

thorn1. [θɔ:n] *n*

1. *бот.* колючка, шип
2. колючее растение
3. *pl* оковы; тернии
4. торн (*старое название рунической буквы, соответствующей th; мж.* thorn letter)
 - ◇ a thorn in one's side /in one's flesh/ - источник постоянного раздражения *или* неприятностей ≅ бельмо на глазу
 - to be /to sit, to stand, to walk/ on thorns - находиться в мучительном состоянии, терзаться /мучиться/ неизвестностью; сидеть как на иголках
 - there's no rose without a thorn - *посл.* нет розы без шипов; не бывает радостей без огорчений

2. [θɔ:n] *v*

раздражать, досаждать

I have been thorned with these perplexities - от всех этих сложностей /трудностей/ я чувствовал себя очень неуютно

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thorn [thorn thorns] *BrE* [θɔːr̩n̩] *NAmE* [θɔːr̩n̩] *noun*

1. a small sharp pointed part on the ↑stem of some plants, such as ↑roses
2. a tree or bush that has **thorns**
see also ↑blackthorn, ↑hawthorn
3. (*phonetics*) the letter that was used in Old English and Icelandic to represent the sounds /[θ] / and /[ð] / and later written as th
Idiom: ↑thorn in somebody's side

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[Language: Old English]

1. [**countable**] a sharp point that grows on the stem of a plant such as a rose
2. [**uncountable and countable**] a bush or tree that has thorns:
a long, low hedge of thorns
3. a **thorn in sb's side** someone or something that annoys you or causes problems for a long period of time:
He's been a thorn in the side of the party leadership for years.

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