

torment**1. [ˈtɔːmənt] n****1. 1) мучение**

to be in torment - мучиться, страдать

to suffer torment from an aching tooth - мучиться от зубной боли

2) муки; пытки

everlasting torment - вечные муки

the torments of jealousy - муки ревности

the torment of Tantalus - танталовымуки

2. источник, причина мучений

the burn was a torment - ожог причинял мучительную боль

the torment of one's life - *шутл.* что-л. постоянно раздражающее /отравляющее жизнь/

the child is a positive torment - этот ребёнок - чистое наказание

2. [tɔː'ment] v**1. 1) мучить, причинять боль, страдания**

to be tormented by toothache [with neuralgia] - страдать от зубной боли [от невралгии]

to be tormented with hunger [thirst] - испытывать муки голода [жажды]

to be tormented with remorse [by suspicions] - мучиться угрызениями совести [подозрениями]

headaches tormented him - его мучили /донимали/ головные боли

it tormented him to think about it - ему было (мучительно) больно думать об этом, думать об этом было для него мукой

2) мучить, издеваться

the bullies tormented smaller boys - хулиганы жестоко издевались над подростками

2. досаждать, раздражать; изводить, дразнить

to torment a person with perpetual questions [with one's complaints, with demands for money] - досаждать кому-л. бесконечными вопросами [жалобами, просьбами о деньгах]

we were tormented by flies - от мух не было спасения

3. редк. пытаться; терзать**4. уст.****1) выводить из состояния равновесия; нарушать; разрушать; возмущать**

the water is tormented as if a hurricane had struck it - море волнуется, как будто над ним прошёл ураган

2) искажать, извращать; допускать передержки, передёргивать

to torment smb.'s argument - искажать чью-л. аргументацию

3) переусложнять**torment**

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tor·ment [**torment torments tormented tormenting**] **noun, verb****noun** *BrE* ['tɔːmənt] ^m; *NAmE* ['tɔːrment] ^m **uncountable, countable** (formal)

extreme suffering, especially mental suffering; a person or thing that causes this

Syn: ↑anguish

- the cries of a man **in torment**
- She suffered years of mental torment after her son's death.
- The flies were a terrible torment.

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- Hell as a place of eternal torment
- She has suffered great mental torment.
- The sea wailed like a soul in torment.
- the torment inflicted on a young girl by her mother
- She suffered years of mental torment after her son's death.
- Somehow, with her soul in torment, she managed to get through the day.

verb *BrE* [tɔːmənt] ^m; *NAmE* [tɔːrment] ^m**1. ~ sb** (formal) to make sb suffer very much**Syn:** ↑plague

- He was tormented by feelings of insecurity.

2. ~ sb/sth to annoy a person or an animal in a cruel way because you think it is amusing

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	torment
	BrE /b: 'ment/
	NAme /bɔ: 'ment/
he / she / it	torments
	BrE /b: 'ments/
	NAme /bɔ: 'ments/
past simple, past participle	tormented
	BrE /b: 'mentɪd/
	NAme /bɔ: 'mentɪd/
-ing form	tormenting
	BrE /b: 'mentɪŋ/
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Syn: †torture

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[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin tormentum 'torture', from torquere 'to twist']

1. [uncountable] severe mental or physical suffering

in torment

" She lay awake all night in torment.

2. [countable] someone or something that makes you suffer a lot:

" The journey must have been a torment for them.

II. **torment**² /'tɔ:ment/ \$ 'tɔ:nt- BrE " AmE " **verb** [transitive]

1. to make someone suffer a lot, especially mentally:

" Seth was tormented by feelings of guilt.

2. to deliberately treat someone cruelly by annoying them or hurting them **SYN torture**:

" The older boys would torment him whenever they had the chance.

—**tormentor** **noun** [countable]

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