

**an·noy** S3

/ə'noɪ/

**verb** [transitive]

ANNOY to make someone feel slightly angry and unhappy about something

**SYN** irritate

*What annoyed him most was that he had received no apology.  
It really annoys me when I see people dropping litter.  
She annoyed him with her stupid questions.*

In everyday English, people also often use the phrase **get on** someone's nerves:

*She **got on his nerves** with her stupid questions.*

**Word origin**

**Date:** 1200–1300

**Language:** Old French

**Origin:** *enuier*, from Latin *inodiare*, from *odium*; → ODIOUS

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