

**provoke**

[prə'vʌʊk] *v*

- вызывать, возбуждать**  
to provoke laughter [anger, indignation, doubt] - вызывать смех [гнев, негодование, сомнение]  
to provoke mirth - возбуждать веселье
- провоцировать**  
to provoke a riot - спровоцировать мятеж /бунт/  
to provoke a party - вызвать защиту обманом (*фехтование*)  
he did his best to provoke an argument - он всеми силами старался спровоцировать спор
- сердить, раздражать**  
to provoke smb. to fury - довести кого-л. до бешенства, привести кого-л. в бешенство  
to be provoked beyond endurance - быть раздражённым до крайности  
enough to provoke a saint - достаточно, чтобы вывести из себя святого  
don't provoke a dog - не дразните собаку
- побуждать**  
he was at last provoked to read some poetry - наконец его заставили прочитать несколько стихотворений
- уст. вызывать в суд**

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**pro-voke** [**provoke provokes provoked provoking**] *BrE* [prə'vʌʊk] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE*

[prə'vʌʊk] <sup>u</sup> **verb**

- ~ sth to cause a particular reaction or have a particular effect**
  - The announcement provoked a storm of protest.
  - The article was intended to provoke discussion.
  - Dairy products may provoke allergic reactions in some people.
- ~ sb (into sth/into doing sth) | ~ sb to do sth to say or do sth that you know will annoy sb so that they react in an angry way**

**Syn:** ↑goad

- The lawyer claimed his client was provoked into acts of violence by the defendant
- Be careful what you say— he's easily provoked

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	provoke
	BrE /prə'vʌʊk/
	NAmE /prə'vɔʊk/
he / she / it	provokes
	BrE /prə'vʌʊks/
	NAmE /prə'vɔʊks/
past simple, past participle	provoked
	BrE /prə'vʌʊkt/
	NAmE /prə'vɔʊkt/
-ing form	provoking
	BrE /prə'vʌʊkɪŋ/
	NAmE /prə'vɔʊkɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

late Middle English (also in the sense 'invoke, summon'): from Old French *provoquer*, from Latin *provocare* 'challenge', from *pro-* 'forth' + *vocare* 'to call'.

**Thesaurus:**

**provoke** *verb* T

- Her laughter provoked him to fury.
- sting • prod • especially written goad •**
- provoke/sting/prod/goad sb **into (doing) sth**
- provoke/sting/prod/goad sb **to do sth**
- provoke/prod/goad sb **into action**

**Example Bank:**

- She had been trying to provoke her sister into an argument.
- The report is likely to provoke discussion of this issue.
- The suggestion inevitably provoked outrage from student leaders.
- Their laughter provoked him to anger.
- Be careful what you say— he's easily provoked
- She laughed aloud, which provoked him to fury.
- Such a decision may provoke a backlash from their supporters.
- The company was provoked into issuing a denial.
- The decision to close the factory has provoked fury.
- The lawyer claimed that his client was provoked into acts of violence by the defendant
- The minister does not wish to provoke further demonstrations.
- The prison guards deliberately provoke the political prisoners.
- What had she done to provoke his wrath?

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: provoquer, from Latin provocare, from vocare 'to call']

**1. to cause a reaction or feeling, especially a sudden one ⇒ provocation****provoke a protest/an outcry/criticism etc**

" The proposal provoked widespread criticism.

" The decision to invade provoked storms of protest.

**provoke debate/discussion**

" The novel has provoked fierce debate in the US.

**provoke somebody into (doing) something**

" She hopes her editorial will provoke readers into thinking seriously about the issue.

**provoke somebody to do something**

" Emma, though still at school, was provoked to help too.

**2. to make someone angry, especially deliberately:**

" The dog would not have attacked if it hadn't been provoked.

**provoke somebody into (doing) something**

" Paul tried to provoke Fletch into a fight.

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**COLLOCATIONS**■ **nouns**▪ **provoke a reaction/response** The report provoked a furious reaction from staff.▪ **provoke debate/discussion/controversy** A new book criticising Hollywood has provoked fierce debate in the US.▪ **provoke criticism** The introduction of the tax provoked widespread criticism.▪ **provoke protest(s)/an outcry** Not surprisingly, the new rules have provoked protests from gun owners. | The crackdown provoked an international outcry.▪ **provoke anger/outrage** His detention has provoked the anger of his supporters.▪ **provoke opposition** The government's proposals provoked widespread backbench opposition.▪ **provoke hostility** Aggressive behaviour provokes hostility.▪ **provoke violence** It was a small incident but it provoked weeks of violence.▪ **provoke interest** Their campaign provoked great interest.▪ **provoke laughter** Sara's remark provoked faint laughter.**provoke**

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