

obsess

[əb'ses] *v*

1. **завладевать умом; преследовать, мучить (об идее, страхе и т. п.)**
 the idea that he might lose his position obsessed him - его мучила мысль о том, что он может потерять своё место
 he was obsessed by details - он погряз в мелочах
 she was obsessed by a desire to become a scientist - она была охвачена желанием стать учёным
 suspicion obsessed him - его мучили подозрения
2. **вселяться (о нечистой силе)**
 obsessed by a demon - одержимый дьяволом

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ob·sess [obsess obsesses obsessed obsessing] *BrE* [əb'ses] *NAmE* [əb'ses]

- verb**
1. **transitive, usually passive ~ sb** to completely fill your mind so that you cannot think of anything else, in a way that is not normal
 - He's obsessed by computers.
 - She's completely obsessed with him.
 - The need to produce the most exciting newspaper story obsesses most journalists.
 2. **intransitive ~ (about sth)** to be always talking or worrying about a particular thing, especially when this annoys other people
 - I think you should try to stop obsessing about food.

Verb forms:

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present simple	
I / you / we / they	obsess
	BrE /əb'ses/
	NAmE /əb'ses/
he / she / it	obsesses
	BrE /əb'sesɪz/
	NAmE /əb'sesɪz/
past simple, past participle	obsessed
	BrE /əb'sest/
	NAmE /əb'sest/
-ing form	obsessing
	BrE /əb'sesɪŋ/
	NAmE /əb'sesɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'haunt, possess', referring to an evil spirit): from Latin **obsess-** 'besieged', from the verb **obsidere**, from **ob-** 'opposite' + **sedere** 'sit'. The current sense dates from the late 19th cent.

Example Bank:

- She's completely obsessed with him.

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ob·sess /əb'ses/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of obsidere 'to besiege']

1. **[transitive usually passive]** if something or someone obsesses you, you think or worry about them all the time and you cannot think about anything else – used to show disapproval
be obsessed by/with something/somebody
 A lot of young girls are obsessed by their weight.
 Jody's been obsessed with some lifeguard for months.
2. **be obsessing about/over something/somebody** *informal* to think about something or someone much more than is necessary or sensible:
 Stop obsessing about your hair. It's fine.

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