

**exacerbate**

[ɪg'zæsəbeɪt] *v* **КНИЖН.**

1. 1) углублять (*кризис*); усиливать (*недовольство*)
- 2) *мед.* обострять (*болезнь*)
2. 1) раздражать, злить, ожесточать
- 2) раздражаться, злиться

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**ex·acer·bate** [exacerbate exacerbates exacerbated exacerbating ] *BrE*

[ɪg'zæsəbeɪt] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [ɪg'zæsərbeɪt] <sup>u</sup> **verb ~ sth** (formal)

to make sth worse, especially a disease or problem

**Syn:** ↑aggravate

- His aggressive reaction only exacerbated the situation.
- The symptoms may be exacerbated by certain drugs.

**Derived Word** ↑**exacerbation**

**Verb forms:** verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	exacerbate
	BrE /ɪg'zæsəbeɪt/
	NAmE /ɪg'zæsərbeɪt/
he / she /it	exacerbates
	BrE /ɪg'zæsəbeɪts/
	NAmE /ɪg'zæsərbeɪts/
past simple, past participle	exacerbated
	BrE /ɪg'zæsəbeɪtɪd/
	NAmE /ɪg'zæsərbeɪtɪd/
-ing form	exacerbating
	BrE /ɪg'zæsəbeɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE /ɪg'zæsərbeɪtɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

mid 17th cent.: from Latin **exacerbat-** 'made harsh', from the verb **exacerbare**, from **ex-** (expressing inducement of a state) + **acerbus** 'harsh, bitter'. The noun **exacerbation** (late Middle English) originally meant 'provocation to anger'.

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**ex** [a] **cer** | **bate** /ɪg'zæsəbeɪt \$ -sər-/ *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> **verb** [transitive]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of exacerbare, from acerbus 'bitter']

to make a bad situation worse:

- The recession has exacerbated this problem.
- I don't want to exacerbate the situation.

—**exacerbation** /ɪg,zæsə'beɪʃən \$ -sər-/ *noun* [uncountable]

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