

wreak

1. [ri:k] *n* *арх.*

месть, возмездие

2. [ri:k] *v*

1. изливать (*гнев*); давать выход, волю (*особ. злобному чувству*)

to wreak vengeance [punishment] on /upon/ smb. - навлекать на кого-л. месть [наказание]

2. *арх.* мстить (*за кого-л.*)

3. причинять ущерб

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

wreak [wreak wreaks wreaked wreaking] *BrE* [riːk] *NAmE* [riːk] *verb* ~

sth (on sb) (*formal*)

to do great damage or harm to sb/sth

• Their policies would **wreak havoc** on the economy.

• He swore to **wreak vengeance** on those who had betrayed him.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	wreak
	BrE /ri:k/
	NAmE /ri:k/
he / she / it	wreaks
	BrE /ri:ks/
	NAmE /ri:ks/
past simple, past participle	wreaked
	BrE /ri:kt/
	NAmE /ri:kt/
-ing form	wreaking
	BrE /ri:kɪŋ/
	NAmE /ri:kɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English wrecan 'drive (out), avenge', of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *wreken* and German *rächen*; compare with *↑wreck*, and *↑wretch*.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

wreak /riːk *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

[*Language:* Old English; *Origin:* wrecan 'to drive out, punish']

1. **wreak havoc/mayhem/destruction (on something)** to cause a lot of damage or problems:

These policies have wreaked havoc on the British economy.

2. **wreak revenge/vengeance (on somebody)** *formal* to do something unpleasant to someone to punish them for something they have done to you:

He promised to wreak vengeance on those who had betrayed him.

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