

penetrate

[ˈpenɪtreɪt] *v*

1. 1) проникать внутрь, проходить
 the water penetrated to the interior - вода просочилась /проникла, попала/ внутрь
 darkness which the eye /the sight/ cannot penetrate - тьма, в которой ничего нельзя разглядеть
 the travellers penetrated into the cave - путешественники проникли в пещеру
- 2) вторгаться, вклиниваться, прорываться
 2. постигать; понимать
 to penetrate into the secrets of nature - постигать тайны природы
3. (with) пропитывать, пронизывать
 a book penetrated with the atmosphere of the times - книга, проникнутая атмосферой эпохи
 he was penetrated with awe - он был охвачен благоговейным страхом

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penetrate [penetrate penetrates penetrated penetrating] *BrE* [ˈpenɪtreɪt] ^m

NAmE [ˈpenɪtreɪt] ^m *verb*

1. **transitive, intransitive** to go into or through sth
 - ~ **sth** The knife had penetrated his chest.
 - The sun's radiation penetrates the skin.
 - The cold seemed to penetrate his bones.
 - (figurative) The war penetrates every area of the nation's life.
 - ~ **into/through/to sth** These fine particles penetrate deep into the lungs.
2. **transitive, intransitive** to succeed in entering or joining an organization, a group, etc. especially when this is difficult to do
 - ~ **sth** They had penetrated airport security.
 - The party has been penetrated by extremists.
 - This year the company has been trying to penetrate new markets (= to start selling their products there).
 - ~ **into sth** The troops had penetrated deep into enemy lines.
3. **transitive** ~ **sth** to see or show a way into or through sth
 - Our eyes could not penetrate the darkness.
 - The flashlights barely penetrated the gloom.
 - narrow alleys where the sun never penetrates
4. **transitive** ~ **sth** to understand or discover sth that is difficult to understand or is hidden
 - Science can penetrate many of nature's mysteries.
 - a style that is difficult to penetrate
 - No one could penetrate the meaning of the inscription.
5. **intransitive, transitive** to be understood or realized by sb
 - I was at the door before his words penetrated.
 - ~ **sth** None of my advice seems to have penetrated his thick skull (= he has not listened to any of it).
6. **transitive** ~ **sb/sth** (of a man) to put the ↑penis into the ↑vagina or ↑anus of a sexual partner

Verb forms:

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present simple	
I / you / we / they	penetrate
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈpenɪtreɪt/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈpenɪtreɪt/
he / she / it	penetrates
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈpenɪtreɪts/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈpenɪtreɪts/
past simple, past participle	penetrated
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈpenɪtreɪtɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈpenɪtreɪtɪd/
-ing form	penetrating
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈpenɪtreɪtɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈpenɪtreɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent.: from Latin **penetrat-** 'placed or gone into', from the verb **penetrare**; related to **penitus** 'inner'.

Example Bank:

- It is not yet known how deeply the radiation has penetrated into the soil.
- The dust had penetrated to all corners of the room.
- The light could not penetrate through the thick curtains.
- The news slowly penetrated his consciousness.
- The sunlight barely penetrated the inner room.
- These so-called secret societies were easily penetrated by intelligence agents.
- caves penetrating deep into the hills
- His books are written in a style that is difficult to penetrate.
- Science can penetrate many of nature's mysteries.

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[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of penetrare]

1. **GO THROUGH** [intransitive and transitive] to enter something and pass or spread through it, especially when this is difficult ⇨

pierce:

- " bullets that penetrate thick armour plating
- " Sunlight barely penetrated the dirty windows.

penetrate into

- " Explorers penetrated deep into unknown regions.

2. **BUSINESS** [transitive] to start to sell things to an area or country, or to have an influence there:

- " Few U.S. companies have successfully penetrated the Japanese electronics market.

3. **ORGANIZATION** [transitive] to succeed in becoming accepted into a group or an organization, sometimes in order to find out their secrets:

- " KGB agents had penetrated most of their intelligence services.

4. **UNDERSTAND** *formal*

a) [transitive] to succeed in understanding something:

- " Science has penetrated the mysteries of nature.

b) [intransitive and transitive] to be understood, with difficulty:

- " What could I say that would penetrate his thick skull?

5. **SEX** [transitive] if a man penetrates someone, he puts his ↑**penis** into a woman's ↑**vagina** or into someone's ↑**anus** when having sex

6. **SEE THROUGH** [transitive] to see into or through something when this is difficult:

- " My eyes couldn't penetrate the gloom.

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