

**inflict** [ɪnˈflɪkt] *v* (он, upon)

1. 1) наносить (удар, рану и т. п.)  
to inflict damage on smb. - причинять ущерб кому-л.
- 2) причинять (боль, страдание и т. п.)  
to inflict shame on smb. - навлечь позор на кого-л., опозорить кого-л.
2. налагать (наказание и т. п.)  
the judge inflicted the death penalty on the criminal - судья приговорил преступника к смертной казни
3. навязывать  
to inflict one's views on /upon/ smb. - навязывать кому-л. свои взгляды  
to inflict oneself /one's company/ on /upon/ smb. - навязываться кому-л., навязывать своё общество кому-л.

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- to make sb/sth suffer sth unpleasant
- ~ **sth on/upon sb/sth** They inflicted a humiliating defeat on the home team.
  - Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy.
  - (humorous) Do you have to inflict that music on us?
  - ~ **sth** They surveyed the damage inflicted by the storm.
  - The rodent's sharp teeth can inflict a nasty bite.

Derived Word ↑ **infliction**  
Derived ↑ **inflict yourself on somebody**

Verb forms:

present simple	
I / you / we /they	inflict
	BrE /ɪnˈflɪkt/
	NAme /ɪnˈflɪkt/
he / she /it	inflicts
	BrE /ɪnˈflɪkts/
	NAme /ɪnˈflɪkts/
past simple, past participle	
	inflicted
	BrE /ɪnˈflɪktɪd/
	NAme /ɪnˈflɪktɪd/
-ing form	
	inflicting
	BrE /ɪnˈflɪkɪŋ/
	NAme /ɪnˈflɪkɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**  
mid 16th cent. (in the sense 'afflict, trouble'): from Latin **in**fl- **'struck against'**, from the verb **in**fligere, from **in-** 'into' + **fligere** 'to strike'.

- Example Bank:**
- They inflicted a humiliating defeat on their rivals.
  - When someone deliberately inflicts damage, it is a matter for the police.

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- [Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of infligere, from fligere 'to hit']
1. [transitive] to make someone suffer something unpleasant  
**inflict something on/upon somebody**  
The strikes inflicted serious damage on the economy.  
Detectives warned that the men could inflict serious injury.
  2. **inflict yourself/somebody on somebody** to visit or be with someone when they do not want you – used humorously:  
Was it really fair to her friends to inflict her nephew on them?
- infliction** /ɪnˈflɪkʃən/ *noun* [uncountable]:  
the deliberate infliction of pain

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