

menace

1. ['menɪs] n

угроза; опасность

- a menace to world peace - угроза миру во всём мире, угроза всеобщему миру
- a menace to our safety - угроза нашей безопасности
- a menace of war - угроза /опасности/ войны
- to speak with menace in one's voice - говорить угрожающим тоном

2. ['menɪs] v

угрожать, грозить

- to menace war - угрожать (грозить) войной
- her life was menaced - её жизни угрожала опасность, её жизнь находилась под угрозой
- a nation menaced by war - страна, которой угрожают войной
- they menaced him with guns - они угрожали ему оружием

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men·ace [menace menaces menaced menacing] noun, verb BrE ['menəs] *
 NAmE ['menəs] *

noun

1. countable, usually singular ~ (to sb/sth) a person or thing that causes, or may cause, serious damage, harm or danger

Syn: ↑threat

- a new initiative aimed at beating the menace of illegal drugs
- The communists remain a potential menace to the stability of the government

2. uncountable an atmosphere that makes you feel threatened or frightened

- a sense/an air/a hint of menace in his voice

3. countable, usually singular (informal) a person or thing that is annoying or causes trouble

Syn: ↑nuisance

4. menaces plural (law) (BrE) threats that sb will cause harm if they do not get what they are asking for

- to demand money with menaces

Word Origin:

Middle English: via Old French from late Latin *minacia*, from Latin *minax*, *minac-* 'threatening', from *minae* 'threats'.

Example Bank:

- He's a menace to society.
- If paroled he will become a menace to society.
- Local traders are struggling to combat the menace of armed robbery.
- The scar down his face added to his air of menace.
- They have become a public menace.
- a new and alien menace to our agriculture
- eyes glittering with menace
- the growing menace of drugs
- the menace posed by car fumes
- The government's new initiative is aimed at beating the menace of illegal drugs.
- The protesters remain a potential menace to the stability of the government

verb ~ sth/sb (formal)

to be a possible danger to sth/sb

Syn: ↑threaten

- The forests are being menaced by major development projects.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	menace
	BrE / 'menəs/
	NAmE / 'menəs/
he / she / it	menaces
	BrE / 'menəsɪz/
	NAmE / 'menəsɪz/
past simple, past participle	menaced
	BrE / 'menəsɪd/
	NAmE / 'menəsɪd/
-ing form	menacing
	BrE / 'menəsɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'menəsɪŋ/

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- Millions menaced by floods.

menaceI. **menace**¹ /'menəs, 'menɪs/ *BrE*[Ⓜ] *AmE*[Ⓜ] *noun*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: Latin minacia, from minari 'to threaten']

1. **[countable]** something or someone that is dangerous **SYN** threat**menace of**

It's the only way to deal with the menace of drug dealing.

menace toThat man's a menace to society. He should be locked away.the growing menace of oil pollution at sea2. **[uncountable]** a threatening quality, feeling, or way of behaving:

There was menace in his voice.

air/sense of menace

There was a sense of menace as the sky grew darker.

3. **[countable]** a person, especially a child, who is annoying or causes trouble **SYN** nuisance:

My little brother's a real menace.

4. **with menaces** *British English law* if someone asks another person for something with menaces, they use threats of violence to get what they want:He was charged with demanding money with menaces.II. **menace**² *BrE*[Ⓜ] *AmE*[Ⓜ] *verb* [transitive]**formal** to threaten:

The elephants are still menaced by poachers.

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