

butch·er¹ S3

/ˈbʊtʃə \$ -ər/

noun

1 [countable] someone who owns or works in a shop that sells meat

2 the butcher's SHOP/STORE

a shop where you can buy meat

3 KILL [countable] someone who has killed someone else cruelly and unnecessarily, especially someone who has killed a lot of people

4 have/take a butcher's LOOK AT (BrE) (spoken informal)

to have a look at something

Word origin

Date: 1200–1300

Language: Old French

Origin: *bouchier*, from *bouc* 'male goat'

butcher²

verb

[transitive]

1 to kill animals and prepare them to be used as meat

2 KILL to kill someone cruelly or unnecessarily, especially to kill a lot of people

3 (informal) SPOIL to spoil something by working carelessly:

That hairdresser really butchered my hair!

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