

sacrifice**1. ['sækrɪfaɪs] n****1. жертва**

noble [heroic, useless] sacrifice - благородная [героическая, бесполезная] жертва

a sacrifice willingly offered - добровольная жертва

to make [to accept] sacrifices - приносить [принимать] жертвы

to give one's life as a sacrifice for one's country - пожертвовать своей жизнью за родину

to fall a sacrifice to smth. - *редк.* пасть жертвой чего-л.

to make sacrifices for one's children - идти на лишения /на жертвы/ ради (своих) детей

to offer up a sacrifice - приносить жертву

it must be done at any sacrifice - это нужно сделать любой ценой /не считаясь с жертвами/

to win a battle at a great sacrifice of life - выиграть сражение ценой больших потерь

it must be done without a sacrifice in dignity - это надо сделать, не поступившись (своим) достоинством

you will gain nothing by the sacrifice of your principles - вы ничего не добьётесь, поступившись своими принципами

2. жертвоприношение; пожертвование

the fire of sacrifice - жертвенный огонь

a sacrifice to the gods - жертвоприношение богам

to make a sacrifice of fruit [of an ox] - приносить в жертву плоды [быка]

to offer animals in sacrifice - приносить в жертву животных

3. *ком.* убыток

sacrifice prices - убыточные цены; оценка себе в убыток

to sell goods at a (great) sacrifice - продавать товары по убыточной цене /себе в убыток/

goods are cleared off at a very considerable sacrifice - товары распродаются со значительной скидкой

4. *церк.* месса (*мж.* Eucharistic Sacrifice)

◇ the great /the last, the supreme/ sacrifice - смерть в бою за родину

2. ['sækrɪfaɪs] v**1. жертвовать, приносить жертвы**

to sacrifice one's life [oneself, everything] to save one's child - пожертвовать жизнью [собой, всем], чтобы спасти ребёнка

he sacrificed his whole life to the cause of revolution - он отдал свою жизнь делу революции

to sacrifice accuracy for vividness - поступиться точностью ради живости (*изложения*)

to sacrifice a piece - пожертвовать фигурой (*шахматы*)

2. совершать жертвоприношение

to sacrifice to the gods - совершать жертвоприношение богам

to sacrifice sheep [oxen, fruit] - приносить в жертву овец [быков, плоды]

3. *ком.* продавать в убыток**sacrifice**

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sac·ri·fice [**sacrifice sacrifices sacrificed sacrificing**] **noun, verb** BrE ['sækrɪfaɪs]

" *NAmE* ['sækrɪfaɪs] "

noun

1. countable, uncountable the fact of giving up sth important or valuable to you in order to get or do sth that seems more important; sth that you give up in this way

• The makers of the product assured us that there had been no sacrifice of quality.

• Her parents **made sacrifices** so that she could have a good education.

• to make the **final/supreme sacrifice** (= to die for your country, to save a friend, etc.)

2. countable, uncountable ~ (to sb) the act of offering sth to a god, especially an animal that has been killed in a special way; an animal, etc. that is offered in this way

• They offered sacrifices to the gods.

• a human sacrifice (= a person killed as a [↑]sacrifice)

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French, from Latin **sacrificium**; related to **sacrificus** 'sacrificial', from **sacer** 'holy'.

Example Bank:

• Food and wine were offered as sacrifices to the gods.

• I know it's a sacrifice for you, but please try to understand.

• Soldiers who die for their country have made the supreme sacrifice.

• The makers assured us that there had been no sacrifice of quality.

verb

1. transitive to give up sth that is important or valuable to you in order to get or do sth that seems more important for yourself or for another person

• ~ **sth for sb/sth** She sacrificed everything for her children.

• The designers have sacrificed speed for fuel economy.

• ~ **sth** Would you sacrifice a football game to go out with a girl?

• In her writing, clarity is sometimes sacrificed to brevity.

• He sacrificed a rook in order to win his opponent's queen.

2. transitive, intransitive ~ (sb/sth) to kill an animal or a person and offer it or them to a god, in order to please the god

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	sacrifice
	BrE / 'sækrɪfaɪs/
	NAmE / 'sækrɪfaɪs/
he / she / it	sacrifices
	BrE / 'sækrɪfaɪsɪz/
	NAmE / 'sækrɪfaɪsɪz/
past simple, past participle	sacrificed
	BrE / 'sækrɪfaɪst/
	NAmE / 'sækrɪfaɪst/
-ing form	sacrificing
	BrE / 'sækrɪfaɪsɪŋ/
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Example Bank:

- Comfort has been sacrificed for the sake of improved performance.
- She was prepared to sacrifice having a family in order to pursue her career.
- soldiers who sacrificed their lives for their country
- He sacrificed a rook in order to win his opponent's queen.

sacrifice

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I. **sacrifice**¹ /'sækrɪfaɪs, 'sækrɪfaɪs/ BrE^u AmE^u *noun*

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin sacrificium, from sacer (⇒ **sacred**) + facere 'to make']

1. **[uncountable and countable]** when you decide not to have something valuable, in order to get something that is more important:
 - The minister stressed the need for economic sacrifice.
 - The workforce were willing to make sacrifices in order to preserve jobs.
 - She brought three children up single-handedly, often at great personal sacrifice.

2.
 - a) **[uncountable and countable]** the act of offering something to a god, especially in the past, by killing an animal or person in a religious ceremony:
 - They made sacrifices to ensure a good harvest.

- b) **[countable]** an animal, person, or object offered to a god in sacrifice

sacrifice to

- In those days, an animal was offered as a sacrifice to God.
- a human sacrifice (=a person killed as a sacrifice)

3. **literary the final/supreme/ultimate sacrifice** the act of dying while you are fighting for a principle or in order to help other people:
 - Captain Oates made the ultimate sacrifice in a bid to save his colleagues.

II. **sacrifice**² BrE^u AmE^u *verb*

1. **[transitive]** to willingly stop having something you want or doing something you like in order to get something more important
 - sacrifice something for something**
 - A Labour government chose to sacrifice defence for welfare.
 - sacrifice something to do something**
 - He sacrificed a promising career to look after his kids.
 - sacrifice yourself (for something)**
 - mothers who sacrifice themselves for their children

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In everyday English, people often say **give up** rather than **sacrifice**:

- He gave up a promising career to look after his kids.

2. **[intransitive and transitive]** to kill an animal or person and offer them to a god in a religious ceremony

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