

## Definition

*A sin is any act that is morally wrong. A sin is when someone chooses to deliberately break a religious or moral rule. A sin is when a person chooses to do something harmful to others in full knowledge that it is harmful.*

*In the bible, the word for 'sin' originally meant 'to miss a target'.*



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## Characteristics

- deliberate
- done on purpose
- morally wrong (bad consequences)
- hurts people (harmful to people or to the environment)

**sin**

## Examples

- hurting someone for no reason
- stealing something that doesn't belong to you
- telling lies about someone to get them into trouble

## Non-examples

- helping your parent when they ask
- inviting someone to play
- not being able to do schoolwork
- accidentally breaking a glass