

**bullet**['bʊlɪt] *n*

1. 1) пуля  
bullet wound - пулевое ранение  
bullet pump - *воен. проф.* пулемёт  
to stop a bullet - *разг.* получить пулевое ранение
- 2) *уст.* ядро
2. грузило
3. *карт. жарг.* туз  
◇ every bullet has its billet - от пули не уйдёшь, пуля виноватого найдёт  
to bite (on) the bullet - стиснуть зубы, крепиться, терпеть боль, горе *u m. п.*

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**bul·let** [bullet bullets] *BrE* ['bʊlɪt] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* ['bʊlɪt] <sup>m</sup> **noun**

a small metal object that is fired from a gun

- bullet wounds
- There were bullet holes in the door.
- He was killed by a bullet in the head.

**see also** ↑magic bullet, ↑plastic bullet, ↑rubber bullet, **see** bite the bullet **at** ↑bite *v.*Word Origin:early 16th cent. (denoting a cannonball): from French *boulet*, *boulette* 'small ball', diminutive of *boule*, from Latin *bullā* 'bubble'.Thesaurus:**bullet** **noun** **C**

- There were bullet holes in the door.
- ammunition** • • **shell** • • **shot** • • **gunshot** • • **round** • • **cartridge** •
- live** bullets/ammunition/rounds/cartridges
- fire** bullets/ammunition/shells/rounds/cartridges
- bullet/gunshot **wounds**

Example Bank:

- A stray bullet whistled past his ear.
- He got a bullet in the back.
- He was killed by a single bullet to the head.
- I would have taken a bullet for Jack.
- It is a bullet from the same gun that killed the Italian.
- She was shot through the head by a sniper's bullet.
- Surgeons are trying to remove a bullet lodged near his spine.
- The body was riddled with bullets.
- The bullet missed his heart by less than an inch.
- The bullets ricocheted off the stones.
- The embassy was sprayed with bullets.
- The second bullet hit her in the back.
- They died in a hail of bullets.
- They had put a bullet through his brain.
- a technological silver bullet that will solve the global warming crisis
- faster than a machine gun can shoot bullets
- He was found to have a single bullet wound in his chest.

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[Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: boulette 'small ball' and boulet 'bullet', from boule 'ball']

a small piece of metal that you fire from a gun ⇒ **shell, shot**

- He was killed by a single bullet.
- a bullet wound in the shoulder

Several **bullet holes** could be seen beside a window.

⇒ ↑**plastic bullet**, ⇒ **bite the bullet** at ↑**bite**<sup>1(9)</sup>

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ verbs

- **fire a bullet** Police fired rubber bullets to break up the crowd.
- **a bullet hits/strikes somebody** The first bullet hit him in the back.
- **a bullet misses somebody/something** The bullet narrowly missed her heart.
- **a bullet enters somebody's chest/brain etc** There was a scar where the bullet had entered his shoulder.
- **a bullet is lodged in somebody's chest/brain etc** (=is stuck in that part of the body) Surgeons are trying to remove a bullet lodged in his neck.
- **a bullet flies** (=moves fast) Bullets were flying around our heads.
- **a bullet whistles** (=moves fast making a noise) I heard a bullet whistle past me.
- **a bullet bounces/ricochets off something** (=hits something and moves away from it again) The bullet ricocheted off a wall.
- **put a bullet through/in something** He threatened to put a bullet through my brain.
- **spray bullets** (=fire a lot of bullets) The soldier lifted the machine gun and sprayed bullets through the trees.
- **something is riddled with bullets** (=something has a lot of bullets in it) The car was riddled with bullets.

### ■ adjectives

- **a stray bullet** (=one that someone fires by mistake) He was tragically killed by a stray bullet.
- **a rubber/plastic bullet** (=one made of rubber/plastic, not designed to kill) Riot police fired plastic bullets into the air.
- **an explosive bullet** An explosive bullet is a very unpleasant weapon.

### ■ bullet + NOUN

- **a bullet wound** He died from a bullet wound to his chest.
- **a bullet hole** There were two bullet holes in the windscreen.

### ■ phrases

- **a hail/volley of bullets** (=a lot of bullets fired all together) Officers were met by a hail of bullets from the house.

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **5264**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **2473**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **4k** BULLET<sup>12077</sup>

bullet<sup>6809</sup>

bullets<sup>5268</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

<sup>3974</sup> **5557**<sup>6799</sup> *nn1*

<sup>6</sup> **340964**<sup>6</sup> *jj*

<sup>4</sup> **442811**<sup>4</sup> *nnu*