

[θi:f] *n* (*pl* thieves)

1. вор

the penitent [impenitent] thief - раскаявшийся [неисправимый /закоренелый] вор

art thief - похититель произведений искусства

thieves' kitchen - *сл.* воровская малина; «хаза»

stop thief! - держи вора!

honour among thieves - воровская честь, воровской закон

like a thief in the night - как тать в ночи; украдкой, тайком

2. *дуал.* злодей, негодяй; подлец3. *разг.* лошадь, обманувшая ожидания (*на скачках*)4. нагар (*на свече*)

◇ thieves' Latin - воровской жаргон

to set a thief to catch a thief - поручить вору поймать вора; ≅ ворон ворону глаз не выклюет

opportunity makes the thief - *посл.* плохо не клади, вора в грех не вводи**thief**

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thief [thief thieves] *BrE* [θi:f] *NAmE* [θi:f] *noun* (pl. **thieves** *BrE* [θi:vz] ;*NAmE* [θi:vz])

a person who steals sth from another person or place

• a **car/jewel**, etc. **thief****see also** ↑**theft**, **see** honour among thieves **at** ↑**honour** *n.*, thick as thieves **at** ↑**thick** *adj.*Word Origin:Old English thiof, theof, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **dief** and German **Dieb**, also to ↑**theft**.Collocations:**Crime***Committing a crime***commit** a crime/a murder/a violent assault/a brutal killing/an armed robbery/fraud**be involved in** terrorism/a suspected arson attack/people smuggling/human trafficking**engage /participate in** criminal activity/illegal practices/acts of mindless vandalism**steal** sb's wallet/purse/(*BrE*) mobile phone/(*NAmE*) cell phone**rob** a bank/a person/a tourist**break into/** (*BrE*) **burgle/** (*NAmE*) **burglarize** a house/a home/an apartment**hijack** a plane/ship/bus**smuggle** drugs/weapons/arms/immigrants**launder** drug money (through sth)**forge** documents/certificates/passports**take/accept/pay sb/offer** (sb) a bribe**run** a phishing/an email/an Internet scam*Fighting crime***combat/fight** crime/terrorism/corruption/drug trafficking**prevent/stop** credit-card fraud/child abuse/software piracy**deter/stop** criminals/burglars/thieves/shoplifters/vandals**reduce/tackle/crack down on** knife/gun/violent/street crime; (*especially BrE*) antisocial behaviour**foil** a bank raid/a terrorist plot**help/support/protect** the victims of crime*Investigating crime***report** a crime/a theft/a rape/an attack/(*especially BrE*) an incident to the police**witness** the crime/attack/murder/incident**investigate** a murder/(*especially NAmE*) a homicide/a burglary/a robbery/the alleged incident**conduct/launch/pursue** an investigation (into...); (*especially BrE*) a police/murder inquiry**investigate/reopen** a criminal/murder case**examine /investigate/find fingerprints at** the crime scene/the scene of crime**collect/gather** forensic evidence**uncover** new evidence/a fraud/a scam/a plot/a conspiracy/political corruption/a cache of weapons**describe/identify** a suspect/the culprit/the perpetrator/the assailant/the attacker**question/interrogate** a suspect/witness**solve/crack** the casemore collocations at ↑**justice**Example Bank:

- A thief snatched her handbag containing her wages.
- The alarm is usually sufficient to deter a would-be thief.
- The thief struck while the family were out.
- A car thief made off with a top director's BMW last night.

thief /θiːf *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* (plural **thieves** /θiːvz) [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: theo]

someone who steals things from another person or place ⇒ **theft, burglar, robber:**

ˈ Thieves broke into the offices and stole \$150,000's worth of computer equipment.

a car/jewel etc thief

ˈ They were nothing but petty thieves (=thieves who steal small things).

⇒ **be (as) thick as thieves** at ↑**thick**¹(12)

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THESAURUS

- **thief** someone who steals things from a person or place: The thief grabbed her handbag and ran off down the street. | Car thieves are operating in this area.
- **burglar** someone who goes into houses, offices etc to steal things: Burglars broke into the house and took a computer worth £1,000. | Police believe the burglar got in through the kitchen window.
- **robber** someone who steals from banks, offices, houses etc, especially using threats or violence: a gang of bank robbers | an armed robber (=a robber with a gun)
- **shoplifter** someone who takes things from shops without paying for them, especially by hiding them in their clothes or in a bag: The store has installed hidden cameras to catch shoplifters.
- **pickpocket** someone who steals from people's pockets, especially in a crowded public place: Look out for pickpockets in busy tourist areas.
- **mugger** a thief who violently attacks someone in the street and robs them: The mugger punched him in the face and tried to steal his wallet.
- **joyrider** someone who steals a car and drives it very fast for fun: Police pursued the teenage joyriders across three counties.
- **looter** someone who breaks into shops or homes and steals things, after there has been a natural disaster, a war, or a violent protest: Police chiefs have warned that looters will be shot.
- **bandit** a member of an armed group of thieves who travel around attacking people in country areas : The village was attacked by a gang of bandits.
- **poacher** someone who hunts animals, birds etc illegally on other people's land: Their job is to prevent poachers from killing the elephants.

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