

plague

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noun

1. a contagious bacterial disease characterized by fever and delirium, typically with the formation of buboes (see [bubonic plague](#)) and sometimes infection of the lungs (*pneumonic plague*).
 - a contagious disease that spreads rapidly and kills many people.
synonyms: [bubonic plague](#), pneumonic plague, Black Death; [More](#)
 - an unusually large number of insects or animals infesting a place and causing damage.
synonyms: [infestation](#), [epidemic](#), [invasion](#), [swarm](#), [multitude](#), [host](#)
"a plague of fleas"
 - a thing causing trouble or irritation.
synonyms: [bane](#), [curse](#), [scourge](#), [affliction](#), [blight](#)
"theft is the plague of restaurants"

verb

1. cause continual trouble or distress to.
synonyms: [afflict](#), [bedevil](#), [torment](#), [trouble](#), [beset](#), [dog](#), [curse](#)
"he was plagued by poor health"
- pester or harass (someone) continually.
synonyms: [pester](#), [harass](#), [badger](#), [bother](#), [torment](#), [persecute](#), [bedevil](#), [harry](#), [hound](#), [trouble](#), [irritate](#), [nag](#), [annoy](#), [vex](#), [molest](#); [More](#)

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