

**shatter**

1. ['ʃætə] *n*

- 1) обломок, отбитый кусок
- 2) *pl* осколки, кусочки
  - to break into /to/ shatters - разбить вдребезги
  - to tear /to rent/ into /to/ shatters - поломать на мелкие кусочки
  - to be in shatters - быть разбитым вдребезги
  - to grind glass into shatters - растереть стекло в порошок

- 2. *редк.* расшатанные нервы
- 3. град (*осколков, камней и т. п.*)

2. ['ʃætə] *v*

- 1) 1) разбить вдребезги, расколоть, раздробить
  - to shatter a window - разбить окно
- 2) разбиться вдребезги, расколоться
  - the vase shattered into splinters - ваза разбилась вдребезги
- 3) разломать, разбить; развалить
  - ships shattered by storms - суда, разбитые бурей
- 2. расстраивать, расшатывать (*здоровье, нервную систему и т. п.*); разрушать (*надежды и т. п.*); подрывать (*силу, влияние и т. п.*)
  - the defeat shattered the country's power - это поражение подорвало мощь страны
  - she shattered my confidence in him - она поколебала моё доверие к нему
  - the accident shattered his composure - этот случай заставил его потерять самообладание
  - he wanted to shatter her illusions - он хотел развеять её иллюзии
- 3. *диал.*
  - 1) рассеивать, рассыпать, развеивать
    - he shattered the seeds - он разбросал семена
  - 2) рассеиваться, рассыпаться; осыпаться (*о зерне, листьях и т. п.*)
- 4. *редк.* дребезжать

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**shat·ter** [shatter shatters shattered shattering] *BrE* ['ʃætə(r)] *AmE* ['ʃætər]

*verb*

- 1. **intransitive, transitive** to suddenly break into small pieces; to make sth suddenly break into small pieces
  - ~ (**into sth**) He dropped the vase and it shattered into pieces on the floor.
  - the sound of shattering glass
  - ~ **sth (into sth)** The explosion shattered all the windows in the building.
- 2. **transitive, intransitive** to destroy sth completely, especially sb's feelings, hopes or beliefs; to be destroyed in this way
  - ~ **sth (into sth)** Anna's self-confidence had been completely shattered.
  - Injury shattered his dreams of competing in the Olympics.
  - Her experience of divorce shattered her illusions about love.
  - ~ (**into sth**) My whole world shattered into a million pieces.
- 3. **transitive** ~ **sb** to make sb feel extremely shocked and upset
  - The unexpected death of their son shattered them.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	shatter
	<i>BrE</i> / 'ʃætə(r)/
	<i>NA mE</i> / 'ʃætər/
he / she / it	shatters
	<i>BrE</i> / 'ʃætəz/
	<i>NA mE</i> / 'ʃætərz/
past simple, past participle	shattered
	<i>BrE</i> / 'ʃætəd/
	<i>NA mE</i> / 'ʃætərd/
-ing form	shattering
	<i>BrE</i> / 'ʃætərɪŋ/
	<i>NA mE</i> / 'ʃætərɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'scatter, disperse'): perhaps imitative; compare with †scatter.

Example Bank:

- The mirror shattered into a thousand pieces.
- The moment was abruptly shattered by the sound of Mia's loud voice.
- an event that completely shattered her life
- Shattered homes were ablaze.
- Windows were shattered in the blast.

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**shat·ter** /'ʃætə \$ -ər/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Probably from an unrecorded Old English sceaterian]

1. [intransitive and transitive] to break suddenly into very small pieces, or to make something break in this way

**shatter into**

- " The plate hit the floor, and shattered into tiny bits.
- " The explosion shattered the building.

2. [transitive] to completely destroy or ruin something such as someone's beliefs or life:

- " A tragic accident shattered her dreams of Olympic glory.
- " A few weeks in a tiny damp room soon shattered his illusions about university life.
- " people whose lives have been shattered by war

3. **shatter the silence/peace** if a loud noise shatters the silence or peace, it is suddenly heard:

- " The silence was shattered by a warning shout.

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**COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)**

■ **nouns**

- **shatter sb's hopes** Their hopes had been shattered by the outbreak of war.
- **shatter sb's confidence** Public confidence has been shattered.
- **shatter a dream** (=make it impossible for someone to achieve or get something they want) He spoke yesterday about the injury which shattered his Olympic dream.
- **shatter sb's illusions** (=make someone realise their beliefs are wrong) I hate to be the one to shatter your illusions, but you're wrong.
- **shatter an image** (=make people realise the idea they have about something is wrong) The book shattered the image of the contented American housewife.
- **shatter a myth** (=show that an idea was completely wrong) Economic studies have shattered the myth that population growth is bad for a nation's economy.

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**THESAURUS**

■ **to become broken**

- **break** *verb* [intransitive] to become damaged and separate into pieces: Plastic breaks quite easily.
- **smash** *verb* [intransitive] to break after being hit with a lot of force: The bowl smashed as it hit the floor.
- **shatter** *verb* [intransitive] to break into a lot of small pieces: The glass shattered all over the pavement.
- **crack** *verb* [intransitive] if something cracks, a line appears on the surface, which means that it could later break into separate pieces: The ice was starting to crack.
- **burst** *verb* [intransitive] if a tyre, balloon, pipe etc bursts, it gets a hole and air or liquid suddenly comes out of it: She blew up the balloon until it burst.
- **split** *verb* [intransitive] to break in a straight line: The damp had caused the wood to split.
- **crumble** *verb* [intransitive] to break into a powder or a lot of small pieces: The cork just crumbled in my hand.

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