

persecute

['pɜːsɪkjʊ:t] v

1. преследовать, подвергать гонениям

the church persecutes opinion - церковь преследует свободу мысли

to persecute progressive leaders - преследовать руководителей прогрессивных организаций

2. докучать, надоедать

to persecute with requests - надоедать просьбами

he persecuted us with questions - он докучал нам вопросами

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per-se-cute [persecute persecutes persecuted persecuting] BrE ['pɜːsɪkjʊ:t]

NAme ['pɜːrsɪkjʊ:t] verb often passive

1. ~ sb (for sth) to treat sb in a cruel and unfair way, especially because of their race, religion or political beliefs

• Throughout history, people have been persecuted for their religious beliefs.

• persecuted minorities

2. ~ sb to deliberately annoy sb all the time and make their life unpleasant

Syn: ↑harass

• Why are the media persecuting him like this?

Derived Word ↑persecution**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	persecute
	BrE / 'pɜːsɪkjʊ:t/
	NAme / 'psɜːrɪkjʊ:t/
he / she / it	persecutes
	BrE / 'pɜːsɪkjʊ:ts/
	NAme / 'psɜːrɪkjʊ:ts/
past simple, past participle	persecuted
	BrE / 'pɜːsɪkjʊ:tɪd/
	NAme / 'psɜːrɪkjʊ:tɪd/
-ing form	persecuting
	BrE / 'pɜːsɪkjʊ:tɪŋ/
	NAme / 'psɜːrɪkjʊ:tɪŋ/

Word Origin:late Middle English: from Old French **persecuter**, from Latin **persecut-** 'followed with hostility', from the verb **persequi**, from **per-** 'through, utterly' + **sequi** 'follow, pursue'.**Collocations:****Race and immigration***Prejudice and racism*

experience / encounter racism/discrimination/prejudice/anti-semitism

face/suffer persecution/discrimination

fear/escape from/flee racial/political/religious persecution

constitute/be a form of racial/race discrimination

reflect/reveal/show/have a racial/cultural bias

be biased/be prejudiced against (*especially BrE*) black people/(*both especially NAmE*) people of color/African Americans/Asians/Africans/Indians, etc.

discriminate against minority groups/minorities

perpetuate / conform to/fit/defy a common/popular/traditional/negative stereotype

overcome/be blinded by deep-seated/racial/(*especially NAmE*) race prejudice

entrench/perpetuate racist attitudes

hurl/shout (*especially BrE*) racist abuse; (*especially NAmE*) a racist/racial/ethnic slur

challenge / confront racism/discrimination/prejudice

combat/fight (against)/tackle blatant/overt/covert/subtle/institutional/systemic racism

*Race and society*damage / improve (*especially BrE*) race relationspractise/ (*especially US*) practice (racial/religious) tolerance/segregation

bridge/break down/transcend cultural/racial barriers

encourage / promote social integration

outlaw/end discrimination/slavery/segregation

promote/embrace / celebrate cultural diversity

conform to/challenge / violate (accepted/established/prevaling/dominant) social/cultural norms

live in a multicultural society

attack/criticize multiculturalism

fight for/struggle for/promote racial equality

perpetuate / reinforce economic and social inequality

introduce/be for/be against (*BrE*) positive discrimination/(*especially NAmE*) affirmative action

support/be active in/play a leading role in the civil rights movement

Immigration

control/restrict/limit/encourage immigration
 attract/draw a wave of immigrants
 assist/welcome refugees
 house/shelter refugees and asylum seekers
 smuggle illegal immigrants into the UK
 deport/repatriate illegal immigrants/failed asylum seekers
 assimilate/integrate new immigrants
 employ/hire migrant workers
 exploit/rely on (cheap/illegal) immigrant labour/(especially US) labor
 apply for/gain/obtain/be granted/be denied (full) citizenship
 have/hold dual citizenship

Example Bank:

- We have to stand up for persecuted minorities.

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persecute /'pɜːsəkjuːt/ *BrE* *AmE* verb [transitive]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: French; Origin: persécuter, from Latin persecutus, past participle of persequi 'to pursue, follow']

1. to treat someone cruelly or unfairly over a period of time, especially because of their religious or political beliefs:

" The Puritans left England to escape being persecuted.

2. to deliberately cause difficulties for someone by annoying them often **SYN harass**:

" Like many celebrities, she complained of being persecuted by the press.

—persecutor *noun* [countable]

—persecution /,pɜːsəkjuːʃən/ *noun* [uncountable and countable]:

" the persecution of writers who criticize the government

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