

attempt**1. [ə'tempt] n****1. попытка, проба**

attempt to save smb.'s life - попытка спасти чью-л. жизнь

to make an attempt - сделать попытку

we made an attempt to climb the mountain - мы попытались подняться на (эту) гору

2. (on, upon) покушение

attempt upon the life of smb. - покушение на чью-л. жизнь

attempt on the world speed record - попытка побить мировой рекорд скорости

3. (at) результат неудачной попытки; неудачная проба

her attempt at a raisin cake had to be thrown away - испечённый ею на пробу кекс с изюмом пришлось выбросить

the boy's attempt at English composition - неумелое /нескладное/ сочинение, написанное школьником на английском языке

2. [ə'tempt] v**1) пытаться, пробовать; сделать попытку**

to attempt smth. /to do smth./ - пытаться сделать что-л.

to attempt flying /to fly/ - попробовать летать

to attempt a difficult task - пробовать выполнить трудную задачу

to attempt (to climb) the mountain - попытаться подняться на гору

to attempt a settlement of the dispute - постараться разрешить /уладить/ спор

I will attempt a reply to your question - попытаюсь ответить на ваш вопрос

2) пытаться преодолеть (что-л.); пытаться подчинить, захватить или уничтожить (что-л.)

to attempt a man's life - покушаться на чью-л. жизнь

attempt

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attempt [attempt attempts attempted attempting] noun, verb BrE [ə'tempt]

NAme [ə'tempt]

noun

1. countable, uncountable an act of trying to do sth, especially sth difficult, often with no success• I passed my driving test **at the first attempt** .• ~ **to do sth** Two factories were closed **in an attempt** to cut costs .• They **made no attempt** to escape.• ~ **at sth/at doing sth** The couple made an unsuccessful attempt at a compromise.**2. countable ~ (on sb/sb's life)** an act of trying to kill sb• Someone has **made an attempt on** the President's **life** .• an **assassination/murder attempt****3. countable ~ (on sth)** an effort to do better than sth, such as a very good performance in sport

• his attempt on the world land speed record

• a world-record attempt

Word Origin:late Middle English: from Old French **attempter**, from Latin **attemptare**, from **ad-** 'to' + **temptare** 'to tempt'.Thesaurus:**attempt** noun C, U

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effort • • **try** • |BrE **go** • |informal **shot** • • **stab** •a/an attempt/try/go/shot/stab **at sth**an attempt/effort **to do sth****make** a/an attempt/effort/stab**have** a try/go/shot/stab**Attempt or effort?** **Attempt** emphasizes the event or action involved in trying to do sth; **effort** emphasizes the work that sb puts into doing sth:

• a/an assassination/suicide attempt

✗ a/an assassination/suicide **effort**

• a great/enormous/strenuous effort

✗ a great/enormous/strenuous **attempt**Example Bank:

• He made a feeble attempt at a smile.

• He succeeded in his attempt to break the world record.

• I made a half-hearted attempt at cleaning my apartment.

• I passed my test at/in the first attempt.

• In an attempt to ward off criticism, the government has made education a priority.

• Rescue attempts were stopped because of bad weather.

• She has made no attempt to contact her mother.

• She smiled at my feeble attempt at humour/humor.

• That's not bad for a first attempt.

• The board said it would resist any attempt to take control of the company.

• Their attempt to break out of prison was foiled.

- a desperate attempt to find survivors of the accident
- an attempt by workers to prevent job losses
- her vain attempt to save her son's life
- repeated attempts to break through enemy lines
- Last night there was a desperate attempt to reach survivors of the accident.
- Someone has made an attempt on the President's life.
- The couple made several attempts at a compromise.
- The president was shot and wounded in an assassination attempt.
- The previous attempt on the world record was abandoned last year due to bad weather.
- They were arrested after a failed coup attempt.

verb

to make an effort or try to do sth, especially sth difficult

- ~ **to do sth** I will attempt to answer all your questions.
- Do not attempt to repair this yourself.
- ~ **sth** The prisoners attempted an escape, but failed.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	attempt
	BrE /əˈtempt/
	NAme /əˈtempt/
he / she / it	attempts
	BrE /əˈtemptz/
	NAme /əˈtemptz/
past simple, past participle	attempted
	BrE /əˈtemptɪd/
	NAme /əˈtemptɪd/
-ing form	attempting
	BrE /əˈtemptɪŋ/
	NAme /əˈtemptɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

attempt verb T

- He was shot while attempting to escape

try • |formal **seek** • • **strive** • |BrE, formal **endeavour** • |AmE, formal **endeavor** •
attempt/try/seek/strive/endeavour **to do sth**

Attempt or try? Attempt is more formal than **try** and places the emphasis on the act of starting to do sth rather than on the effort of achieving it.

Example Bank:

- A group of junior army officers attempted a coup in March 1988.
- Don't attempt to argue with him.
- In attempting to avoid the obvious pitfalls, many students make other silly mistakes.
- More than once, depression drove him to attempt suicide.
- The coastguard had advised them not to attempt a rescue.
- The patient may attempt to dismiss or deny the problem.
- The prisoner was shot while attempting to escape.

attempt

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **attempt**¹ **S2 W1** /əˈtempt/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun** [countable]

1. an act of trying to do something, especially something difficult

attempt to do something

- All attempts to control inflation have failed.

attempt at (doing) something

- her feeble attempts at humour

at the first/second etc attempt

- She passed her driving test at the first attempt.

2. **make no attempt to do something** to not try to do something at all:

- He made no attempt to hide his anger.

3. **an attempt on sb's life** an occasion when someone tries to kill a famous or important person:

- She has already survived two attempts on her life.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **make an attempt** She made several attempts to escape.
- **abandon/give up an attempt** They had to abandon their attempt to climb the mountain.
- **fail/succeed in your attempt** He failed in his attempt to set a new Olympic record.

- **foil/thwart an attempt** *formal* (=make it fail) Troops loyal to the general foiled the assassination attempt.
- **an attempt fails/succeeds** All attempts to find a cure have failed.

■ adjectives

- **on the first/second etc attempt** (also **at the first/second etc attempt** *British English*) The car started at the second attempt.
- **a vain attempt** (=one that does not succeed) They worked through the night in a vain attempt to finish on schedule.
- **a desperate attempt** (=that involves a lot of effort) Doctors made a desperate attempt to save his life.
- **a deliberate /conscious attempt** His question was a deliberate attempt to humiliate her.
- **a serious/genuine attempt** This is the first serious attempt to tackle the problem.
- **an unsuccessful/a successful attempt** an unsuccessful attempt to overthrow the government
- **an abortive attempt** *formal* (=unsuccessful) They made an abortive attempt to keep the company going.
- **a futile attempt** (=certain to fail and not worth doing) I jumped up and down in a futile attempt to keep warm.
- **a doomed attempt** (=certain to fail, and causing something very bad to happen) His attempt to reach the Pole was doomed from the beginning.
- **a brave/bold/gallant/valiant attempt** *approving* (=one that you admire, but that is unsuccessful) The previous government made a brave attempt to tackle the problem. | She made a valiant attempt to continue playing, but the pain was too much.
- **a blatant attempt** *disapproving* (=when someone openly tries to do something bad) It was a blatant attempt to hide the truth.
- **a final/last attempt** They made one final attempt to make their marriage work.
- **a last-ditch attempt** (=a final attempt to achieve something before it is too late) Negotiators are making a last-ditch attempt to save the agreement.

■ NOUN + attempt

- **a rescue attempt** Two firefighters were hurt in the rescue attempt.
- **an assassination attempt** (=an attempt to kill a leader) De Gaulle survived an assassination attempt in 1961.
- **a suicide attempt** (=an attempt to kill yourself) He was admitted to hospital after a suicide attempt.
- **a coup attempt** (=an attempt to change the government, usually by force) The US helped to crush the coup attempt.

II. attempt² S2 W2 BrE² AmE² verb [transitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: attemptare, from ad- 'to' + temptare 'to touch, try']

1. to try to do something, especially something difficult

attempt to do something

" In this chapter I will attempt to explain what led up to the revolution.

" Weather conditions prevented them from attempting the jump.

2. **attempted murder/suicide/rape etc** an act of trying to kill or harm someone, kill yourself etc:

" He pleaded guilty to attempted murder.

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THESAURUS

- **try** to take action in order to do something that you may not be able to do: I tried to explain what was wrong. | He tries hard in class, but he's finding the work difficult.
- **attempt** to try to do something, especially something difficult. **Attempt** is more formal than **try** and is used especially in written English: Any prisoner who attempts to escape will be shot. | He was attempting to climb one of the world's highest mountains.
- **do your best** to try as hard as you can to do something: We will do our best to help them.
- **make an effort to do something** to try to do something, when you find this difficult: It is worth making an effort to master these skills. | She made a big effort to be nice to him.
- **struggle** to try very hard to do something that is very difficult, especially for a long time: She's still struggling to give up smoking. | Many of these families are struggling to survive.
- **strive** *formal* to try very hard to achieve something: The company must constantly strive for greater efficiency.
- **endeavour** *British English*, **endeavor** *American English* /ɪn'devə\$ -ər/ *formal* to try hard to do something: Each employee shall endeavour to provide customers with the best service possible.
- **have a go/try** *informal* to try to do something, especially when you are not sure that you will succeed: I'm not very good at fixing taps, but I'll have a go. | Do you want to have another try?
- **see if you can do something** *spoken* to try to do something – used when offering to do something, or suggesting that someone should do something: I'll see if I can get you a ticket. | See if you can persuade her to come.

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attempt 27388

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unattempted 0

attempting 6967

attempts 14640

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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3548 **8305**⁴⁰⁰¹ *vvi*

2616 **10420**²⁹¹⁰ *vv0*