

pester

[ˈpestə] *v*

1. докучать, надоедать
 we were pestered with flies - нас изводили мухи
 to pester smb. with questions - мучить кого-л. вопросами
 to pester smb. with requests - надоедать кому-л. просьбами
 he is always pestering me for smth. - он всегда пристаёт ко мне с чем-л.
 he pestered me to death - он совершенно замучил меня
 to pester the life out of smb. - *разг.* извести, замучить кого-л. (*просьбами*)
2. наводнять, заполонять
 the island is pestered with adders - остров кишит гадюками

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pes-ter [pester pesters pestered pestering] *BrE* [ˈpestə(r)] [■] *NAmE* [ˈpester] [■]

verb transitive, intransitive

to annoy sb, especially by asking them sth many times

Syn: ↑badger

- ~ **sb for sth** Journalists pestered neighbours for information.
- ~ **sb with sth** He has been pestering her with phone calls for over a week.
- ~ **sb/sth** The horses were continually pestered by flies.
- ~ **(sb to do sth)** The kids kept pestering me to read to them.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	pester
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈpestə(r) /
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈpester /
he / she /it	pesters
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈpestəz /
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈpesterz /
past simple, past participle	pestered
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈpestəd /
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈpestəd /
-ing form	pestering
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈpesterɪŋ /
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈpesterɪŋ /

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (in the senses ‘overcrowd (a place)’ and ‘impede (a person)’): from French *empestrer* ‘**encumber**’, influenced by ↑*pest*. The current sense is an extension of an earlier use, ‘infest’, referring to vermin.

Example Bank:

- They kept pestering him for his autograph.
- He has been pestering her with phone calls for a week.
- I knew he would keep pestering until he got an answer.
- She would pester him until she got exactly what she wanted.
- Stop pestering!
- The kids kept pestering me to buy them ice creams.

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pes-ter /ˈpestə \$ -ə/ *BrE* [■] *AmE* [■] *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** *empestrer* ‘to prevent from moving properly’, from Vulgar Latin *pastoria* ‘something that ties animals’ legs together’, influenced by *pest*]

to annoy someone, especially by asking them many times to do something ⇒ **harass:**

She’d been pestered by reporters for days.

pester somebody for something

I can’t even walk down the street without being continually pestered for money.

pester somebody to do something

The kids have been pestering me to buy them new trainers.

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THESAURUS

to ask for something

- **ask for** to tell someone you want them to give you something: I’m going to ask for a pay rise.
- **order** to ask for food or drink in a restaurant: We ordered some more coffee. | Have you ordered yet?
- **demand** to ask for something in a firm way, insisting that someone gives you what you ask for: They’re demanding immediate payment. | If the goods are faulty, you can demand a refund.
- **request formal** to ask for something: The pilot requested permission to land. | I enclose the information you requested.
- **beg/plead** to ask for something in an urgent way, because you want it very much and will be very unhappy if you do not get it: He begged me for some money. | I’m not going to plead for forgiveness.
- **nag/pester** to keep asking someone for something, in an annoying way: She keeps nagging me for a new phone. | People were pestering him for his autograph.

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