

en·tice *transitive verb* \ə'n-'tīs, en-'\

inflected form(s): -ed/-ing/-s

1 *obsolete* : **INCITE, INSTIGATE**

2 **a** : to draw on by arousing hope or desire : **ALLURE, ATTRACT**

<with her ... high-mindedness she *enticed* him into a sphere of spirituality that was not his native realm — E. L. Stahl>

<a vivid dark face that *entices* attention — Claudia Cassidy>

b : to draw into evil ways : lead astray : **TEMPT**

<it was ... your uncle ... who *enticed* me, saying that you had good harvests stored up — Pearl Buck>

Origin of ENTICE

Middle English *enticen*, from Old French *enticier*, from (assumed) Vulgar Latin *intitiare*, from Latin *in-*²*in-* + *titio* firebrand

First Known Use: 13th century (sense 1)

Related to ENTICE

Synonyms: allure, bait, beguile, betray, decoy, lure, lead on, seduce, solicit, tempt

Related Words: draw in, inveigle, persuade, rope (in), snow; catch, enmesh (*also* immesh), ensnare, entrap, mesh, snare, tangle, trap; bewitch, captivate, charm, enchant, fascinate, magnetize, wile

Near Antonyms: alert, caution, forewarn, ward (off), warn; drive (*away or off*), repulse, turn away

See Synonym Discussion at lure

Pronunciation Symbols

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