

# usurper *(u-surp-er)*

## Definition

n. A person who takes a position of power or importance illegally or by force.

## Example Sentence

The **usurper** seized the throne, causing unrest throughout the kingdom.

## More Example Sentences

In many tales, the **usurper** is eventually overthrown by the rightful heir.

## Synonyms

intruder; impostor; pretender

## Antonyms

legitimate ruler; rightful owner; lawful leader

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