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sic adverb, verb BrE [sɪk] NAmE [sɪk] BrE [si] NAmE [si]

adverb (from Latin) written after a word that you have copied from somewhere, to show that you know that the word is wrongly spelled or wrong in some other way

• In the letter to parents it said: 'The school is proud of it's [sic] record of excellence'.

Word Origin: Latin, literally so, thus. Derived ¹sic something on somebody

verb (-cc-)~ sb (NAmE, informal)

to attack sb

sic

• Sic him, Duke! (= said to a dog)

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
1 / you / we /they	sic
	BrE /stk/
	NAmE /stk/
	BrE /si.k/
	NAmE /si:k/
he / she /it	sics
	BrE /stks/
	NAmE /stks/
past simple, past participle	sicced
	BrE /szkt/
	NAmE /sskt/
-ing form	siccing
	BrE / 'sskin/
	NAME /'sskin/

Word Origin:

[sic] Latin, literally so, thus.

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I. sic¹/sik/ BrE * AmE * adverb written formal

[Date: 1800-1900, Language: Latin; Origin: 'so, in this way]

used after a word that you have copied in order to show that you know it was not spelled or used correctly:

We had seen several signs that said 'ORANGE'S (sic) FOR SALE'.

II. sic² BrE * AmE * verb (past tense and past participle sicced, present participle siccing) [transitive] American English informal

[Date: 1800-1900; Origin: seek]

1. to tell a dog to attack someone

sic something on somebody

He <u>sicced</u> his <u>dog</u> on me.

2. sic 'em! spoken used to tell a dog to attack someone

3. to tell someone in authority that someone has done something wrong, so that they are punished

sic on

He sicced his lawyers on them.

sic

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