

**theft**  
[θeft] *n*

- воровство; кража  
art theft - похищение произведения искусства  
petty theft - мелкое воровство  
to commit (a) theft - совершить кражу
- редк.* покража, украденные вещи

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**theft****theft** [θeft θefts] *BrE* [θeft] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *NAmE* [θeft] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> **noun uncountable, countable** ~ (of sth)

the crime of stealing sth from a person or place

- car theft
- Police are investigating the theft of computers from the company's offices.

**compare** ↑burglary, ↑robbery**see also** ↑identity theft, ↑thiefWord Origin:

Old English thīefth, thēofth, of Germanic origin; related to ↑thief.

Example Bank:

- She admitted the theft of three pairs of shoes.
- They are accused of theft from a newsagent's shop.
- a spate of thefts over the Christmas period
- the crime of attempted theft
- the potential victims of identity theft
- the wholesale theft of copyrighted music
- A number of thefts have been reported recently.
- Police are investigating the theft of computers from the company's offices.
- There has been a reduction in the number of car thefts.

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**theft** /θeft/ *BrE* <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *AmE* <sup>Ⓜ</sup> **noun**

[Language: Old English; Origin: thieft]

- [uncountable] the crime of stealing ⇒ **thief, burglary, robbery**:

Car theft is on the increase.

an arrest for petty theft (=stealing small things)

Three men were charged with attempted theft.

- [countable] an act of stealing something:

There have been a number of thefts in the area.

**theft of**

the theft of £150 from the office

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**COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)**■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + theft**

- **attempted theft** He was charged with attempted theft.
- **car theft** *British English*, **auto theft** *AmE*: Northern Ireland had one of the highest levels of car theft in Europe.
- **identity theft** (=when someone steals your personal information and uses it to obtain goods or money) Credit card companies and banks bear the financial loss, rather than the victim of the identity theft.
- **petty theft** (=the stealing of something that is not very valuable) There had been a rash of petty thefts in the hotel.
- **art theft** Robbers stole paintings worth £25 million in the French Riviera's biggest art theft.

■ **verbs**

- **commit a theft** Detectives took us to the place where the theft had been committed.

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