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Definition of *stalk*

(Entry 1 of 3)

- 1 : a slender upright object or supporting or connecting part especially : peduncle
- 2a : the main stem of an herbaceous plant often with its dependent parts
- b : a part of a plant (such as a petiole or stipe) that supports another

stalk

verb

stalked; stalking; stalks

Definition of *stalk* (Entry 2 of 3)

intransitive verb

- 1 : to pursue quarry or prey stealthily
- 2 : to walk stiffly or haughtily

quarry or prey

transitive verb

- 1 : to pursue by stalking
- 2 : to go through (an area) in search of prey or quarry stalk the woods for deer
- 3 : to pursue obsessively and to the point of harassment

stalk

noun (2)

Definition of *stalk* (Entry 3 of 3)

- 1 : the act of stalking
- 2 : a stalking gait


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Noun (1)

stalked \ 'stɒkt  \ adjective

stalkless \ 'stɒk-ləs  \ adjective


stalky \ 'stɒ-kē  \ adjective

Synonyms for *stalk*

Synonyms: Verb

- chase,
- hunt

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Examples of *stalk* in a Sentence

Verb a movie about a detective being *stalked* by a killer This is the time of year when hunters are *stalking* the woods for deer.

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First Known Use of *stalk*

Noun (1)

14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Verb

14th century, in the meaning defined at [intransitive sense 1](#)

Noun (2)

14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

History and Etymology for *stalk*

Noun (1)

Middle English *stalke*; akin to Old English *stela* stalk, support

Verb

Middle English, from Old English *bestealcian*; akin to Old English *stelan* to steal — more at [steal](#)

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More Definitions for *stalk*

stalk

verb

English Language Learners Definition of *stalk*

- : to follow (an animal or person that you are hunting or trying to capture) by moving slowly and quietly
- : to go through (a place or area) while hunting
- : to follow, watch, and bother (someone) constantly in a way that is frightening, dangerous, etc.

[See the full definition for *stalk* in the English Language Learners Dictionary.](#)

stalk

noun\ 'stòk  \

Kids Definition of *stalk*

(Entry 1 of 2)

1 : a plant stem especially when not woody *stalks* of celery2 : a slender supporting structure the *stalk* of a gobletOther Words from *stalk*

stalked \ 'stòkt \ adjective

stalk

verb

stalked; stalking

Kids Definition of *stalk* (Entry 2 of 2)1 : to walk in a stiff or proud manner He *stalked* angrily out of the room.2 : to hunt slowly and quietly A cat *stalked* the bird.Other Words from *stalk*

stalker noun

stalk

noun\ 'stòk  \

Medical Definition of *stalk*

: a slender supporting or connecting part : peduncle the pituitary stalkOther Words from *stalk*stalked \ 'stòkt  \ adjective

stalkless adjective

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stalk

transitive verb

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Legal Definition of *stalk*

: to subject to stalking

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stalk·ing horse | \ 'stò-kiŋ-  \

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Stalking Horse

Definition of *stalking horse*

- 1 : a horse or a figure like a horse behind which a hunter stalks game
- 2 : something used to mask a purpose
- 3 : a candidate put forward to divide the opposition or to conceal someone's real candidacy

Examples of *stalking horse* in a Sentence

Recent Examples on the Web The Suncoast Dome was born as a *stalking horse* for new parks in Chicago and San Francisco. — [Joe Sheehan, *SI.com*, "Rays' Outrageous Montreal Plan Only Exists to Get New Stadiums Built—Again," 2 July 2019](#) Several bills kicking around the Capitol this year are viewed in the insular community of workers' compensation lobbyists as *stalking horses* for the larger conflict and hints to a potential new alliance. — [Dan Walters, *The Mercury News*, "Walters: A new California workers' compensation battle looming," 18 June 2019](#)

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harassed; harassing; harasses

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Definition of *harass*

transitive verb

1a : exhaust, fatigue I have been harassed with the toil of verse— William Wordsworth

b(1) : to annoy persistently was harassing his younger brother

(2) : to create an unpleasant or hostile situation for especially by uninvited and unwelcome verbal or physical conduct was being harassed by her classmates claims that the police were unfairly harassing him

2 : to worry and impede by repeated raids harassed the enemy

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Other Words from *harass*


harasser noun

harassment \ hə-'ras-mənt  ; 'her-əs-, 'ha-rəs-  \ noun

Synonyms for *harass*

Synonyms

- break,
- burn out,
- bust,
- do in,
- do up,
- drain,
- exhaust,
- fag,
- fatigue,
- frazzle,
- kill,
- knock out,
- outwear,
- tire,
- tucker (out),
- wash out,
- wear,
- wear out,
- weary.

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Choose the Right Synonym for *harass*

worry, annoy, harass, harry, plague, pester, tease mean to disturb or irritate by persistent acts. worry implies an incessant goading or attacking that drives one to desperation. pursued a policy of worrying the enemy annoy implies disturbing one's composure or peace of mind by intrusion, interference, or petty attacks. you're doing that just to annoy me harass implies petty persecutions or burdensome demands that exhaust one's nervous or mental power. harassed on all sides by creditors harry may imply heavy oppression or maltreatment. the strikers had been harried by thugs plague implies a painful and persistent affliction. plagued all her life by poverty pester stresses the repetition of petty attacks. constantly pestered with trivial complaints tease suggests an attempt to break down one's resistance or rouse to wrath. children teased the dog

Examples of *harass* in a Sentence

She was constantly *harassed* by the other students. He claims that he is being unfairly *harassed* by the police. Recent Examples on the Web No one had ever stolen a gun one or used it to *harass*, threaten, or kill anyone in the 85-year history of our town. — Ron Spomer, *Outdoor Life*, "The 4 Coolest Rifles I've Ever Fired," 2 Mar. 2020 They are accused of creating posters with Nazi symbols, threatening language and images of weapons to *harass* and intimidate journalists. — Gabrielle Banks, *Houston Chronicle*, "DOJ charges extremists, including 2 from Montgomery County, with targeting journalists, activists," 26 Feb. 2020

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First Known Use of *harass*

1617, in the meaning defined at [sense 1a](#)

History and Etymology for *harass*

— hunting

French *harasser*, from Middle French, from *harer* to set a dog on, from Old French *hare*, interjection used to incite dogs, of Germanic origin; akin to Old High German *hier* here — more at [here](#)

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harass

verb



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English Language Learners Definition of *harass*


: to annoy or bother (someone) in a constant or repeated way

: to make repeated attacks against (an enemy)

[See the full definition for *harass* in the English Language Learners Dictionary.](#)

harass

verb

həˈrɑːs | \ hə-ˈrɑːs , ˈhɛr-əs \
 harassed; harassing

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Kids Definition of *harass*

1 : to annoy again and again


2 : to make repeated attacks against an enemy

Other Words from *harass*

harassment \ -mənt \ noun

harass

transitive verb

həˈrɑːs | \ hə-ˈrɑːs, ˈhɛr-əs  \

Legal Definition of *harass*

: to subject persistently and wrongfully to annoying, offensive, or troubling behavior a collection agency harassing a debtor — see also sexual harassment

Other Words from *harass*

harasser noun

harassment noun

History and Etymology for *harass*

Middle French *harasser* to exhaust, fatigue, from *harer* to set a dog on, from Old French *hare*, interjection used to incite dogs

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Definition of *stealth*

(Entry 1 of 2)

1 : a cautious, unobtrusive, and secretive way of moving or proceeding intended to avoid detection Makos, among the fastest of sharks, chase down their prey. Slower species ... rely on stealth and explosive power.— Steve Kemper The intricate labor ... required courage and stealth.— Sue M. Halpern As we walked closer we began treading with exaggerated stealth until we came very close ...— Dorothy Dimsdale A thief does his work in secret and by stealth.— Harry Shaw

2 : an aircraft-design characteristic consisting of oblique angular construction and avoidance of vertical surfaces that is intended to produce a very weak radar return —usually used before another noun a stealth bomber/fighterstealth aircraftstealth technology

3a archaic : theft

b obsolete : something stolen

stealth

adjective

Definition of *stealth* (Entry 2 of 2)

: intended not to attract attention : stealthy a stealth campaign ... the company has operated in stealth mode until now.— Steve Silberman Her team seemed to communicate with a secret stealth language ...— E. L. Konigsburg — see also stealth entry 1 sense 2

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Synonyms & Antonyms for *stealth*

Synonyms: Adjective

- backstairs,
- behind-the-scenes,
- clandestine,
- covert,
- furtive,
- hole-and-corner,
- hugger-mugger,
- hush-hush,
- private,
- privy,
- secret,
- sneak,
- sneaking,
- sneaky,
- stealthy,
- surreptitious,

- undercover,
- underground,
- underhand,
- underhanded

Antonyms: Adjective

- open,
- overt,
- public

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Examples of *stealth* in a Sentence

Noun The fox uses *stealth* and cunning to hunt its prey. **Adjective** the SWAT team carried out a *stealth* raid on the house, which was believed to be harboring a terrorist cell

Recent Examples on the Web: **Noun** The F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, on the other hand, can only carry four AMRAAM missiles in an internal weapons bay, a result of its need to fly without missiles and other equipment hanging off its wings to preserve its anti-radar *stealth* profile. — [Kyle Mizokami, *Popular Mechanics*, "After Nearly 20 Years, the Air Force Will Fly Brand New F-15s," 29 Jan. 2020](#) My beautiful father, William Wintersole, passed in the *stealth* of the night at age 88. — [Sophie Dodd, *PEOPLE.com*, "Remembering the Stars We Lost in 2019," 5 Dec. 2019](#)

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First Known Use of *stealth*

Noun

14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 3a](#)

Adjective

1979, in the meaning defined [above](#)

History and Etymology for *stealth*

Noun

Middle English *stelthe*; akin to Old English *stelan* to steal

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plural quarries

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Definition of *quarry*

(Entry 1 of 4)

1 : game specifically : game hunted with hawks

2 : one that is sought or pursued : prey

3 obsolete : a heap of the game killed in a hunt

quarry

noun (2)

plural quarries

Definition of *quarry* (Entry 2 of 4)

1 : an open excavation usually for obtaining building stone, slate, or limestone

2 : a rich source

quarry

verb

quarried; quarrying

Definition of *quarry* (Entry 3 of 4)

transitive verb

1 : to dig or take from or as if from a quarry quarry marble

2 : to make a quarry in quarry a hill

intransitive verb

: to delve in or as if in a quarry

quarry

noun (3)

plural quarries

Definition of *quarry* (Entry 4 of 4)

: a diamond-shaped pane of glass, stone, or tile

Examples of *quarry* in a Sentence

Verb an area where workers are *quarrying* for limestone

First Known Use of *quarry*

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plural prey also preys

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Prey (p.)

Definition of *prey*

(Entry 1 of 2)

1a : an animal taken by a predator as food

b : one that is helpless or unable to resist attack : victim was prey to his own appetites

2 : the act or habit of preying

3 archaic : spoil, booty.

prey

verb

preyed; preying

Definition of *prey* (Entry 2 of 2)

intransitive verb

1a : to seize and devour prey

b : to commit violence or robbery or fraud

2 : to have an injurious, destructive, or wasting effect worry preyed upon his mind

3 : to make raids for the sake of booty

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Other Words from *prey*

Verb

preyer noun


Synonyms & Antonyms for *prey*

Synonyms: Noun

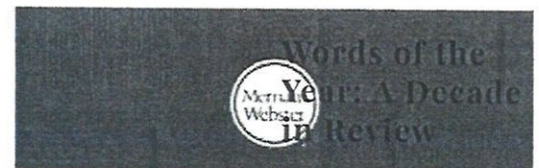
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Antonyms: Noun

- [predator](#)

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Examples of *prey* in a Sentence

noun

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English Language Learners Definition of *prey*

- : an animal that is hunted or killed by another animal for food
- : someone who is easily harmed or affected in a bad way by someone or something

See the full definition for *prey* in the English Language Learners Dictionary.

prey

noun

\ 'prā \

Kids Definition of *prey*

(Entry 1 of 2)

- 1 : an animal that is hunted or killed by another animal for food
- 2 : a person that is helpless and unable to escape attack : victim

prey

verb

preyed; preying

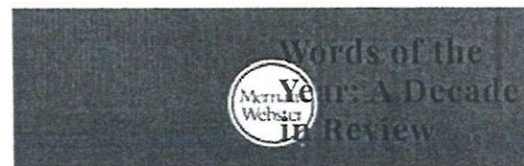
Kids Definition of *prey* (Entry 2 of 2)

- 1 : to hunt and kill for food The dogs survived by *preying* on small game.
- 2 : to have a harmful effect Fears *prey* on my mind.

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stalking

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in British English

(ˈsto:kiŋ)

NOUN

the act or crime of pursuing or following someone persistently or threateningly

The Home Secretary is considering a new law against stalking.

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sun or son?

Drag the correct answer into the box.

sun son

The _____ was high in the sky.

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VERB INTRANSITIVE

1.
 - a. to walk in a stiff, haughty, or grim manner
 - b. to advance or spread grimly
plague stalks across the land
2. to pursue or approach game, an enemy, etc. stealthily, as from cover
3. *Obsolete*
to walk or move along stealthily or furtively

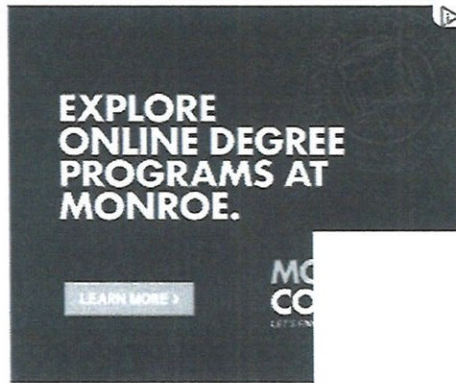
hunting

VERB TRANSITIVE

4. to pursue or approach (game, prey, etc.) stealthily
5. to stalk through
terror stalked the streets
6. to follow or pursue (another person) persistently in a harassing and, typically, obsessive way

NOUN

7. a slow, stiff, haughty, or grim stride



8. the act of stalking game, an enemy, etc.

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Derived forms

stalker ('stalker) **NOUN**
stalking ('stalking) **NOUN**



Word origin

ME *stalken* < OE *stealcian* (in comp.) < *stealc*, high, steep < IE **stelg-* < base **stel-*, to place, set up > still¹, Gr *stellein*



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VERB

1. to follow or approach (game, prey, etc) stealthily and quietly
2. to pursue persistently and, sometimes, attack (a person with whom one is obsessed, often a celebrity)
3. to spread over (a place) in a menacing or grim manner
fever stalked the camp
4. (*intransitive*)
to walk in a haughty, stiff, or threatening way
he stalked out in disgust
5. to search or draw (a piece of land) for prey

hunting

NOUN

6. the act of stalking
7. a stiff or threatening stride

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Derived forms

stalker (ˈstalker) **NOUN**

Word origin

Old English *bestælcian* to walk stealthily; related to Middle Low German *stolkeren*, Danish *stalke*





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Word forms: stalks, stalking, stalked

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1. COUNTABLE NOUN

The **stalk** of a flower, leaf, or fruit is the thin part that joins it to the plant or tree.

A single pale blue flower grows up from each joint on a long stalk.

Synonyms: stem, shoot, branch, stock [More Synonyms of stalk](#)

2. TRANSITIVE VERB

If you **stalk** a person or a wild animal, you follow them quietly in order to kill them, catch them, or observe them carefully.

He stalks his victims like a hunter after a deer.

Synonyms: pursue, follow, track, hunt [More Synonyms of stalk](#)

hunting term

3. TRANSITIVE VERB

If someone **stalks** someone else, especially a famous person or a person they used to have a relationship with, they keep following them or contacting them in an annoying and frightening way.

Even after their divorce he continued to stalk and threaten her.

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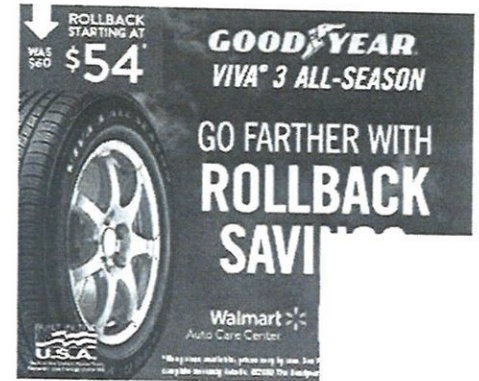
(ˈstɒkɪŋ ˈhɔːs)

NOUN

1. a horse, or a figure of a horse, used as cover by a hunter stalking game
2. anything used to disguise or conceal intentions, schemes, or activities; blind
3. *Politics*
a person whose candidacy is advanced temporarily to conceal the actual choice or to divide the opposition

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stalking-horse

in British English

NOUN

1. a horse or an imitation one used by a hunter to hide behind while stalking a quarry
2. something serving as a means of concealing plans; pretext
3. a candidate put forward by one group to divide the opposition or mask the candidacy of another person for whom the stalking-horse would then withdraw

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UNCOUNTABLE NOUN [oft by NOUN]

If you use stealth when you do something, you do it quietly and carefully so that no one will notice what you are doing.

Health policy is being changed by stealth without consultation.

Both sides advanced by stealth.

Synonyms: secrecy, furtiveness, slyness, sneakiness

More Synonyms of stealth

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blame or fault?

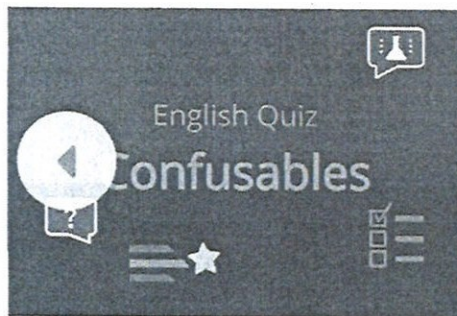
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This was all Jack's blame.

This was all Jack's fault.

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NOUN

1. secret, furtive, or artfully sly action or behavior

2. *Obsolete*

theft

ADJECTIVE

3. of or incorporating technology designed to prevent military aircraft, etc. from being detected by enemy radar *weaponry*

4. calculated to achieve some aim by going undetected or by being disregarded

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Word origin

ME *stelthe* < base of *stelen*, to steal: see steal

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NOUN

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1. the act or characteristic of moving with extreme care and quietness, esp so as to avoid detection
the stealth of a cat
2. cunning or underhand procedure or dealing
3. *archaic*
the act of stealing
4. (*modifier*) *informal*
denoting or referring to technology that aims to reduce the radar, thermal, and acoustic recognizability of aircraft and missiles



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Derived forms

stealthful ('stealthful) **ADJECTIVE**

Word origin

C13 *stelthe*; see STEAL, -TH¹





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Definition of 'harassment'

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UNCOUNTABLE NOUN

Harassment is behavior which is intended to trouble or annoy someone, for example repeated attacks on them or attempts to cause them problems.

Another survey found that 51 percent of women had experienced some form of sexual harassment in their working lives.

Synonyms: hassle [*informal*], trouble, bother, grief [*informal*] [More Synonyms of harassment](#)

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him or hymn?

Which version is correct?

I find it difficult to choose my favourite **him**.

I find it difficult to choose my favourite **hymn**.

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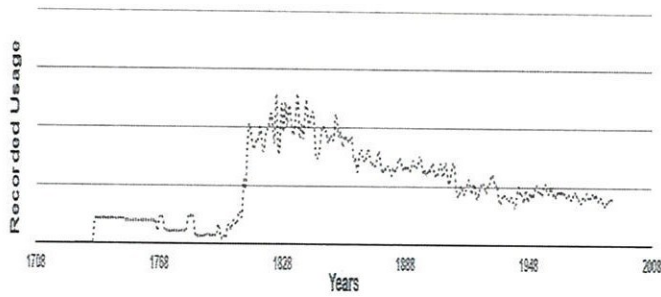


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In other languages

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British English: harass verb

If someone *harasses* you, they trouble or annoy you, for example by attacking you repeatedly.

They were continually harassed by police and were sick of it.

American English: harass

Brazilian Portuguese: importunar

Chinese: 骚扰

European Spanish: acosar

French: harceler

German: schikanieren

Italian: molestare

Japanese: しつこく悩ます

Korean: 괴롭히다

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Definition of 'harass'

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(*həˈræs* ) , (*hæˈræs* )

Word forms: harasses, harassing, harassed

TRANSITIVE VERB

If someone **harasses** you, they trouble or annoy you, for example by attacking you repeatedly or by causing you as many problems as they can.

A woman reporter complained one of them sexually harassed her in the locker room.

Synonyms: annoy, trouble, bother, worry [More Synonyms of harass](#)

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grate or great?

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Great 250g of cheddar and add to the sauce.

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Word Frequency ○○○○○

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in American English

(*'hærəs*); (*hə'ræs*)

VERB TRANSITIVE

- 1. to trouble, worry, or torment, as with cares, debts, repeated questions, etc.
- 2. to trouble by repeated raids or attacks, etc.; harry

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Derived forms

harasser (*'harasser*) **NOUN**

harassment (*'harassment*) **NOUN**

Word origin

Fr *harasser* < OFr *harer*, to set a dog on < *hare*, cry to incite dogs < OHG *harēn*, to call, cry out

harass

Word Frequency ○○○○○

in British English

(*'hærəs*) , (*hə'ræs*)

VERB

(*transitive*)

to trouble, torment, or confuse by continual persistent attacks, questions, etc

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Derived forms

harassed (*'harassed*) **ADJECTIVE**

harassedly (*'harassedly*) **ADVERB**

harasser (*ha'rasser*) **NOUN**

harassing (*'harassing*) **ADJECTIVE, NOUN**

harassingly (*ha'rassingly*) **ADVERB**

harassment (*'harassment*) **NOUN**



Word origin

C17: from French *harasser*, variant of Old French *harer* to set a dog on, of Germanic origin; compare Old High German *harēn* to cry out

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Meaning of **stalk** in English



stalk

noun [C]

US /stɒk/

stalk *noun* [C] (PLANT PART)



any stem on a plant, esp. the main stem:

- *Cynthia says those flowers have pretty tall stalks.*

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stalk

verb

US /stɒk/

stalk *verb* (FOLLOW)



[T]

to follow an animal or person as closely as possible without being seen or heard:

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Meaning of **stealth** in English

stealth

noun [U]US  /stelθ/

movement that is quiet and careful in order to avoid notice, or secret or indirect action

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stealthily

adverb US  /'stel·θə·li/

stealthy

adjective US  /'stel·θi/

- *a stealthy burglar*

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**stealth****adjective** [before noun]

UK /stelθ/ US /stelθ/

Cambridge stealth 02

**used to refer to aircraft, weapons, etc. that cannot be seen on radar:**

- *The stealth fighter can fly 1,500 kilometres per hour without detection.*
- *The force relies more heavily on stealth weaponry.*

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stealth

Clearly, when this type of music is heard (by *stealth*?) in appropriate audio-visual contexts, it is digested without difficulty.

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Is it formally 'business friendly' while 'doing good by *stealth*' - or is it in the pockets of financial capital?

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movement that is quiet and careful in order not to be seen or heard, or secret action:

- These thieves operate **with** terrifying *stealth* - they can easily steal from the pockets of unsuspecting travellers.
- It would seem that some politicians would prefer to **use** financial *stealth* rather than legislation to produce change.
- The weapons had been acquired **by** *stealth*.

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stalk¹ (stôk)

n.

1.

- a. A stem or main axis of a herbaceous plant.
- b. A stem or similar structure that supports a plant part such as a flower, flower cluster, or leaf.
2. A slender or elongated support or structure, as one that holds up an organ or another body part.

[Middle English, probably diminutive of *stale*, upright of a ladder, post, handle, from Old English *stalu*; see [stel](#) in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

stalk^y *adj.*

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stalk² (stôk)

v. stalked, stalk-ing, stalks

v. tr.

1. To pursue or track (prey) stealthily: *The lions stalked the zebra from the tall grass.*
2. To follow or observe (a person) persistently, especially out of obsession or derangement.
3. To go through (an area) in pursuit of prey or quarry.

v. intr.

1. To walk with a stiff, haughty, or angry gait: *stalked off in a huff.*
2. To move threateningly or menacingly.
3. To track prey or quarry.

[Middle English *stalken*, from Old English *-stealcian*, to move stealthily (in *bestalcian*).]

stalk^{er} *n.*

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prey ^{prā}

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n.

1.

- a. An animal hunted or caught by another for food: *The leopard carried its prey into a tree.*
- b. The collection of animals typically hunted and eaten by a predator: *the acoustic location of prey by barn owls.*

2.

- a. An object or victim of attack: *ships that became the prey of pirates.*
- b. One that is subjected to or afflicted with something: *was prey to depression.*
- c. One that is deceived or taken advantage of by another: *easy prey for swindlers.*

3. *Archaic*

- a. The act or practice of preying.
- b. Plunder; booty.

intr. v. preyed, prey-ing, preys

1. To hunt, catch, or eat as prey: *Owls prey on mice.*
2. To victimize or make a profit at someone else's expense: *swindlers who prey upon the weak.*
3. To plunder or pillage: *Vikings preying on coastal settlements.*
4. To exert a baneful or injurious effect: *Remorse preyed on his mind.*

[Middle English *preie*, from Old French, from Latin *praeda*, booty, prey; see [ghend-](#) in the [Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

prey ^{er} *n.*

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stalk·ing·horse (stôkĭng-hôrs')

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- n.*
1. Something used to cover one's true purpose; a decoy.
 2. A sham candidate put forward to conceal the candidacy of another or to divide the opposition.
 3.
 - a. A horse trained to conceal the hunter while stalking.
 - b. A canvas screen made in the figure of a horse, used for similar concealment.

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stealth (stēlth)

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- n.*
1. The act of moving, proceeding, or acting in a covert way.
 2. The quality or characteristic of being furtive or covert.
 3. *Obsolete* The act of stealing.
- adj.*
1. Not disclosing one's true ideology, affiliations, or positions: *a stealth candidate*.
 2. Having or providing the ability to prevent detection by radar: *a stealth bomber; stealth technology*.

[Middle English *stelth*, probably from Old English **stæ̆lth*.]

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co·vert (kōvərt, kō-vûrt, küvərt)

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adj.

1. Not openly practiced, avowed, engaged in, accumulated, or shown: *covert military operations; covert funding for the rebels.* See Synonyms at [secret](#).
2. Covered or covered over; sheltered.
3. *Law* Under former English common law, married and therefore falling under the authority and protection of one's husband. Used of a woman.

n.

1. A covering or cover.
2.
 - a. A covered place or shelter; [hiding place](#).
 - b. [Thick underbrush or woodland affording cover for game.](#)
3. *Zoology* One of the small feathers covering the bases of the longer feathers of a bird's wings or tail.

[Middle English, from Old French, from past participle of *covrir*, to cover; see [COVER](#).]

covertly *adv.*

covertness *n.*

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stalk

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stalk (stɔ:k), *sb.*² Also 5-7 stalke, 7 stauk. [f. STALK *v.*]

1. An act of stalking game.

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*c*1450 in *Trans. Philol. Soc.* (1909) III. 53 A Stalke of ffostersse. 1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* XVIII. XXI. 764 They were shoters and coude wel kylle a dere bothe at the stalke & at the trest. 1621 MARKHAM *Fowling* viii. 53 Also you must obserue in the Stalke to turne that side [of the stalking-horse] euer vpon the Fowle which is plaine without splents. 1873 G. C. DAVIES *Mount. & Mere* x. 83 A careful stalk might have brought a shooter within shot. 1885 W. H. RUSSELL in *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 770/1 There may be a deer drive or a stalk at Glenmuick. 1907 J. H. PATTERSON *Man-Eaters of Tsavo* xx. 225 My stalk was crowned with success, the beautiful animal being bagged without much trouble.

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b. attrib., as † stalk-hound.

ect.

1663 KILLIGREW *Pars. Wedd.* iv. i, A pox upon them for a couple of Stauk-hounds; have they killed at last?

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Definition of **stalking noun** from the Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary

stalking *noun*

/ˈstɔːkɪŋ/

/ˈstɔːkɪŋ/

[uncountable]

★ the crime of following and watching somebody over a long period of time in a way that is annoying or frightening

- *An undercover detective said 'Stalking has become a problem that we must take seriously.'*

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Verb Forms

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Stalk

- 1 ★ [transitive, intransitive] **stalk (something/somebody)** to move slowly and quietly towards an animal or a person, in order to kill, catch or harm it or them
- *The lion was stalking a zebra.*
 - *He stalked his victim as she walked home, before attacking and robbing her.*
- 2 ★ [transitive] **stalk somebody** to illegally follow and watch somebody over a long period of time, in a way that is annoying or frightening
- *She claimed that he had been stalking her over a period of three years.*

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- 3 ★ [intransitive] + adv./prep. to walk in an angry or proud way
- *He stalked off without a word.*
 - *The actress stalked out of a press conference when asked if she had a weight problem.*
 - *Snatching up her bag, she stalked out of the room.*
- 4 ★ [transitive, intransitive] **stalk (something)** to move through a place in an unpleasant or threatening way
- *The gunmen stalked the building, looking for victims.*
 - *(figurative) Fear stalks the streets of the city at night.*

Word Origin

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Definition of **stealth** noun from the Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary

stealth noun

/stelθ/

/stelθ/

[uncountable]

the fact of doing something in a quiet or secret way

*The government was accused of trying to introduce the tax **by stealth**.*

Lions rely on stealth when hunting.

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Definition of **harass verb** from the Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary

harass *verb*

/'hærəs/, /hə'ræs/

/hə'ræs/, /'hærəs/

Verb Forms

1 ★ [often passive] to annoy or worry somebody by putting pressure on them or saying or doing unpleasant things to them

- **be harassed (by somebody)** *He has complained of being harassed by the police.*
- *She claims she has been sexually harassed at work.*

Extra Examples

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2 ★ **harass somebody/something** to make repeated attacks on an enemy

SYNONYM **harry**

- *Our convoys are being continually harassed by enemy submarines.*
- *They have been harassing whaling operations at sea.*

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harassment



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harassment *noun*

/ˈhærəsmənt/, /həˈræsmənt/

/həˈræsmənt/, /ˈhærəsmənt/

[uncountable]

1 ★ the act of annoying or worrying somebody by putting pressure on them or saying or doing unpleasant things to them

• *racial/sexual harassment*

SEE ALSO *sexual harassment*

2 ★ the act of making repeated attacks on an enemy

• *guerrilla harassment of the enemy*

Check pronunciation: harassment

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1 the crime of following and watching someone in a threatening way

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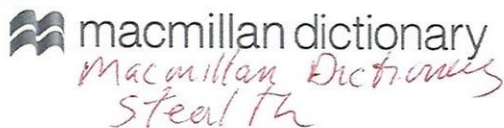


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1 a quiet and secret way of behaving so that no one sees or hears you

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Harassment #1



1 annoying or unpleasant behavior toward someone that takes place regularly, for example threats, offensive remarks, or physical attacks

harassment of: *The UN cannot tolerate the continuing harassment of peacekeeping soldiers.*



racial/sexual harassment: *We encourage anyone who has been the subject of racial harassment to report it.*

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1 to keep annoying or upsetting someone, for example by criticizing them, attacking them, or treating them in a way that is offensive to them

The men were trying to harass the terrified refugees.

sexually harass someone (=treat them in a way that is sexually offensive): *Connors is alleged to have sexually harassed three women at the conference.*

Synonyms and related words -

To make someone angry or annoyed

annoy

provoke

anger

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2 to keep attacking an enemy army

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stalk·ing /'stɔ:kɪŋ \$ 'stɔ:-/ noun [uncountable]



the crime of following and watching someone over a period of time in a way that is very annoying or threatening

Examples from the Corpus

stalkina

- As t about **stalking**, two of us hove over a h some one fired at a stag.
- Af 1 hour or two he saw a big male stal rest edge.
- Then there would be the usual reconnaissance, the donning of protective clothing, the **stalking** of the device.



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stalking horse

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- Put the mushrooms to one side and chop the **stalks**.
- Peel and quarter the **stalks** lengthways.
- The next time up the **stalk**, Jack stole a hen that laid golden eggs.

stalk² verb

1 [**transitive**] to follow a person or animal quietly in order to catch and attack or kill them → **shadow**

 a tiger stalking its prey

 We know the rapist stalks his victims at night.

▶ see thesaurus at **follow**

2 [**transitive**] to follow and watch someone over a long period of time in a way that is very annoying or threatening, and that is considered a crime in some places

 She was stalked by an obsessed fan.

3 [**intransitive** always + **adverb/preposition**] to walk in a proud or angry way, with long steps
stalk out/off/away

 Yvonne turned and stalked out of the room in disgust.

4 [**transitive**] *literary* if something bad stalks a place, you see or feel it everywhere in that place

 Fear stalks every dark stairwell and walkway.

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flyer

a small sheet of paper advertising something

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he, she, it

stalk

stalks

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English



English

The **No-Drip, No-Dip**
3-Layer Dip stack



stealth

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stealth /stelθ/ noun [uncountable]

1 when you do something very quietly, slowly, or secretly, so that no one notices you

Cats rely on stealth to catch their prey.

2 (also **Stealth**) a system of making military aircraft that cannot be discovered by radar instruments

stealth bomber/aircraft/fighter etc (=a plane made using this system)

Exam

Corpus

stea

- Tr _____ as made its radar-evading B-2 **stealth** bombers even harder to find in the air.
- **stealth** technology
- A white sloop moved upriver in the dark, a little mystery of grace and **stealth**.
- This is another instance of the novelist promoting his dearest values by **stealth**.
- Much of its **stealth** comes from a design that minimises the chance of radar waves bouncing back the way they came.
- Newer **stealth** planes, including the B-2 bomber and the F-22, use the curve structure pioneered by Tacit

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har·ass /'hærəs, hə'ræs/ ●○○ verb [transitive]



1 to make someone's life unpleasant, for example by frequently saying offensive things to them or threatening them

▶ A number of black youths have complained of being harassed by the police.

sexually/racially harass somebody (=harass someone because of their sex or race)

Jan claimed that she had been harassed by a male manager.

2 *attacking* attacking an enemy again and again

→ See **Verb table**

Examples from the Corpus

harass

- Moreover, Max is being **harassed** at school by a gang of thugs, carefully drawn as a multiethnic crew.
- Black teenagers are being constantly **harassed** by the police.
- The Rover closed right up, blatantly **harassing** him into making one mistake that would give them the

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stalking

Use **stalking** in a sentence

verb

Stalking is hunting for prey, or physically following someone, or contacting them excessively.

- a. An example of stalking is quietly approaching an animal you're hunting.
- b. An example of stalking is a fan following a celebrity as they go through their day.

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Stalking

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Verb

- Present participle of *stalk*.

Noun

(plural stalkings)

1. Hunting for game by moving silently and stealthily or by waiting in ambush
2. The crime of following or harassing another person, causing him or her to fear death or injury
3. The removal of stalks from bunches of grapes prior to winemaking

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Stalking

stalking - Legal Definition

A form of harassment generally comprised of repeated persistent following with no legitimate reason and with the intention of harming, or so as to arouse anxiety or fear of harm in the person being followed. Stalking may also take the form of harassing telephone calls, computer communications, letter-writing, etc. See also cyberstalking and harassment.

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1. The act of moving, proceeding, or acting in a covert way.
2. The quality or characteristic of being furtive or covert.
3. *Obsolete* The act of stealing.

adjective

1. Not disclosing one's true ideology, affiliations, or positions: a *stealth candidate*.
2. Having or providing the ability to prevent detection by radar: a *stealth bomber*; *stealth technology*.

Origin of stealth

Middle English *stelth* probably from Old English *stæ̆lth*

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Noun

(countable and uncountable, plural stealths)

1. (uncountable) The attribute or characteristic of acting in *secrecy*, or in such a way that the actions are unnoticed or difficult to detect by others.
2. (archaic, countable) An act of secrecy, especially one involving *thievery*.

Related terms

- steal

stealth stealth

Use **stealth** in a sentence

adjective

1. The definition of stealth is something that is secretive or designed specifically to avoid detection or notice.
An example of stealth is a fighter plane designed not to be noticed by radar.

noun

1. Stealth is defined as being secretive or cautious in movement and action.
An example of stealth is when you creep around a house cautiously so you will not be seen or noticed.

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Stealth

stealth

1. secret, furtive, or artfully sly action or behavior
2. obs
theft

Origin of stealth

Middle English *stelthe* from base of *stelen*, to steal: see steal

1. of or incorporating technology designed to prevent military aircraft, etc. from being detected by enemy radar
2. calculated to achieve some aim by going undetected or by being disregarded

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1. a horse, or a figure of a horse, used as cover by a hunter stalking game
2. anything used to disguise or conceal intentions, schemes, or activities; blind
3. POLITICS

a person whose candidacy is advanced temporarily to conceal the actual choice or to divide the opposition

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harass

1. to trouble, worry, or torment, as with cares, debts, repeated questions or demands, etc.
2. to trouble by repeated raids or attacks, etc.; hary

Origin of harass

French *harasser* from Old French *harer*, to set a dog on from *hare*, cry to incite dogs from Old High German *har?n*, to call, cry out

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Prey

prey

1. ARCHAIC
plunder; booty
2. an animal hunted or killed for food by another animal
3. a person or thing that falls victim to someone or something
4. the mode of living by preying on other animals: a bird of prey

Origin of prey

Middle English *preye* from Old French *preie* from Classical Latin *praeda* from base of *prehendere*, to seize: see prehensile

1. to plunder; rob
2. to hunt or kill other animals for food
3. to make profit from a victim as by swindling
4. to have a wearing or harmful influence; weigh heavily

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Prey

prey prey

Use prey in a sentence

noun

1. Prey is a person or animal that falls victim to another or an animal that lives off of other animals.

a. An example of prey is a deer being hunted by a man.

b. An example of prey is an owl catching and killing a rabbit for food.

verb

1. Prey is defined as to catch, kill, eat or victimize.

An example of prey is someone being conned out of large amounts of money.

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prey

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- An animal hunted or caught by another for food: *The leopard carried its prey into a tree.*
 - The collection of animals typically hunted and eaten by a predator: *the acoustic location of prey by barn owls.*
- An object or victim of attack: *ships that became the prey of pirates.*
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 - One that is deceived or taken advantage of by another: *easy prey for swindlers.*
- Archaic
 - The act or practice of preying.
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intransitive verb

preyed, prey-ing, preys

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- To exert a baneful or injurious effect: *Remorse preyed on his mind.*

Origin of prey

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Related Forms:

- **prey'er**

Noun

(countable and uncountable, plural preys)

- (archaic) Anything, as goods, etc., taken or got by violence; anything taken by force from an enemy in war; spoil; booty; plunder.
- That which is or may be seized by animals or birds to be devoured; hence, a person given up as a victim.
- A living thing that is eaten by another living thing.
The rabbit was eaten by the coyote, so the rabbit is the coyote's prey.
- The act of devouring other creatures; ravage.
- The victim of a disease.

Verb

(third-person singular simple present preys, present participle preying, simple past and past participle preyed)

- (with on) To victimize, hunt, attack or plunder.
- (with on) To devour.
- (with on) To exert harmful influence.

Origin

Middle English, from Old French *preie*, one of the variants of *proie*, from Latin *praeda*. Compare *predator*.

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stalk ¹  (stôk)

n.

1.
 - a. A stem or main axis of a herbaceous plant.
 - b. A stem or similar structure that supports a plant part such as a flower, flower cluster, or leaf.
2. A slender or elongated support or structure, as one that holds up an organ or another body part.

stalk

[Middle English, probably diminutive of *stale*, *upright of a ladder, post, handle*, from Old English *stalu*; see *stel-* in Indo-European roots.]

stalk'y *adj.*

stalk ²  (stôk)

v. stalked, stalk-ing, stalks

v.tr.

1. To pursue or track (prey) stealthily: *The lions stalked the zebra from the tall grass.*
2. To follow or observe (a person) persistently, especially out of obsession or derangement.
3. To go through (an area) in pursuit of prey or quarry.

v.intr.

1. To walk with a stiff, haughty, or angry gait: *stalked off in a huff.*
2. To move threateningly or menacingly.
3. To track prey or quarry.

[Middle English *stalken*, from Old English *-stealcian*, *to move stealthily* (in *bestealcian*).]

stalk'er *n.*

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stalk (stô:k)

n.

1. (Botany) the main stem of a herbaceous plant
2. (Botany) any of various subsidiary plant stems, such as a leafstalk (petiole) or flower stalk (peduncle)
3. (Zoology) a slender supporting structure in animals such as crinoids and certain protozoans, coelenterates, and barnacles

4. any long slender supporting shaft or column

[C14: probably a diminutive formed from Old English *stalu* upright piece of wood; related to Old Frisian *staal* handle]

stalked *adj*

stalkless *adj*

stalk, like *adj*

stalk (stɔ:k)

vb

1. (Hunting) to follow or approach (game, prey, etc) stealthily and quietly
2. to pursue persistently and, sometimes, attack (a person with whom one is obsessed, often a celebrity)
3. to spread over (a place) in a menacing or grim manner: *fever stalked the camp.*
4. (*intr*) to walk in a haughty, stiff, or threatening way: *he stalked out in disgust.*
5. (Hunting) to search or draw (a piece of land) for prey

n

6. (Hunting) the act of stalking
7. a stiff or threatening stride

[Old English *bestecalcan* to walk stealthily; related to Middle Low German *stolkeren*, Danish *stalke*]

stalker *n*

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stalk¹ (stɔk)

n.

1. the stem or main axis of a plant.
2. any slender supporting part of a plant, as a petiole or peduncle.
3. a similar structural part of an animal.
4. a stem, shaft, or slender supporting part of anything.

[1275–1325; Middle English *stalke*, appar. = Old English *stal(u)* stave + *-k* diminutive suffix]

stalked, *adj.*

stalk'less, *adj.*

stalk'like, *adj.*

stalk² (stɔk)

v.i.

1. to pursue prey, quarry, etc., stealthily.
2. to walk with measured, stiff, or haughty strides (often fol. by *away*, *off*, etc.).
3. to proceed in a steady, deliberate, or sinister manner.

v.t.

4. to pursue (game, a person, etc.) stealthily.
5. to harass (a person) threateningly, as by pursuit, intimidating phone calls, etc.
6. to proceed through (an area) in search of prey or quarry.

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↔ **culm** - stem of plants of the Gramineae

↔ **halm, haulm** - stems of beans and peas and potatoes and grasses collectively as used for thatching and bedding

↔ **tree trunk, trunk, bole** - the main stem of a tree; usually covered with bark; the bole is usually the part that is commercially useful for lumber

3. **stalk** - a hunt for game carried on by following it stealthily or waiting in ambush

↔ **stalking, still hunt**

↔ **hunting, hunt** - the work of finding and killing or capturing animals for food or pelts

↔ **deerstalking** - stalking deer



4. **stalk** - the act of following prey stealthily

↔ **stalking**

↔ **chase, pursual, pursuit, following** - the act of pursuing in an effort to overtake or capture; "the culprit started to run and the cop took off in pursuit"

5. **stalk** - a stiff or threatening gait

↔ **angry walk**

↔ **gait** - a person's manner of walking



Verb 1. **stalk** - walk stiffly

↔ **walk** - use one's feet to advance; advance by steps; "Walk, don't run!"; "We walked instead of driving"; "She walks with a slight limp"; "The patient cannot walk yet"; "Walk over to the cabinet"

2. **stalk** - follow stealthily or recur constantly and spontaneously to; "her ex-boyfriend stalked her"; "the ghost of her mother haunted her"

↔ **haunt**

↔ **pursue, follow** - follow in or as if in pursuit; "The police car pursued the suspected attacker"; "Her bad deed followed her and haunted her dreams all her life"

3. **stalk** - go through (an area) in search of prey; "stalk the woods for deer"

↔ **pursue, follow** - follow in or as if in pursuit; "The police car pursued the suspected attacker"; "Her bad deed followed her and haunted her dreams all her life"

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stalk 1

noun stem, shoot, branch, stock, trunk, peduncle A single pale blue flower grows up from each joint on a long stalk.

stalk 2

verb

1. **pursue, follow, track, hunt, shadow, tail** (*informal*), **haunt, creep up on** *He stalks his victims like a hunter after a deer.*
2. **march, pace, stride, strut, flounce** *If his patience is tried at meetings he has been known to stalk out.*

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stalk *verb*

1. To walk with long steps, especially in a vigorous manner:
 march, stride.
2. To look for and pursue (game) in order to capture or kill it:
 chase, drive, hunt, run.

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acechar acosar tallo

stalk¹ [sto:k]

- A. **VT** [+ animal] [*hunter*] → **cazar al acecho**; [*animal*] → **acechar**; [+ person] → **seguir los pasos de**
- B. **VI** (= walk) *to stalk away or off* → **irse con paso airado**
she stalked out of the room → **salió airada del cuarto**

stalk² [sto:k] *N*

1. (*Bot*) → **tallo m, caña f**; (= *cabbage stalk*) → **troncho m**
2. [*of glass*] → **pie m**
3. (*Aut*) (= *control stalk*) → **palanca f**

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stalk¹ (sto:k) *noun*

the stem of a plant or of a leaf, flower or fruit. *If the stalk is damaged, the plant may die.*

stalk² (sto:k) *verb*

1. to walk stiffly and proudly, *eg in anger. He stalked out of the room in disgust.*
2. to move menacingly through a place. *Disease and famine stalk (through) the country.*
3. **in hunting**, to move gradually as close as possible to game, *eg deer, trying to remain hidden. Have you ever stalked deer / been deer-stalking?*

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prey  (prā)

n.

1.

- a. An animal hunted or caught by another for food: *The leopard carried its prey into a tree.*
- b. The collection of animals typically hunted and eaten by a predator: *the acoustic location of prey by barn owls.*

2.

- a. An object or victim of attack: *ships that became the prey of pirates.*
- b. One that is subjected to or afflicted with something: *was prey to depression.*
- c. One that is deceived or taken advantage of by another: *easy prey for swindlers.*

3. *Archaic*

- a. The act or practice of preying.
- b. Plunder; booty.

intr.v. preyed, prey-ing, preys

1. To hunt, catch, or eat as prey: *Owls prey on mice.*
2. To victimize or make a profit at someone else's expense: *swindlers who prey upon the weak.*
3. To plunder or pillage: *Vikings preying on coastal settlements.*
4. To exert a baneful or injurious effect: *Remorse preyed on his mind.*

[Middle English *preie*, from Old French, from Latin *praeda*, *booty, prey*; see *ghend-* in Indo-European roots.]

prey'er *n.*

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prey (preɪ)

n

1. (Zoology) an animal hunted or captured by another for food
2. a person or thing that becomes the victim of a hostile person, influence, etc
3. (Animals) beast of prey an animal that preys on others for food
4. (Animals) bird of prey a bird that preys on others for food
5. an archaic word for booty¹

vb (*intr*; often foll by *on* or *upon*)

6. (Zoology) to hunt or seize food by killing other animals
7. to make a victim (of others), as by profiting at their expense
8. to exert a depressing or obsessive effect (on the mind, spirits, etc); weigh heavily (upon)

[C13: from Old French *preie*, from Latin *praeda* *booty*; see *predatory*]

'preyer *n*

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prey (preɪ)

n.

1. an animal hunted or seized for food, esp. by a carnivorous animal.
2. a person or thing that is the victim of an enemy, disease, swindler, injurious agency, etc.
3. the action or habit of preying: *a beast of prey*.
4. Archaic. booty or plunder.

v.i.

5. to seize and devour prey: *Foxes prey on rabbits.*
6. to make raids or attacks for booty or plunder: *The Vikings preyed on coastal settlements.*
7. to exert a harmful or destructive and often obsessive influence: *The problem preyed upon his mind.*
8. to victimize another or others: *loan sharks who prey upon the poor.*

(usu. fol. by *on* or *upon*)[1200–50; Middle English *preye* < Old French < Latin *praeda* booty, prey]prey'er, *n.*

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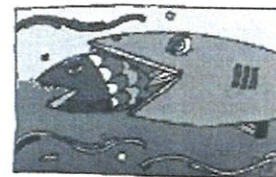
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Noun 1. prey - a person who is the aim of an attack (especially a victim of ridicule or exploitation) by some hostile person or influence; "he fell prey to muggers"; "everyone was fair game"; "the target of a manhunt"

≡ fair game, quarry, target

↔ victim - an unfortunate person who suffers from some adverse circumstance



2. **prey** - animal hunted or caught for food**quarry**

↔ animal, animate being, beast, creature, fauna, brute - a living organism characterized by voluntary movement

Verb 1. **prey** - profit from in an exploitative manner; "He feeds on her insecurity"**feed**

↔ exploit, work - use or manipulate to one's advantage; "He exploit the new taxation system"; "She knows how to work the system"; "he works his parents for sympathy"

2. **prey** - prey on or hunt for; "These mammals predate certain eggs"**raven, predate**

↔ forage - wander and feed; "The animals forage in the woods"

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prey*noun*

- quarry, game, kill** These animals were the prey of hyenas.
- victim, target, mark, mug (Brit. slang), dupe, fall guy (informal)** Old people are easy prey for con men.

prey on something or someone

- hunt, live off, eat, seize, devour, feed upon** The larvae prey on small aphids.
- victimize, bully, intimidate, exploit, take advantage of, bleed (informal), blackmail, terrorize** unscrupulous men who preyed on young runaways
- worry, trouble, burden, distress, haunt, hang over, oppress, weigh down, weigh heavily** This was the question that preyed on his mind.

Birds of prey

accipiter, bald eagle, barn owl, bateleur eagle, boobook, brown owl, buzzard, caracara, condor, Cooper's hawk, duck hawk, eagle, eagle-hawk or wedge-tailed eagle, falcon, falconet, golden eagle, goshawk, gyrfalcon or gerfalcon, harrier, hawk, hawk owl, hobby, honey buzzard, hoot owl, horned owl, kestrel, kite, lammergeier, lammergeyer, bearded vulture, or (archaic) ossifrage, lanner, little owl, long-eared owl, merlin, Montagu's harrier, mopoke or (N.Z.) ruru, osprey, fish eagle, or (archaic) ossifrage, owl, peregrine falcon, red kite or (archaic) gled(e), rough-legged buzzard, saker, screech owl, sea eagle, erne, or ern, secretary bird, snowy owl, sparrowhawk, tawny owl, turkey buzzard or vulture, vulture

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prey *noun*

One that is made to suffer injury, loss, or death:

casualty, victim.

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prey [preɪ]

A. N (lit, fig) → presa f, víctima f

beast of prey → animal m de rapiña

bird of prey → ave f de rapiña

to be (a) prey to → ser víctima de

she is prey to irrational fears (fig) → es presa de temores irracionales

he fell (a) prey to the disease → fue víctima de la enfermedad

B. VI to prey on [+ animals] (= attack) → cazar; (= feed on) → alimentarse de; [+ person] → vivir a costa de

rabbits are preyed on by foxes → los conejos son presa de los zorros

to prey on sb's mind → traer preocupado or obsesionar a algn

doubts preyed on him → le obsesionaban las dudas

the tragedy so preyed on his mind that → la tragedia le obsesionó de tal modo que ...

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prey (preɪ) – plural prey – noun

a bird or animal, birds or animals, that is/are hunted by other birds or animals for food. *The lion tore at its prey.* presa

beast/bird of prey

an animal, eg the lion, or a bird, eg the eagle, that kills and eats others. animal/ave de rapiña

prey on/upon

to attack as prey. *Hawks prey upon smaller birds.* cazar una presa

prey is a noun or a verb: a bird of **prey** (not **pray**); to **prey on** (not **pray on**) smaller creatures.


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A **stalking horse** is a figure that tests a concept with someone or mounts a challenge against someone on behalf of an anonymous third party. If the idea proves viable or popular, the anonymous figure can then declare its interest and advance the concept with little risk of failure. If the concept fails, the anonymous party will not be tainted by association with the failed concept and can either drop the idea completely or bide its time and wait until a better moment for launching an attack.

In hunting, it refers to a horse, or a figure of a horse, behind which a hunter hides when stalking game.

Origin

The term *stalking horse* originally derived from the practice of hunting,^[1] particularly of wildfowl.^[2] Hunters noticed that many birds would flee immediately on the approach of humans, but would tolerate the close presence of animals such as horses and cattle.

Hunters would therefore slowly approach their quarry by walking alongside their horses, keeping their upper bodies out of sight until the flock was within firing range. Animals trained for this purpose were called *stalking horses*. Sometimes mobile hides are used for a similar purpose.

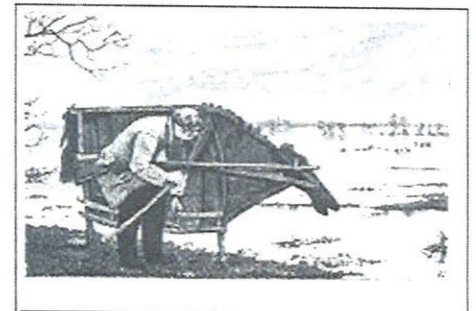
An example of the practice figures in the 1972 film *Jeremiah Johnson*, when Johnson and Chris Lapp ("Bear Claw") are hunting elk in the Rockies:

Jeremiah: Wind's right, but he'll just run soon as we step out of these trees.

Bear Claw: Trick to it. Walk out on this side of your horse.

Jeremiah: What if he sees our feet?

Bear Claw: Elk don't know how many feet a horse has!^[3]



"Approaching the fowl with stalking-horse", an 1875 illustration of a cut-out horse shape used in hunting

Usage

The expression is generally used in politics and business. In politics, the circumstances are an attempt to bring down a powerful leader, usually by members of their own party. In business, the circumstances are an attempt at testing the market for a potential (hostile) takeover of a business. In each case, there is the clear understanding that the anonymous party, whether a company or an individual, has a valuable reputation that could be damaged by the failure. The stalking horse is an exercise in assessing accurately the degree of risk, so that a full-blooded challenge is only mounted by the main party when there is a real likelihood of success.

The loser in the exercise appears to be the stalking horse. If the idea is viable or popular, the stalking horse person will be sidelined and the anonymous figure will take over the concept themselves. If the concept proves unpopular, the stalking horse will suffer any negative reaction. The understanding is that the anonymous party is a major player, perhaps only a little weaker

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stealth (stɛlθ)

n

1. the act or characteristic of moving with extreme care and quietness, esp so as to avoid detection: *the stealth of a cat*.
2. cunning or underhand procedure or dealing
3. *archaic* the act of stealing

[C13 stelthe; see steal, -th¹]

'**stealthful** *adj*

Stealth (stɛlθ)

n

(Aeronautics) (*modifier*) *informal* denoting or referring to technology that aims to reduce the radar, thermal, and acoustic recognizability of aircraft and missiles

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stealth (stɛlθ)

n.

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- 1. secret or surreptitious procedure or passage.
- 2. *Obs.*
 - a. an act of stealing; theft.
 - b. the thing stolen; booty.

adj.

- 3. surreptitious; secret; not openly acknowledged: *a stealth hiring of the competitor's CEO; the stealth issue of the Presidential race.*
- 4. (*often cap.*) having or providing the capacity to evade detection by radar: *Stealth planes; stealth technology.*

[1200–50; Middle English *stelthe*; compare Old English *stælthing* theft. See steal, -th¹]

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Noun 1. stealth - avoiding detection by moving carefully

≡ stealing

↔ concealing, hiding, concealment - the activity of keeping something secret



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stealth

noun ≡ secrecy, furtiveness, slyness, sneakiness, unobtrusiveness, stealthiness, surreptitiousness *Both sides advanced by stealth.*

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stealth *noun*

The act of proceeding slowly, deliberately, and secretly to escape observation:

≡ furtiveness, slinkiness, sneakiness, stealthiness.

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cov·ert  (kō'vɜrt, kō-vûrt', kŭv'ɜrt)

adj.

1. Not openly practiced, avowed, engaged in, accumulated, or shown: *covert military operations; covert funding for the rebels.* See Synonyms at *secret*.
2. Covered or covered over; sheltered.
3. Law Being married and therefore protected by one's husband.

n.

1. A covering or cover.
2.
 - a. A covered place or shelter; hiding place.
 - b. Thick underbrush or woodland affording cover for game.
3. Zoology One of the small feathers covering the bases of the longer feathers of a bird's wings or tail.

[Middle English, from Old French, from past participle of *covrir*, to cover, see **cover**.]

cov'ert·ly adv.

cov'ert·ness n.

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covert ('kɒvət)

adj

1. concealed or secret: *covert jealousy.*
2. (Law) *law* Compare *feme covert*, *discover*

n

3. a shelter or disguise
4. (Hunting) a thicket or woodland providing shelter for game
5. (Textiles) short for *covert cloth*
6. (Zoology) *ornithol* any of the small feathers on the wings and tail of a bird that surround the bases of the larger feathers
7. (Zoology) a flock of coots

[C14: from Old French: covered, from *covrir* to cover]

'covertly adv

'covertness n

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co·vert (*adj.* 'kou vɜrt, 'kʌv ɜrt; *n.* 'kʌv ɜrt, 'kou vɜrt)

adj.

1. concealed; secret; disguised.
2. covered; sheltered.
3. (of a wife) under the legal protection of a husband.

n.

4. a covering; cover.
5. a shelter or hiding place.
6. concealment or disguise.
7. a thicket giving shelter to wild animals or game.
8. Also called *tectrix*. one of the small feathers that cover the bases of the large feathers of a bird's wings and tail.

[1275–1325; Middle English < Anglo-French, Old French < Latin *coopertus*, past participle of *coopere* to cover completely; see *cover*]

co'vert·ly, *adv.*

co'vert·ness, *n.*

pron: **covert** has historically been pronounced ('kʌv ɜrt) with stressed (u), the vowel heard in *cover*, *mother*, *some*, and many other similarly spelled English words. As an adjective, however, **covert**, by analogy with *overt* (ou'vɜrt, 'ou vɜrt) its semantic opposite, has developed the pronunciation ('kou vɜrt) and this is the more common pronunciation in American English. For the noun, ('kʌv ɜrt) remains the more frequent pronunciation.

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Covert a flock of birds; a flock or company of coots, 1430.

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Noun 1. covert - a flock of coots

↔ **coot** - slate-black slow-flying birds somewhat resembling ducks

↔ **flock** - a group of birds

2. covert - a covering that serves to conceal or shelter something; "a screen of trees afforded privacy"; "under cover of darkness"; "the brush provided a covert for game"; "the simplest concealment is to match perfectly the color of the background"

≡ **cover**, **concealment**, **screen**

↔ **blind** - a hiding place sometimes used by hunters (especially duck hunters); "he waited impatiently in the blind"



↔ **camouflage** - device or stratagem for concealment or deceit

↔ **covering** - an artifact that covers something else (usually to protect or shelter or conceal it)

↔ **shoji** - a translucent screen made of a wooden frame covered with rice paper

↔ **stalking-horse** - screen consisting of a figure of a horse behind which a hunter hides while stalking game

Adj. 1. **covert** - secret or hidden; not openly practiced or engaged in or shown or avowed; "covert actions by the CIA"; "covert funding for the rebels"

↔ **implicit, inexplicit** - implied though not directly expressed; inherent in the nature of something; "an implicit agreement not to raise the subject"; "there was implicit criticism in his voice"; "anger was implicit in the argument"; "the oak is implicit in the acorn"

↔ **concealed** - hidden on any grounds for any motive; "a concealed weapon"; "a concealed compartment in his briefcase"

↔ **invisible, unseeable** - impossible or nearly impossible to see; imperceptible by the eye; "the invisible man"; "invisible rays"; "an invisible hinge"; "invisible mending"

≠ **overt, open** - open and observable; not secret or hidden; "an overt lie"; "overt hostility"; "overt intelligence gathering"; "open ballots"

2. **covert** - (of a wife) being under the protection of her husband; "a woman covert"

↔ **law, jurisprudence** - the collection of rules imposed by authority; "civilization presupposes respect for the law"; "the great problem for jurisprudence to allow freedom while enforcing order"

↔ **protected** - kept safe or defended from danger or injury or loss; "the most protected spot I could find"

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covert

adjective **secret, private, hidden, disguised, concealed, veiled, sly, clandestine, underhand, unsuspected, surreptitious, stealthy** *They have been supplying covert military aid to the rebels.*

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covert *adjective*

1. Existing or operating in a way so as to ensure complete concealment and confidentiality:

clandestine, cloak-and-dagger, huggermugger, secret, sub rosa, undercover.

Informal: hush-hush.

Idiom: under wraps.

2. Lying beyond what is obvious or avowed:

buried, concealed, hidden, obscured, ulterior.

Idiom: under cover.

noun

1. Something that physically protects, especially from danger:

asylum, cover, harbor, haven, protection, refuge, retreat, sanctuary, shelter.

2. A hiding place:

den, hideaway, hide-out, lair.

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ha·rass (hə-rās', hār'əs)

tr.v. ha·rassed, ha·rass·ing, ha·rass·es

1. To subject (another) to hostile or prejudicial remarks or actions; pressure or intimidate.
2. To irritate or torment persistently: *His mind was harassed by doubts and misgivings.*
3. To make repeated attacks or raids on (an enemy, for example).

[French harasser, from Old French (a 1a) harache, (a 1a) harace (as in *courre a 1a harache*, to chase) : hare, call used to set dogs on (of Germanic origin; see ko- in Indo-European roots) + -ache, -ace, deprecatve *n. suff.*]

ha·rass'er *n.*

ha·rass'ment *n.*

Synonyms: harass, harry, hound, badger, pester, plague

These verbs mean to trouble persistently or incessantly. *Harass* and *harry* imply systematic persecution by besieging with repeated annoyances, threats, or demands: *The landlord harassed the tenants who were behind in their rent. "John Adams and John Quincy Adams, pillars of personal rectitude, were harried throughout their presidencies by accusations of corruption, fraud, and abuses of power"* (Alan Brinkley and Davis Dyer).

Hound suggests unrelenting pursuit to gain a desired end: *Reporters hounded the celebrity for an interview. To badger is to nag or entreat persistently*: *The child badgered his parents for a new bicycle. To pester is to inflict a succession of petty annoyances*: *"How she would have pursued and pestered me with questions and surmises"* (Charlotte Brontë). *Plague* refers to a problem likened to a noxious disease: *"As I have no estate, I am plagued with no tenants or stewards"* (Henry Fielding).

Usage Note: The pronunciation of harass with stress on the first syllable (rhyming roughly with *Paris*) is the older, traditional pronunciation. The pronunciation with stress on the second syllable (rhyming roughly with *surpass*) is a newer pronunciation that first occurred in American English. Its use has steadily increased since the mid-1900s. In our 1987 survey, 50 percent of the Usage Panel preferred the pronunciation with stress on the first syllable, and 50 percent preferred stress on the second syllable. Fourteen years later, in our 2001 survey, preference for stress on the first syllable dropped to 30 percent while preference for stress on the second syllable rose to 70 percent. The results from our 2013 survey suggest that this trend away from the traditional pronunciation has continued: only 10 percent preferred the stress on the first syllable, whereas 90 percent preferred the pronunciation with the stress on the second syllable. In fact, in 2013, 35 percent of the Panel considered the pronunciation with the stress on the first syllable to be unacceptable. The original pronunciation has almost completely given way in only a few decades, at least in the United States.

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harass ('hærəs; hə'ræs)

vb

(tr) to trouble, torment, or confuse by continual persistent attacks, questions, etc

[C17: from French *harasser*, variant of Old French *harer* to set a dog on, of Germanic origin; compare Old High German *harēn* to cry out]

'harassed *adj*

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ha'rasser *n*

'harassing *adj, n*

ha'rassingly *adv*

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ha•rass (hə'ɹæs, 'hær əs)

v.t.

1. to disturb persistently; torment; pester; persecute.
2. to trouble by repeated attacks, incursions, etc., as in war; raid.

[1610–20; < French, Middle French *harasser* to harry, harass, v. derivative of *harace*, *harache* (in phrase *courre a la harace* pursue) = *hare* cry used to urge dogs on (< Frankish **hara* here, from this side; compare Old High German *hera*, Middle Dutch *hare*) + *-asse* augmentative or pejorative suffix < Latin *-ācea*]

ha•rass'er, *n.*

pron: **harass**, a 17th-century French borrowing, has traditionally been pronounced ('hær əs) A newer pronunciation, (hə 'ɹæs) which has developed in North American but not British English, is sometimes criticized by older educated speakers. However, it is now the more common pronunciation among younger educated U.S. speakers, some of whom have only minimal familiarity with the older form. See also **exquisite**.

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Past participle: harassed

Gerund: harassing

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Verb 1. harass - annoy continually or chronically; "He is known to harry his staff when he is overworked"; "This man harasses his female co-workers"

≡ beset, chevy, chevy, chivvy, chivy, harry, hassle, molest, plague, provoke

↔ needle, goad - goad or provoke, as by constant criticism; "He needled her with his sarcastic remarks"

↔ annoy, devil, gravel, irritate, nark, rile, vex, nettle, rag, bother, chafe, get at, get to - cause annoyance in; disturb, especially by minor irritations; "Mosquitoes buzzing in my ear really bothers me"; "It irritates me that she never closes the door after she leaves"

↔ bedevil, dun, rag, torment, frustrate, crucify - treat cruelly; "The children tormented the stuttering teacher"

↔ haze - harass by imposing humiliating or painful tasks, as in military institutions

2. harass - exhaust by attacking repeatedly; "harass the enemy"

↔ aggress, attack - take the initiative and go on the offensive; "The Serbs attacked the village at night"; "The visiting team started to attack"



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verb ≡ annoy, trouble, bother, worry, harry, disturb, devil (informal), plague, bait, hound, torment, hassle (informal), badger, persecute, exasperate, pester, vex, breathe down someone's neck, chivvy (Brit.), give someone grief (Brit. & S. African), be on your back (slang), beleaguer We are almost routinely harassed by the police.

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harass *verb*

1. To trouble persistently from or as if from all sides:

≡ badger, bedevil, beleaguer, beset, besiege, harry, hound, importune, pester, plague, solicit.

2. To disturb by repeated attacks:

≡ annoy, bait, bedevil, beleaguer, beset, harry, pester, plague, tease, torment, worry.

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acosar

harass ['hærəs] VT → acosar, hostigar (Mil) → hostilizar, hostigar

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harass ('hæres) , ((especially American) hə'ras) *verb*

1. to annoy or trouble (a person) constantly or frequently. *The children have been harassing me all morning.* **acosar**, **hostigar**; **atormentar**

2. to make frequent sudden attacks on (an enemy). *The army was constantly harassed by groups of terrorists.* **hostilizar**, **hostigar**

'harassed *adjective*

a harassed mother. **agobiado**; **atormentado**; **preocupado**

'harassment *noun*

He complained of harassment by the police. **acoso**

sexual harassment **sex**

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v. acosar, perturbar, hostigar, hostilizar.

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