

## bury·y

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verb [transitive]

(buried, burying, buries)

**1** PUT SOMEBODY IN GRAVE **dead person** to put someone who has died in a GRAVE:

**bury somebody in/at etc something**

*He was buried in the churchyard of St Mary's.*

**2** PUT SOMETHING UNDER EARTH **object** HIDE/MAKE IT HARD TO FIND OR SEE to put something under the ground, often in order to hide it:

*Electric cables are buried beneath the streets.*

**3** COVER WITH SOMETHING **fall on something** [usually passive] COVER to fall on top of someone or something, usually harming or destroying them:

**be buried under/beneath etc something**

*The skiers were buried under the snow.*

*Fifty-seven miners were **buried alive**.*

**4** **hidden** [usually passive] to cover something so that it cannot be found:

*His glasses were buried under a pile of papers.*

**5** FEELING/MEMORY **feeling/memory** IGNORE to ignore a feeling or memory and pretend that it does not exist:

*a deeply buried memory*

**6** **bury your face/head etc (in something)** PRESS

to press your face etc into something soft:

*Noel buried his face in the pillow.*

**7** **bury your face/head in your hands**

to cover your face with your hands because you are very upset

**8** **bury your head in the sand**

to ignore an unpleasant situation and hope it will stop if you do not think about it

**9** **bury the hatchet/bury your differences** PUSH

to agree to stop arguing about something and become friends

**10** **PUSH SOMETHING INTO A SURFACE** **in a surface** **WORK HARD** to push something, especially something sharp, into something else with a lot of force:

**bury something in something**

*The dog buried its teeth in my leg.*

*The bullet buried itself in the wall.*

**11** **bury yourself in your work/studies etc** **IGNORE**  
to give all your attention to something:

*After the divorce, she buried herself in her work.*

**12** **information** to put information in a document in a place where it is unlikely to be noticed, or to not make it available to people:

*The story was buried at the back of the paper.*

**13** **loved one** (literary) to have someone you love die:

*She had buried her husband, two sons, and a daughter.*

→ **be dead and buried** AT DEAD<sup>1</sup> (14)

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