

torture**1. [ˈtɔ:tʃə] n****1. пытка**

refined torture - изощрённая пытка

torture chamber - камера пыток

instrument of torture - орудие пытки

the tortures of ancient times - пытки, применявшиеся в старину

to put /to subject/ smb. to (the) torture - подвергать кого-л. пытке

to die from tortures - умереть от пыток

2. муки, агония

the tortures of the damned - адские муки

to suffer tortures from a toothache - мучиться зубной болью

3. причина, источник муки

the sight was a torture to him - это зрелище доставляло ему невыносимые муки

the day was one long torture for him - этот день был для него затянувшейся пыткой

4. испытание, переплёт, переделка

the torture of a boat by the pounding waves - ≅ лодка стала игрушкой волн; волны изрядно потрепали лодку

5. редк. сильное искажение, извращение (смысла и т. п.)**2. [ˈtɔ:tʃə] v****1. пытать**

to torture animals - мучить /истязать/ животных

to torture a prisoner until he makes a confession - пытать узника до тех пор, пока он не признается

2. мучить, терзать

tortured by gout [by doubts, by anxiety] - мучимый подагрой [сомнениями, тревогой]

don't torture me by keeping me in suspense - не мучьте меня неизвестностью

it tortured him to think about it - думать об этом было для него мукой

3. искажать; извращать (смысл и т. п.)

to torture words (to make them fit one's argument) - искажать смысл слов (для подтверждения сказанного)

you torture my idea - вы искажаете /извращаете/ мою мысль

4. закручивать, скручивать

a room full of tortured mahogany - комната, заставленная мебелью из красного дерева с гнутыми ножками

5. редк. получать (сведения и т. п.) при помощи пыток; выпытывать**torture**

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torture [torture tortures tortured torturing] noun, verb BrE [ˈtɔːtʃə] NAmE

[ˈtɔːrtʃə]

noun uncountable, countable

1. the act of causing sb severe pain in order to punish them or make them say or do sth

• Many of the refugees have suffered torture.

• the use of torture

• terrible instruments of torture

• His confessions were made **under torture**.

• I heard stories of gruesome tortures in prisons.

2. (informal) mental or physical suffering; sth that causes this

• The interview was sheer torture from start to finish.

Word Origin:late Middle English (in the sense 'distortion, twisting', or a physical disorder characterized by this): via French from late Latin *tortura*'twisting, torment', from Latin *torquere* 'to twist'.Derived Word †torturer

verb often passive

1. to hurt sb physically or mentally in order to punish them or make them tell you sth• ~ **sb** Many of the rebels were captured and tortured by secret police.• ~ **sb into doing sth** He was tortured into giving them the information.**2. ~ sb to make sb feel extremely unhappy or anxious****Syn:** †torment

• He spent his life tortured by the memories of his childhood.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	torture
	BrE / 'b: tʃə(r) /
	NAme / 'b: rʃə(r) /
he / she / it	tortures
	BrE / 'b: tʃəz /
	NAme / 'b: rʃəz /
past simple, past participle	tortured
	BrE / 'b: tʃəd /
	NAme / 'b: rʃəd /
-ing form	torturing
	BrE / 'b: tʃə(r)ɪŋ /
	NAme / 'b: rʃə(r)ɪŋ /

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Example Bank:

- The prisoners were routinely tortured.

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I. **torture**¹ /'bɔ:tʃə(r) BrE¹ AmE¹ noun [uncountable and countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: Late Latin *tortura*, from Latin *tortus* 'twisted'; from *torquere*; ⇒ ↑torque]

- an act of deliberately hurting someone in order to force them to tell you something, to punish them, or to be cruel:
 - He died after five days of excruciating torture.
- severe physical or mental suffering:
 - The waiting must be torture for you.

II. **torture**² BrE² AmE² verb [transitive]

- to deliberately hurt someone in order to force them to give you information, to punish them, or to be cruel:
 - Political opponents of the regime may be tortured.
- if a feeling or knowledge tortures you, it makes you suffer a lot mentally **SYN torment**:
 - Rachel sat alone for hours at home, tortured by jealousy.

—**torturer** noun [countable]

torture

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