

INFLA'ME, v. t. [*L. inflammo; in and flamma, flame.*]

1. To set on fire; to kindle; to cause to burn; *in a literal sense*. But more generally,
2. To excite or increase, as passion or appetite; to enkindle into violent action; as, *to inflame love, lust or thirst; to inflame desire or anger.*
3. To exaggerate; to aggravate in description.

A friend exaggerates a man's virtues, an enemy inflames his crimes. [*Unusual.*] *Addison.*

4. To heat; to excite excessive action in the blood; as, *to inflame the blood or body; to inflame with wine.*
5. To provoke; to irritate; to anger.
6. To increase; to exasperate; as, *to inflame the enmity of parties, or the spirit of sedition.*
7. To increase; to augment; as, *to inflame a presumption.* *Kent.*

INFLA'ME, v. i. To grow hot, angry and painful. *Wiseman.*

INFLA'MED, pp. Set on fire; enkindled; heated; provoked; exasperated.

INFLA'MER, n. The person or thing that inflames. *Addison.*

INFLA'MING, ppr. Kindling; heating; provoking; exasperating.

INFLAMMABILITY, n. Susceptibility of taking fire.

INFLAM'MABLE, a. That may be set on fire; easily enkindled; susceptible of combustion; as *inflammable oils or spirits.*

INFLAM'MABLENESS, n. The quality of being susceptible of flame, or capable of taking fire; inflammability. *Boyle.*

INFLAMMATION, n. [*L. inflammatio.*]

1. The act of setting on fire or inflaming.
2. The state of being in flame. *Temple. Wilkins.*

In medicine and surgery, a redness and swelling of any part of an animal body, attended with heat, pain and febrile symptoms. *Encyc.*

INFLAM'MATORY, a. Inflaming; tending to excite heat or inflammation; as *medicines of an inflammatory nature.*

INFLAM'MATORY, n. Accompanied with preternatural heat and excitement of arterial action; as *an inflammatory fever or disease.*

INFLAM'MATORY, n. Tending to excite anger, animosity, tumult or sedition; as *inflammatory libels, writings, speeches or publications.*

INFLATE, v. t. [*L. inflatus, from inflo; in and flo, to blow.*]

1. To swell or distend by injecting air; as, *to inflate a bladder; to inflate the lungs.*
2. To fill with the breath; to blow in. *Dryden.*
3. To swell; to puff up; to elate; as, *to inflate one with pride or vanity.*

INFLA'TE, } n. In botany, puffed; hollow. *Martyn.*

INFLA'TED, } a. low and distended; as a perianth, corol, nectary, or pericarp.

INFLA'TED, pp. Swelled or distended with air; puffed up.

INFLA'TING, ppr. Distending with air; puffing up.

INFLA'TION, n. [*L. inflatio.*] The act of inflating.

INFLA'TION, n. The state of being distended with air injected or inhaled.

INFLA'TION, n. The state of being puffed up, as with vanity. *B. Jonson.*

INFLA'TION, v. t. [*L. inflatio; in and flecto, to bend.*]

1. To bend; to turn from a direct line or course.
2. In grammar, to vary a noun or a verb in its terminations; to decline, as a noun or adjective, or to conjugate, as a verb.
3. To modulate, as the voice.

INFLA'TION, pp. Bent or turned from a direct line or course; as *an inflected ray of light; varied in termination.*

INFLA'TION, ppr. Bending or turning from its course; varying in termination; modulating, as the voice.

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INFLICTED, pp. Laid on; applied; as punishment or judgments.

INFLICTER, n. He who lays on or applies.

INFLICTING, ppr. Laying on; applying.

INFLICTION, n. [*L. inflictio.*] The act of laying on or applying; as the infliction of torment or of punishment.

INFLICTIVE, a. Tending or able to inflict.

INFLORESCENCE, n. [*L. inflorescens, infloresco, infloresco; in and flecto, to blossom.*]

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