wholesale destruction** *formal* (=total) It was an act of war, the wholesale destruction of a city.
- **wanton destruction** (=done deliberately and without caring about it) People were shocked by the wanton destruction that occurred during the riots.
- **environmental destruction** The islands are already threatened by environmental destruction.
- **forest/rainforest destruction** a Brazilian report on rainforest destruction
- **habitat destruction** (=of the natural homes of plants and animals) Habitat destruction has reduced elephant herds in central

Africa.

- **widespread destruction** The rains caused widespread destruction to crops.
- **great/massive destruction** Much of the city was rebuilt after the massive destruction of World War II.
- **ozone destruction** Ozone destruction is most severe over the Antarctic due to climatic and atmospheric extremes.

#### ■ verbs

- **cause/lead to/bring about destruction** It's clear that the bomb was intended to cause death and destruction.
- **wreak destruction** *formal* (=cause destruction) The destruction wrought by the hurricane left thousands of people homeless.

#### ■ phrases

- **weapons of mass destruction** (=weapons intended to cause a lot of death and destruction) The country is believed to have the potential to develop weapons of mass destruction.
- **a trail of destruction** (=a long line of things that have been destroyed) The accident, involving five vehicles, caused a trail of destruction on the motorway.

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