

consume

[kən'sju:m] v

1. истреблять, уничтожать
the fire consumed the whole building - пожар уничтожил всё здание
2. потреблять, расходовать
to consume fuel - расходовать горючее
3. съедать, поедать, поглощать
he consumed everything that was put before him - он съел /уничтожил/ всё, что было подано
4. тратить, расточать
to consume one's fortune - промотать состояние
to consume one's energies - тратить энергию
arguing about details consumed many hours of valuable time - споры о мелочах съели много драгоценного времени
5. *преим. pass (with) съеда́ть*
to be consumed - быть съедаемым, быть охваченным
he is consumed with hatred - он охвачен ненавистью
he is consumed with grief - он удручен горем
he is consumed with envy [with jealousy] - его терзает/гложет/ зависть [ревность]
he is consumed with curiosity - он умирает от любопытства
to be consumed with desire - гореть желанием; пылать страстью
6. чахнуть
to consume away with grief - чахнуть от горя

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con·sume **AW** [consume consumes consumed consuming] **BrE** [kən'sju:m]

NAme [kən'su:m] verb (formal)

1. ~ **sth** to use sth, especially fuel, energy or time
 - The electricity industry consumes large amounts of fossil fuels.
 - 25 per cent of the world's population consumes 80 per cent of the planet's resources.
2. ~ **sth** to eat or drink sth
 - Before he died he had consumed a large quantity of alcohol.
 - a half-consumed loaf of bread
3. ~ **sb (with sth)** usually passive to fill sb with a strong feeling
 - Carolyn was consumed with guilt.
 - Rage consumed him.
4. ~ **sth (of fire)** to completely destroy sth
 - The hotel was quickly consumed by fire.

see also ↑all-consuming, ↑consuming, ↑consumption, ↑time-consuming

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	consume
	BrE /kən 'sju:m/
	NAme /kən 'su:m/
he / she / it	consumes
	BrE /kən 'sju:mz/
	NAme /kən 'su:mz/
past simple, past participle	consumed
	BrE /kən 'sju:md/
	NAme /kən 'su:md/
-ing form	consuming
	BrE /kən 'sju:mɪŋ/
	NAme /kən 'su:mɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin **consumere**, from **con-** 'altogether' + **sumere** 'take up'; reinforced by French **consumer**.

Example Bank:

- Bureaucracy consumes money that could have been spent on public services.
- My new car consumes much less fuel.
- Paperwork consumes time which could be better used getting on with the job itself.
- Red meat should be consumed in moderation.
- The production of new paper from wood pulp consumes vast amounts of energy.

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[**Word Family:** noun: ↑consumption, ↑consumer; verb: ↑consume]

[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** consumer, from Latin **consumere**, from **com-** (⇒ **COM-**) + **sumere** 'to take up, take']

1. to use time, energy, goods etc ⇒ **consumption:**
 - Only 27% of the paper we consume is recycled.
 - A smaller vehicle will consume less fuel.

2. **formal** to eat or drink something ⇒ **consumer, consumption**:

" Alcohol may not be consumed on the premises.

3. **literary** if a feeling or idea consumes you, it affects you very strongly, so that you cannot think about anything else:

" She was scared by the depression which threatened to consume her.

be consumed with something

" He was consumed with guilt after the accident.

4. **formal** if fire consumes something, it destroys it completely

⇒ ↑**time-consuming**

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THESAURUS

- **eat** to put food in your mouth and chew and swallow it: Experts recommend eating plenty of fruit and vegetables.
- **have** to eat a particular food: 'What do you usually have for breakfast?' 'I usually just have coffee and toast.' | We had the set meal.
- **feed on something** to eat a particular kind of food – used when talking about animals: Foxes feed on a wide range of foods including mice, birds, insects, and fruit.
- **consume** *written* to eat or drink something – used especially in scientific or technical contexts: Babies consume large amounts relative to their body weight.
- **munch (on) something** to eat something with big continuous movements of your mouth, especially when you are enjoying your food: He was munching on an apple. | They were sitting on a bench munching their sandwiches.
- **nibble (on) something** to eat something by biting off very small pieces: If you want a healthy snack, why not just nibble on a carrot?
- **pick at something** to eat only a small amount of your food because you are not hungry or do not like the food: Lisa was so upset that she could only pick at her food.
- **stuffgorge yourself** to eat so much food that you cannot eat anything else: He's always stuffing himself with cakes. | We gorged ourselves on my mother's delicious apple tart.
- **slurp** to eat soup, ↑**noodles** etc with a noisy sucking sound: In England it's considered rude to slurp your soup, but in some countries it's seen as a sign of enjoyment.

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