

inflate [ɪnˈfleɪt] *v*

1. 1) надувать, наполнять воздухом, газом; накачивать
to inflate a balloon - надуть шар
inflated with pride - надутый от важности
- 2) надуваться, вздуться
2. 1) взвинчивать, вздуть цены
- 2) завышать
- 3) вызывать инфляцию

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in·flate [ɪnˈfleɪt **inflates inflated inflating**] *BrE* [ɪnˈfleɪt] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [ɪnˈfleɪt] [ⓘ] **verb**

1. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to fill sth or become filled with gas or air
 - Inflate your life jacket by pulling sharply on the cord.
 - The balloons had been inflated with helium.
 - When attacked, the fish inflates itself to twice its size.
 - The life jacket failed to inflate.
2. **transitive ~ sth** to make sth appear to be more important or impressive than it really is
 - The media have grossly inflated the significance of this meeting.
3. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to increase the price of sth; to increase in price
 - The principal effect of the demand for new houses was to inflate prices.
 - The profit margin had been artificially inflated.
 - Food prices are no longer inflating at the same rate as last year.

compare ↑deflate, ↑reflate

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	inflate
	BrE /ɪn ˈfleɪt/
	NAmE /ɪn ˈfleɪt/
he / she /it	inflates
	BrE /ɪn ˈfleɪts/
	NAmE /ɪn ˈfleɪts/
past simple, past participle	inflated
	BrE /ɪn ˈfleɪtɪd/
	NAmE /ɪn ˈfleɪtɪd/
-ing form	inflating
	BrE /ɪn ˈfleɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE /ɪn ˈfleɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin **inflat-** ‘blown into’, from the verb **inflare**, from **in-** ‘into’ + **flare** ‘to blow’.

Example Bank:

- House prices are no longer inflating at the same rate as last year.
- The dinghy was in the water, fully inflated.

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[**Word Family:** **adjective:** ↑inflatable, ↑inflated, ↑inflationary, ↑deflationary, ↑reflationary; **noun:** ↑inflation, ↑inflatable, ↑deflation, ↑reflation; **verb:** ↑inflate, ↑deflate, ↑reflate]

[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** past participle of inflare, from flare ‘to blow’]



1. [**intransitive and transitive**] to fill something with air or gas so it becomes larger, or to become filled with air or gas:
 - It took us half an hour to inflate the dinghy.
 - Her life jacket failed to inflate.
 2. [**transitive**] to make something seem more important or impressive than it really is:
 - The success further inflated his self-confidence.
- be grossly/vastly/hugely inflated**
- The numbers of people involved have been grossly inflated by the media.

3. [intransitive and transitive] *technical* to increase in price, or to make something increase in price:

" Hotels often inflate prices at particular times of the year.

" Costs were inflating.

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