

**inferno**[ɪnˈfɜːnəv] *n* (*pl* -os [-ɪnˈfɜːnəvz]) *um*.

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**inferno**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**inferno** [inferno infernos] *BrE* [ɪnˈfɜːnə] *AmE* [ɪnˈfɜːrno] *noun usually**singular* (*pl. infernos*)

a very large dangerous fire that is out of control

- a **blazing/raging inferno**

Word Origin:

mid 19th cent.: from Italian, from Christian Latin **infernus** 'below, underground', used by Christians to mean 'hell', on the pattern of **inferni** (masculine plural) 'the shades' and **inferna** (neuter plural) 'the lower regions'.

Example Bank:

- The flames quickly turned the house into a raging inferno.
- Three men managed to escape from the inferno.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[Date: 1800-1900; Language: Italian; Origin: 'hell', from Late Latin infernus; ⇒ †infernal]

1. an extremely large and dangerous fire – used especially in news reports

**raging/blazing inferno**

Within minutes, the house had become a raging inferno.

2. *literary* when someone has very strong feelings that are difficult to control:

She was desperately trying to calm the inferno raging within her.

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**THESAURUS**

- **fire** flames that burn in an uncontrolled way and destroy or damage things: In April, a fire at the school destroyed the science block. | a forest fire
- **flames** the bright parts of a fire that you see burning in the air: The flames from the burning building were lighting up the night sky.
- **blaze** *written* a large and dangerous fire – used especially in news reports: Firemen fought to keep the blaze under control.
- **inferno** *written* an extremely large and dangerous fire which is out of control – used especially in news reports: The entire building was on fire and hundreds of people were trapped in the inferno.
- **conflagration** /ˌkɒnfləˈɡreɪʃən \$ ˌkɑːn- *formal* a very large fire that destroys a lot of buildings, trees etc: The conflagration spread rapidly through the old town.

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