

Need another word that means the same as “inflict”? Find 12 synonyms and 30 related words for “inflict” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Inflict” are: bring down, impose, visit, administer to, deal out to, serve out to, deliver to, apply to, force, press, thrust, foist**

## Inflict as a Verb

### Definitions of "Inflict" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “inflict” as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Cause (something unpleasant or painful) to be suffered by someone or something.*
- *Impose something unpleasant.*
- *Impose something unwelcome on.*

### Synonyms of "Inflict" as a verb (12 Words)

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| <b>administer to</b> | Perform (a church sacrament) ritually.   |
| <b>apply to</b>      | Apply to a surface.  |
| <b>bring down</b>    | Take something or somebody with oneself somewhere.   |
| <b>deal out to</b>   | Distribute cards to the players in a game.   |
| <b>deliver to</b>    | Hand over to the authorities of another country.   |
| <b>foist</b>         | Impose an unwelcome or unnecessary person or thing on.<br><i>He <b>foisted</b> his work on me.</i>                               |
| <b>force</b>         | Force into or from an action or state either physically or metaphorically.<br><i>They <b>forced</b> a way through the crowd.</i> |

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| <b>impose</b>       | Impose and collect.<br><i>Social relations <b>impose</b> courtesy.</i>   |
| <b>press</b>        | Manufacture something especially a record by moulding under pressure.<br><i>He <b>pressed</b> his face to the glass.</i> |
| <b>serve out to</b> | Be used by; as of a utility.   |
| <b>visit</b>        | Pay a brief visit.<br><i>The governor <b>visited</b> the prison.</i>   |

## Usage Examples of "Inflict" as a verb

- *They inflicted serious injuries on three other men.*
- *She is wrong to inflict her beliefs on everyone else.*

## Associations of "Inflict" (30 Words)

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| <b><u>abrasion</u></b> | An abraded area where the skin is torn or worn off.<br><i>The metal is resistant to <b>abrasion</b>.</i>            |
| <b><u>ache</u></b>     | Feel intense sadness or compassion.<br><i>The <b>ache</b> in her head worsened.</i>                                 |
| <b>aching</b>          | A dull persistent (usually moderately intense) pain.<br><i>The cool air was a relief to my <b>aching</b> head.</i>  |
| <b>amnesia</b>         | Partial or total loss of memory.<br><i>They were suffering from <b>amnesia</b>.</i>                                 |
| <b>bleeding</b>        | The flow of blood from a ruptured blood vessel.<br><i>The watch was a <b>bleeding</b> copy.</i>                     |
| <b>bruise</b>          | Inflict a bruise or bruises on a part of the body.<br><i>The fall <b>bruised</b> several of the ripest bananas.</i> |
| <b>concussion</b>      | A violent shock as from a heavy blow.<br><i>Nothing more serious than a mild <b>concussion</b>.</i>                 |
| <b>contusion</b>       | The action of bruising.<br><i>A dark <b>contusion</b> on his cheek was beginning to swell.</i>                      |
| <b>damage</b>          | Inflict damage upon.<br><i>The <b>damage</b> to his reputation was considerable.</i>                                |
| <b>dementia</b>        | Mental deterioration of organic or functional origin.   |
| <b>hurt</b>            | Hurt the feelings of.<br><i>Does acupuncture <b>hurt</b>.</i>   |
| <b>hypochondria</b>    | Chronic and abnormal anxiety about imaginary symptoms and ailments.   |

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| <b><u>impair</u></b>     | Make worse or less effective.<br><i>His vision was <b>impaired</b>.</i>   |
| <b><u>impairment</u></b> | The occurrence of a change for the worse.<br><i>A speech <b>impairment</b>.</i>   |
| <b>impose</b>            | Impose something unpleasant.<br><i>Social relations <b>impose</b> courtesy.</i>   |
| <b>injure</b>            | Do physical harm or damage to (someone).<br><i>He <b>injured</b> his back helping the girl.</i>   |
| <b>injured</b>           | Offended.<br><i><b>Injured</b> soldiers.</i>  |
| <b>injurious</b>         | (of language) maliciously insulting; libellous.<br><i>Food which is <b>injurious</b> to health.</i>   |
| <b>injury</b>            | Damage to a person's feelings.<br><i>An ankle <b>injury</b>.</i>  |
| <b>lacerate</b>          | Having edges that are jagged from injury.<br><i><b>Lacerate</b> leaves.</i>   |
| <b>marred</b>            | Blemished by injury or rough wear.<br><i>Walls <b>marred</b> by graffiti.</i>   |
| <b><u>misery</u></b>     | A person who is constantly miserable or discontented.<br><i>The <b>misery</b> and wretchedness of those slums is intolerable.</i>   |
| <b>pain</b>              | Cause mental or physical pain to.<br><i>It <b>pains</b> me to say this.</i>   |
| <b><u>scarred</u></b>    | Deeply affected or marked by mental or physical pain or injury.<br><i>Could her <b>scarred</b> mind ever be free of fear.</i>   |
| <b>splitting</b>         | Resembling a sound of violent tearing as of something ripped apart or lightning splitting a tree.<br><i>I woke up with a <b>splitting</b> headache.</i>                         |
| <b>suffer</b>            | Undergo or suffer.<br><i>He <b>suffered</b> the penalty.</i>  |
| <b>suffering</b>         | Psychological suffering.<br><i>Weapons that cause unnecessary <b>suffering</b>.</i>   |
| <b><u>trauma</u></b>     | Emotional shock following a stressful event or a physical injury, which may lead to long-term neurosis.<br><i>The event is relived with all the accompanying <b>trauma</b>.</i> |
| <b>twinge</b>            | A sharp stab of pain.<br><i>He felt a <b>twinge</b> in his knee.</i>  |

**vitiate**

Destroy or impair the legal validity of.

*The insurance is **vitiated** because of foolish acts on the part of the tenant.*