

# pernicious *(per-ni-cious)*

## Definition

adj. having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual way.

## Example Sentence

The smoker acknowledged the **pernicious** effects of smoking on health.

## More Example Sentences

His **pernicious** behavior upset the whole class.

## Synonyms

harmful; damaging; dangerous

## Antonyms

beneficial; helpful; good

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