

distort

- [dis'tɔ:t] *v*
- искажать; искривлять; перекашивать
his face was distorted with /by/ pain - его лицо исказилось от боли
 - искажать, извращать, передёргивать
to distort facts - извращать /передёргивать/ факты
to distort the meaning of a text - исказить смысл текста
 - mex.* деформировать; коробить

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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dis·tort **AW** [distort distorts distorted distorting] *BrE* [dɪ'stɔːt] *NAme*

[dɪ'stɔːtɪŋ] *verb*

- ~ **sth** to change the shape, appearance or sound of sth so that it is strange or not clear
 - a fairground mirror that distorts your shape
 - The loudspeaker seemed to distort his voice.
- ~ **sth** to twist or change facts, ideas, etc. so that they are no longer correct or true
 - Newspapers are often guilty of distorting the truth.
 - The article gave a distorted picture of his childhood.

Derived Word ↑distortion

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	distort
	BrE /dɪ'stɔːt/
	NAme /dɪ'stɔːrt/
he / she / it	distorts
	BrE /dɪ'stɔːts/
	NAme /dɪ'stɔːrts/
past simple, past participle	distorted
	BrE /dɪ'stɔːtɪd/
	NAme /dɪ'stɔːrtɪd/
-ing form	distorting
	BrE /dɪ'stɔːtɪŋ/
	NAme /dɪ'stɔːrtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 15th cent. (in the sense 'twist to one side'): from Latin **distort-** 'twisted apart', from the verb **distorquere**, from **dis-** 'apart' + **torquere** 'to twist'.

Thesaurus:

distort *verb* **T**

- Newspapers often distort the truth.

misquote • |**formal falsify** • • **misrepresent** • |**informal fix** • |**BrE, informal fiddle** • |**especially journalism rig** •

distort/falsify/fix/fiddle/rig the **results**

distort/misrepresent the **truth/facts**

fix/rig an election

Example Bank:

- It was like one of those fairground mirrors that distort your shape.

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dis·tort **AC** /dɪ'stɔːt/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

[**Word Family:** **verb** ↑distort; **noun:** ↑distortion; **adjective:** ↑distorted]

[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** distortus, past participle of distorquere 'to twist out of shape']

- [**intransitive and transitive**] to change the appearance, sound, or shape of something so that it is strange or unclear:
Tall buildings can distort radio signals.
- [**transitive**] to report something in a way that is not completely true or correct:
His account was badly distorted by the press.
- [**transitive**] to change a situation from the way it would naturally be:
an expensive subsidy which distorts the market

—**distorted** *adjective:*

- His face was distorted in anger.

—**distortion** /dɪ'stɔːʃən/ *noun* [**uncountable and countable**]:

- a gross distortion of the facts

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THESAURUS

■ **to change something in order to deceive people**

- distort** to explain facts, statements etc in a way that makes them seem different from what they really are: The judge said that she had deliberately tried to distort the facts. | Don't try to distort the truth.
- twist** to dishonestly change the meaning of a piece of information or of something that someone has said, in order to get an advantage for yourself or to support your own opinion: He accused reporters of twisting his words. | In her article she twisted the

meaning of what I said.

▪ **misrepresent** to give people a wrong idea about someone or their opinions, by what you write or say: I hope I have not misrepresented her opinion. | He's taking legal action to stop the film, claiming it grossly misrepresents him.

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RANGE: **4k** **DISTORT**⁷²²⁶

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