

**poison****1. ['pɔɪz(ə)n] n****1) яд; отравка**

poison flour - белый мышьяк

to take poison - принять яд

**2) пагубное влияние, яд**

the poison of jealousy [of envy] - яд ревности [зависти]

the poison of this doctrine - губительное действие этой доктрины

**2. 1) физ. вредный поглотитель (нейтронов); реакторные шлаки****2) хим. отравляющая примесь**

◇ to hate like poison - смертельно ненавидеть

what's your poison?, name your poison - что вы будете пить?

**2. ['pɔɪz(ə)n] v****1) отравлять**

to poison the wells - а) отравить колодцы; б) коварством обессилить противника

**2) заражать**

his foot was poisoned by being pierced with a nail - он наткнулся на гвоздь, и у него началось заражение крови

**2. 1) портить, развращать**

to poison a person's mind - развратить/отравить чей-л. ум

**2) губить, отравлять**

to poison the pleasure - испортить удовольствие

this poisoned his whole life - это испортило/отравило ему всю жизнь

**3. физ.****1) отравлять (продуктами деления и т. п.)****2) зашлаковать (реактор)**

◇ to poison smb.'s mind against smth., smb. - настроить кого-л. против чего-л. кого-л., вызвать у кого-л. неприязнь к чему-л., кому-л.

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**poi·son** [poison poisons poisoned poisoning] noun, verb BrE ['pɔɪzn] <sup>u</sup> NAmE['pɔɪzn] <sup>u</sup>

noun countable, uncountable

**1. a substance that causes death or harm if it is swallowed or absorbed into the body**

- Some mushrooms contain a deadly poison.
- How did he die? Was it poison?
- The dog was killed by rat poison (= poison intended to kill ↑rats).
- to hunt with poison arrows
- bombs containing poison gas

**2. an idea, a feeling, etc. that is extremely harmful**

- the poison of racial hatred

**more at** one man's meat is another man's poison **at** ↑man <sub>n.</sub>Word Origin:Middle English (denoting a harmful medicinal draught): from Old French **poison** 'magic potion', from Latin **potio(n-)** 'potion', related to **potare** 'to drink'.Thesaurus:**poison** noun C, U

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**toxin** • • **venom** •a **powerful** poison/toxin**contain** poison/toxins**produce** poison/toxins/venomExample Bank:

- She had laced his drink with poison.
- She had put poison in his wine.
- The farmer had put down some rat poison.
- These words were pure poison to me.
- groups that are spreading the poison of sectarianism
- The dog was killed by rat poison.
- poison gas

Idioms: ↑poisoned chalice ▪ ↑what's your poison?**verb****1. ~ sb/yourself (with sth) to harm or kill a person or an animal by giving them poison**

- In the last chapter, she poisons herself with arsenic.
- Thousands are at risk of being poisoned by fumes from faulty heaters.

**2. ~ sth to put poison in or on sth**

- a poisoned arrow
- Someone had been poisoning his food.
- Large sections of the river have been poisoned by toxic waste from factories.
- Exhaust fumes are poisoning our cities.

3. ~ **sth** to have a bad effect on sth

- His comment served only to poison the atmosphere still further.
- She succeeded in **poisoning their minds** against me.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	poison
	BrE / 'pɔɪzən/
	NA.mE / 'pɔɪzən/
he / she / it	poisons
	BrE / 'pɔɪzənz/
	NA.mE / 'pɔɪzənz/
past simple, past participle	poisoned
	BrE / 'pɔɪznd/
	NA.mE / 'pɔɪznd/
-ing form	poisoning
	BrE / 'pɔɪznɪŋ/
	NA.mE / 'pɔɪznɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

**poison** verb T

- He was accused of poisoning his wife.

**drug** • • **lace** • |informal **dope** •

poison/drug/lace/dope sb/sth **with** sth

poison/lace sb's **drink**

Example Bank:

- He was convicted of trying to poison her.
- He was accused of poisoning his wife.
- I hope that if we do have disagreements they won't poison our relationship.
- Poisoning the rats is expensive and harmful to the environment

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I. **poi**zən<sup>1</sup> /'pɔɪzən/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> noun

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: 'drink, poisonous drink, poison'; from Latin potio; ⇨ ↑potion]

1. [uncountable and countable] a substance that can cause death or serious illness if you eat it, drink it etc:

▪ Belladonna and red arsenic are deadly poisons.

▪ a box of rat poison (=poison to kill rats)

▪ He swallowed some type of poison.

2. [countable] something such as an emotion or idea that makes you behave badly or become very unhappy:

▪ Hatred is a poison that will destroy your life.

3. **what's your poison?** *old-fashioned spoken* a humorous way of asking which alcoholic drink someone would like

⇒ **one man's meat is another man's poison** at ↑meat(4)

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**COLLOCATIONS**

■ **verbs**

- **take/swallow poison** He committed suicide by taking poison.
- **give somebody poison** She admitted two charges of giving poison to her daughter.
- **administer poison** *formal* (=give it to someone) He could not have administered the poison that had put Mark in a coma.
- **put poison in something** She put poison in his wine.
- **lace something with poison** (=put poison in something) He laced the emperor's tea with poison.
- **put poison down** (=put it somewhere to kill an animal) One way of getting rid of rats or mice is to put poison down.

■ **adjectives**

- **a deadly poison** The berries contain a deadly poison.
- **a slow-acting/quick-acting poison** Cyanide is a very strong, quick-acting poison.
- **a virulent poison** (=one that makes someone very ill or kills them) Scorpions produce a virulent poison.

■ **phrases**

- **a dose of poison** (=an amount of poison) He had taken a massive dose of poison.
- **a trace of poison** (=a small amount of poison that is still present somewhere) Traces of the poison were found in the family car.

II. **poi**zən<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> verb [transitive]

1. to give someone poison, especially by adding it to their food or drink, in order to harm or kill them:

She was accused in 1974 of poisoning her second husband, Charles.

He killed several people by poisoning their tea.

**poison somebody with something**

Helms attempted to poison his whole family with strychnine.

2. if a substance poisons someone, it makes them sick or kills them:

Thousands of children were poisoned by radiation.

3. to make land, rivers, air etc dirty and dangerous, especially by the use of harmful chemicals:

Pesticides are poisoning our rivers.

4. to have very harmful and unpleasant effects on someone's mind, emotions, or a situation:

Her childhood had been poisoned by an abusive stepfather.

The law will only serve to poison relations between the US and Mexico.

Television violence is poisoning the minds of young people.

5. **poisoned chalice** an important job that someone is given, which is likely to cause them a lot of trouble

—**poisoner** *noun* [countable]

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**THESAURUS**

- **spoil** to have a bad effect on something so that it is much less attractive, enjoyable etc: New housing developments are spoiling the countryside. | The bad weather completely spoiled our holiday.
- **ruin** to spoil something completely and permanently: Using harsh soap to wash your face can ruin your skin. | The argument ruined the evening for me.
- **mar** *written* to spoil something by making it less attractive or enjoyable: His handsome Arab features were marred by a long scar across his face. | Outbreaks of fighting marred the New Year celebrations.
- **detract from something** to slightly spoil something that is generally very good, beautiful, or impressive: The huge number of tourists rather detracts from the city's appeal. | There were a few minor irritations, but this did not detract from our enjoyment of the holiday.
- **undermine** to spoil something that you have been trying to achieve: The bombings undermined several months of careful negotiations.
- **sour** to spoil a friendly relationship between people or countries: The affair has soured relations between the UK and Russia.
- **poison** to spoil a close relationship completely, so that people can no longer trust each other: Their marriage was poisoned by a terrible dark secret.
- **mess something up** *informal* to spoil something important or something that has been carefully planned: If there's any delay, it will mess up our whole schedule.

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poisoning 2321

poisoned 1562

poisoner 20

poisoners 7

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