

espionage

[ˈɛspjənɑːʒ] *n*

шпионаж

espionage ring - агентурная сеть, шпионская организация

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es·pi·on·age *BrE* [ˈɛspjənɑːʒ] *NAme* [ˈɛspjənɑːʒ] **noun uncountable**

the activity of secretly getting important political or military information about another country or of finding out another company's secrets by using ↑spies

Syn: spying

- Some of the commercial activities were a cover for espionage.
- She may call it research; I call it industrial espionage.

see also ↑counter-espionage

Word Origin:

[**espionage**] late 18th cent.: from French **espionnage**, from **espionner** 'to spy', from **espion** 'a spy'.

Example Bank:

- She was found guilty of espionage against the United States.
- The big computer companies are very worried about industrial espionage.
- Two members of the embassy staff had been expelled for espionage.
- espionage on behalf of foreign states
- evidence of espionage activities in Australia
- one of the most important espionage cases of the 20th century
- the shadowy world of espionage

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[**Date:** 1700-1800; **Language:** French; **Origin:** **espionnage**, from **espion** 'spy']

the activity of secretly finding out secret information and giving it to a country's enemies or a company's competitors **SYN** spying ⇒ spy.

▪ a campaign of industrial espionage against his main rival ⇒ ↑counter-espionage

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- **spy** someone whose job is to find out secret information about another country: Stalin controlled a network of spies. | The film is basically a spy story.
- **agent/secret agent** someone who works for a government or police department in order to get secret information about another country or organization: a secret agent working for MI 5 He is the FBI 's best undercover agent (=one who works secretly and pretends to be someone else).
- **double agent** someone who finds out an enemy country's secrets for their own country but who also gives secrets to the enemy: a former CI 4 double agent who also worked for the KGB
- **mole** someone who works for an organization while secretly giving information to its enemies: A mole in the government was leaking information to the press.
- **informer** someone who secretly tells the police about criminal activities, especially for money: Acting on information from an informer, the police raided the house.
- **espionage** the work that spies do: He is serving a 20-year prison sentence for espionage.

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