

Q2.7 Genocide

Genocide is the killing of an entire class of people such as a racial group or an ethnic group. When the Nazis tried to exterminate all the Jews during World War II, that was *genocide*, and sadly, it's not uncommon to read about attempted *genocide* in the news today.

Geno is from the Greek word for “race,” and the suffix *-cide* means “to kill.” Other *-cide* words include *homicide*, *pesticide*, *infanticide*, and *insecticide*.

While you were talking about organizing and committees, the extermination has already begun. Make no mistake, my brothers. They will draw first blood. They will force their cure upon us. The only question is, will you join my brotherhood and fight, or wait for the inevitable genocide? Who will you stand with—the humans or us?

—Ian McKellen playing Eric Lensherr
in the movie *X-Men: The Last Stand*