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| [lwod-logo](https://learnersdictionary.com/?utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=lwotd&utm_content=header&utm_email=8af4015e265bdeff451911458645b56e) |  | *Learner’s Word of the Day*    **June 28, 2021** |



*The teacher is known for cracking down on her students.*

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| **crack down**   [lwod-audio-pron-red](https://learnersdictionary.com/audio?file=crack-down_1&format=mp3&word=crack%20down&pron=%CB%88kr%C3%A6k%20%CB%88da%CA%8An&utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=lwotd&utm_content=pron&utm_email=8af4015e265bdeff451911458645b56e)/ˈkræk ˈdaʊn/   ***phrasal verb*** |

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| lwod-clear | |
| **:** to start to be strict about punishing people for doing something that is illegal or not allowed **:** to enforce a law or rule more strictly | |
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| lwod-bullet | People have been violating this law for years, and now the government is finally starting to crack down. |
| — often + on | |
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| lwod-bullet | Authorities are cracking down on companies that pollute. |