

blight

1. [blaɪt] *n*

1. болезнь растений, характеризующаяся завяданием, прекращением роста, опаданием листьев без гниения
2. 1) насекомые-паразиты на растениях
2) что-л. уничтожающее растения *или* приносящее им вред
3. то, что портит удовольствие, разрушает планы
this was a blight upon his youth - это отравило всю его юность
his illness was a blight to his hopes - болезнь разрушила все его надежды
4. упадок, гибель; деградация
urban blight - упадок городов

2. [blaɪt] *v*

1. приносить вред (*растениям*)
2. разрушать (*надежды*); отравлять (*удовольствие и т. п.*)
3. разрушаться; портиться

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blight [blight blights blighted blighting] **verb, noun** BrE [blaɪt] [ⓘ] NAmE [blaɪt]

verb ~ sth

to spoil or damage sth, especially by causing a lot of problems

- His career has been blighted by injuries.
- an area blighted by unemployment

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	blight
	BrE /blaɪt/
	NAmE /blaɪt/
he / she / it	blights
	BrE /blaɪts/
	NAmE /blaɪts/
past simple, past participle	blighted
	BrE /blaɪtɪd/
	NAmE /blaɪtɪd/
-ing form	blighting
	BrE /blaɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE /blaɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (denoting inflammation of the skin): of unknown origin.

noun

1. **uncountable, countable** any disease that kills plants, especially crops
 - potato blight
 - Many areas have been devastated by blights which destroyed cereal crops and vines.
2. **singular, uncountable ~ (on sb/sth)** something that has a bad effect on a situation, a person's life or the environment
 - His death **cast a blight on** the whole of that year.
 - **urban blight** (= areas in a city that are ugly or not cared for well)
 - Her divorce was a great blight on her life.

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I. **blight**¹ /blaɪt/ BrE [ⓘ] AmE [ⓘ] **noun**

1. **[singular, uncountable]** an unhealthy condition of plants in which parts of them dry up and die
2. **[singular]** something that makes people unhappy or that spoils their lives or the environment they live in

blight on

- Her guilty secret was a blight on her happiness.
- the blight of poverty

II. **blight**² BrE [ⓘ] AmE [ⓘ] **verb [transitive]**

to spoil or damage something, especially by preventing people from doing what they want to do:

- a disease which, though not fatal, can blight the lives of its victims
- a country blighted by poverty

—blight[ⓘ] **ed** **adjective:**

- blighted hopes

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