contaminate

[kən'tæmɪneɪt] *v*

1. 1) загрязнять, заражать

   to contaminate a river with waste - загрязнять реку отбросами /отходами/

   flies contaminate food - мухи заражают пищу

   2) загрязнять, заражать (*радиоактивными веществами*)

2. разлагать, оказывать пагубное влияние

   to be contaminated by foreign ideas - подвергаться пагубному влиянию чуждой идеологии

3. *лингв.* контаминировать

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con·tam·in·ate [contaminate contaminates contaminated contaminating] *BrE*

[kən'tæmɪneɪt]   *NAmE* [kən'tæmɪneɪt]   verb

1. **~ sth (with sth)** to make a substance or place dirty or no longer pure by adding a substance that is dangerous or carries disease

  Syn: ↑adulterate

  • The drinking water has become contaminated with lead.

  • **contaminated blood/food/soil**

  • a river contaminated by pollution

2. **~ sth** (formal) to influence people's ideas or attitudes in a bad way

  • They were accused of contaminating the minds of our young people.

  see also ↑uncontaminated

  see also ↑cross-contamination

  Derived Word ↑contamination

  Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	contaminate
	BrE /kən'tæmɪneɪt/
	NAmE /kən'tæmɪneɪt/
he / she /it	contaminates
	BrE /kən'tæmɪneɪts/
	NAmE /kən'tæmɪneɪts/
past simple, past participle	contaminated
	BrE /kən'tæmɪneɪtɪd/
	NAmE /kən'tæmɪneɪtɪd/
-ing form	contaminating
	BrE /kən'tæmɪneɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE /kən'tæmɪneɪtɪŋ/

  Word Origin:

  late Middle English: from Latin contaminat- **'made impure'**, from the verb contaminare, from contamen **'contact, pollution'**, from con- **'together with'** + the base of tangere **'to touch'**.

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con‧tam‧i‧nate /kən'tæməneɪt, kən'tæmɪneɪt/ *BrE*   *AmE*   verb [transitive]

  [Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of contaminare, from contamen *'contact'*]

1. to make a place or substance dirty or harmful by putting something such as chemicals or poison in it:

    Drinking water supplies are believed to have been contaminated.

2. to influence something in a way that has a bad effect:

    He claims the poster ads have 'contaminated Berlin's streets'.

—contamination /kən,tæmə'neɪʃən, kən,tæmɪ'neɪʃən/ *noun* [uncountable]:

    radioactive contamination

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