

plague**1. [pleɪɡ] n****1. чума, моровая язва**

bubonic plague - бубонная чума

pneumonic plague - лёгочная чума

Siberian plague - сибирская язва

to catch the plague - заболеть/заразиться/ чумой

2. бедствие, бич, наказание, проклятье

plague of rats [of mice, of ants] - нашествие крыс [мышей, муравьёв]

3. *разг.* неприятность, досада, беспокойство

mosquitoes are the plague of our life here - комары отравляют нам здесь всю жизнь

the plague of the thing is, nobody could go there but me - вся беда в том, что кроме меня туда некому было пойти

what a plague that child is! - это не ребёнок, а наказание какое-то!

you plague, why don't you find something to do? - мучитель, почему ты не займёшься чем-нибудь?

◇ the ten plagues of Egypt - десять казней египетских

plague on him, plague take him! - чёрт бы его побрал!, чтоб ему пусто было!

what the /a/ plague, how the plague! - какого чёрта!

to avoid smb. like the plague - как чумы /огня/ бояться кого-л.; ≅ обходить кого-л. за версту

2. [pleɪɡ] v**1. *разг.* мучить, досаждать; надоедать, беспокоить**

to plague smb. with questions - докучать кому-л. вопросами

to plague smb.'s life out - отравлять кому-л. жизнь

to be plagued by poor health - не вылезать из болезней

to be plagued to death by smth. - до смерти замучить чем-л.

to plague a person into doing smth. - заставить кого-л. сделать что-л. (не мытьём так катаньем)

she was plagued with the thought - её неотступно преследовала /не оставляла в покое/ мысль

diseases that still plague us - болезни, которые всё ещё преследуют нас

I cannot be plagued with this child any longer - измучил меня этот ребёнок, терпения больше нет

2. *арх.* насыпать бедствие**3. *арх.* зачумлять****plague**

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plague [ˈplæɡ ˈplæɡz ˈplæɡd ˈplæɡɪŋ] **noun, verb** BrE [ˈpleɪɡ] [#] NAmE[ˈpleɪɡ] [#]**noun****1. (also the plague) uncountable = ↑bubonic plague**

• an outbreak of plague

2. countable any infectious disease that kills a lot of people**Syn:** ↑epidemic

• the plague of AIDS

3. countable ~ of sth large numbers of an animal or insect that come into an area and cause great damage• a **plague of locusts/rats, etc.****see** avoid sb/sth like the plague **at** ↑avoidWord Origin:late Middle English: Latin **plaga** 'stroke, wound', probably from Greek (Doric dialect) **plaga**, from a base meaning 'strike'.Example Bank:

- Fleas spread plague from animals to humans.
- Nearly a third of the population died in the Great Plague.
- The city is suffering a plague of rats.
- The region has just suffered a plague of locusts.
- a decline in population following outbreaks of plague

verb**1. ~ sb/sth (with sth)** to cause pain or trouble to sb/sth over a period of time**Syn:** ↑trouble

- to **be plagued by** doubt
- Financial problems are plaguing the company.
- The team has been plagued by injury this season.

2. ~ sb (with sth) to annoy sb or create problems, especially by asking for sth, demanding attention, etc.**Syn:** ↑hound

- Rock stars have to get used to being plagued by autograph hunters.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	plague
	BrE /pleɪg/
	NAme /pleɪg/
he / she / it	plagues
	BrE /pleɪgz/
	NAme /pleɪgz/
past simple, past participle	plagued
	BrE /pleɪgd/
	NAme /pleɪgd/
-ing form	plagu ^{ing}
	BrE /pleɪgɪŋ/
	NAme /pleɪgɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Economic problems continued to plague the country.
- He has been plagued with leg injuries this season.

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I. **plague**¹ /pleɪg/ BrE¹ AmE¹ noun

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: plage, from Latin *plaga* 'hit, wound']

1. [countable] a disease that causes death and spreads quickly to a large number of people:
 - drops in population levels due to plagues and famines
 2. [uncountable] (also **the plague**) a very infectious disease that produces high fever and swollen places on the body, and often leads to death, especially **↑bubonic plague** ⇒ **Black Death**:
 - The plague caused 100,000 deaths in London alone in the 1600s.
 3. **a plague of rats/locusts etc** an uncontrolled and harmful increase in the numbers of a particular animal or insect:
 - A plague of squirrels is threatening our forests.
- ⇒ **avoid somebody/something like the plague** at **↑avoid(2)**

II. **plague**² BrE² AmE² verb [transitive]

1. [usually passive] to cause pain, suffering, or trouble to someone, especially for a long period of time
 - **be plagued by/with something**
 - He was plagued by eye troubles.
 - Financial problems continued to plague the company.
2. to annoy someone, especially by asking for something many times or asking them many questions
 - **plague somebody with something**
 - The kids have been plaguing me with questions.

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